

## **Minutes**

### **Dodge County Board of Commissioners**

**October 7, 2013**

**Present:** Dan McCranie, Chairman  
William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman, Comm. Dist. 1  
Terry Niblett, Comm. Dist. 2  
Brian Watkins, Comm. Dist. 3  
Karen Cheek, Comm. Dist. 4

**Also Present:** John Harrington, County Attorney  
Bobby Peacock, County Manager  
Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 7, 2013, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex.

Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Commissioner Cheek gave a devotional based on Psalm 96 and prayed.

#### **Elected Officials and Department Heads:**

##### **A. Annette Huff – EMS**

Bobby Peacock, County Manager, presented a request for EMS Director, Annette Huff, who was present. She is asking for four laptops needed to communicate with the EMS billing service. The bids were from the State Contract Service for 10 gigabytes. Commissioner Cheek asked if the bids were in compliance with the county's bid policy and procedure. Attorney Harrington said they were. Commissioner Niblett asked about the source of the funding and Peacock replied 2008 SPLOST funds. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to accept the bid of \$13,256 seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

##### **B. Travis Niblett – Recreation Department**

Recreation Director Travis Niblett told the board that the fuel budget for his department was maxed out and he submitted a request to extend \$3,000 through December 2013. Commissioner Cheek asked about the monthly expenditures. Director Niblett said the department uses the county fuel card for fuel purchases and if that amount was not needed it would not be added on the card. Commissioner Howell made a motion to add \$1,500 for fuel for the recreation department. Commissioner Cheek said she did not want to set a precedent and seconded the motion. Commissioners Howell, Watkins, and Cheek voted in favor of the motion with Commissioner Niblett abstaining.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the September 16, 2013, regular meeting. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

### **Old Business:**

Commissioner Niblett asked if the roof replacement at the jail had started. The county manager replied that it was supposed to start by September 1 and did not. He had communicated with Bob Hibbard of Peter Brown Construction Company and he said the materials would be delivered by October 27 and installed within two weeks.

### **New Business:**

#### A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Cheek asked about the vendors for fuel and if there was a state contract or discounts. Peacock replied that they received two bids on the fuel for the road and sanitation departments. Commissioner Niblett asked about check number 13371 in the amount of \$1,815 for audio. County Manager Peacock told him that check had been voided because grant funds were available to pay it. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the list seconded by Commissioner Howell. The vote was unanimous to approve.

#### B. Donna Lee – American Red Cross

Ms. Lee gave an overview of the services provided to residents of Dodge County and told the board she was actively recruiting volunteers from the area with visits to local civic clubs and the Board of Education. She said the American Red Cross needs partnerships to pre-identify facilities and provide training for shelter teams.

#### C. Otis Simmons/ John Battle – Roads

Mr. Simmons spoke to the board members about the conditions of dirt roads in the county. Mr. Battle said that certain roads were in poor condition and he had spoken with both the county manager and the road superintendent. Commissioner Cheek asked what road he lived on and thanked them for coming and sharing their observations.

#### D. Wendell Poole – Tax Penalty Waiver

Mr. Wayne Poole of Laurens County told the board members he had received a letter from the tax collector for the years 2008 & 2009 tax plus collection fee of \$165. After questions from the commissioners, Attorney Harrington said the matter could be researched through the tax sale

records and he would need the parcel numbers to determine the cause of the problem. Commissioner Watkins asked for the county attorney to look into it and for it to be placed on the agenda in two weeks for the response.

### **Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Niblett informed the board of the resignation of Lamar Marshall from the HOGRAA effective immediately. He said Marshall was the county appointee and there would be no action tonight on the matter. He also informed those present that recycled materials can be put in any type of trash bag for deposit in the dumpsters. Commissioner Cheek commended Bobby Peacock for work completed on the Mt. Olive Church Road with dirt hauled in and expressed thanks for participation in the recycling program. Chairman McCranie announced an invitation to an open house at Dodge County One Stop Job Training facility on Wednesday, October 9 from 1 to 3 pm.

### **County Manager Report:**

Commissioner Niblett asked the county manager what amount of the operating line of credit had been drawn. Peacock replied that a total of \$1,750,000 had been used so far this year.

### **Public Comments:**

Larry Humphries of 55 Lockett Drive asked for the board's help in paving Lockett Drive. He said there had been problems with the school buses using the road getting through and stuck in the ditch.

Eschol Clark told the commissioners that Lockett Road to Pine Way to Lake Drive was heavy with traffic and needed attention and the school bus had been stuck several times.

Bobby Peacock introduced Dave Wills of ACCG who was visiting tonight's meeting. Mr. Wills said it was his privilege to travel the state and he had attended fifty to sixty meetings over the past four years. He said he assimilated information learned and took the concerns back to ACCG.

### **Adjourn:**

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.