

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

October 21, 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 21, 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 the devotional and Commissioner Watkins prayed.

Elected Officials and Department Heads:

None noted as present.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the October 7, 2013, regular meeting presented in printed form to the board. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Old Business:

A. Wayne Poole Tax Penalty Status Report

Chairman McCranie asked the county attorney to report on what he had learned. Mr. Harrington said the parcels were bought in 2008 and 2009. He said he was told by the Tax Commissioner that the property taxes are set on January 1 and since there was no attorney used for the closing to prorate the property taxes that the current owner owed the tax for the year. He said the Right of Redemption had expired with any proceeds left over five (5) years being sent to the state. He said there was no mistake made by or on the county's part. He said the decision was for the

board to make but they would be deviating from policy to waive any penalty. Commissioner Howell made a motion to take no action on the request. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The county attorney asked if the board wanted him to send a letter to Mr. Poole informing him of the decision and the answer was yes.

B. HOGRAA Appointment

Commissioner Niblett stated he would like to suggest that an ad be placed in the local newspaper to publicize the position requesting interested parties to make application for the appointment. He stated he would put that suggestion in the form of a motion. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

New Business:

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Cheek asked if check number 13470 for \$7,794.12 for E-911 power bill was solely for the E-911. The county manager replied that \$190.42 was for E-911 power and the balance of \$7,603.70 was for the new jail. Commissioner Cheek asked what departments check number 13517 for \$1,176 to Verizon Wireless included. The county manager replied that is was for cell phones for several county departments including the Sheriff's department and Commissioner's office. She then asked if the county was receiving a government discount for the phone service and the response was yes. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable list seconded by Commissioner Howell. The vote was unanimous to approve the list.

B. Lance Jones – Federal Court Dublin

Mr. Jones, who is a practicing attorney in Dublin representing the City of Dublin, told the board that he had been asked by Federal Judge Bowen to make surrounding communities aware that from time to time attempts are made to close the Dublin location. He said the Dublin Division Association had been formed and he asked the board members to sign up so they could be contacted immediately in the event another closure is attempted. He stated there were no dues or meetings only individuals contact information was needed. He said the courthouse is in immaculate condition and it would very inconvenient for Dodge County residents to have to travel to Augusta to serve as a witness or as a Federal Grand Juror. The board expressed their willingness to participate and thanked him for coming to bring the information.

C. Bids – Surplus Vehicles

Two bids were opened for the 2001 Ford Crown Victoria. They are as follows:

1. \$800.00 Darrell Manning
2. \$1,200.00 Morris Garage

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

Commissioner Reports:

None presented.

County Manager Report:

The county manager informed the board that he had received an email that the delivery of the metal roofing supplies would be November 4, 2013, and a crew would be present to unload and would have the roof put on within two weeks.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Adjourn:

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned.