

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

October 19, 2015

Present: Dan McCranie, Chariman
Terry Niblett, District 2 Commissioner
Brian Watkins, District 3 Commissioner

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

Absent: William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman, and District 1 Commissioner
Karen Cheek, District 4 Commissioner

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2015, 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 Niblett led those assembled for the meeting in prayer.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Charles Williams representing the Eastman-Dodge Chamber of Commerce presented a check to the board for \$4,000 from the Development Authority acknowledging past due payments for four months and now two months past due with the payment for the Mondi rent.

Approval of Minutes

A. October 5, 2015 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 5, 2015 presented to the board in printed form. Commissioner Niblett made a motion seconded by Commissioner Watkins to approve the minutes. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Old Business

A. Department of Public Health

Chairman McCranie reminded the board members that the local health department had asked for corrections to the ordinances in Dodge County to reflect the current name and to track the name change for the state. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to make the necessary changes with Commissioner Watkins making the second. All voted in favor of the motion.

B. Public Defender

County Manager Peacock addressed the board on behalf of Probate Judge Al McCranie's request to hire a Public Defender for the Probate Court at a cost of \$300 per month and asked the board to take action on the matter. Chairman McCranie asked for discussion from the board with Commissioner Watkins asking if it would save money on Superior Court. The county manager said there was really no way to know. He then asked if more information was needed.

Commissioner Niblett said he too had wondered if it would save and it looked like we could be forced to do it down the line. The county manager said that once the prosecutor was hired the next step was to hire a public defender and there could be legalities. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to move forward with hiring the public defender. Commissioner Niblett made the second and the motion was approved.

C. Open Bids for Land Sale

Chairman McCranie opened the bids for the advertised sale of land currently owned by Dodge County consisting of one (1) acre tract on Highway 117 at the intersection with Don Durden Road. The bids were as follows:

- Reg and Shelly Tomberlin \$2,004
- John Reddock/ Sara Bowen Estate \$1,100

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to take the high bid seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to approve the motion.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any questions concerning the Account Payable checklist presented in printed form to the board members. After review Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

B. Ryan Herrin

Mr. Herrin addressed the board on behalf of AFLAC and stated there was one employee account for Dodge County with AFLAC and he would like to be able to contact current employees about products they offer. He said the coverage would be voluntary, employee paid and would be supplemental insurance. The county manager said that there were county employees who had coverage currently with AFLAC and were being serviced by an AFLAC representative. The chairman suggested an appointment with the county manager to discuss the coverage.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the board.

County Manager Report

The county manager told the board there was a need for a third good ambulance and he had furnished them with information about remounts where the box could be put on a new truck. He asked them to review the information as a decision would be needed soon.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of adjournment.