

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

October 15, 2012

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 15, 2012, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex.

Chairman Dan McCranie called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Commissioner Karen Cheek gave the devotional followed by prayer by Commissioner Terry Niblett.

Elected Officials & Department Heads:

EMA Director Stanley Stephens was recognized as being present.

Approval of Minutes:

A. Regular Meeting of October 1, 2012

Commissioner William Howell made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Terry Niblett seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

B. Called Meeting of October 9, 2012

Commissioner Karen Cheek asked if the claims paid by ACCG on the county trash truck and tractor were the fault of the county and if premiums would be affected. County Manager Bobby Peacock responded that the claims were paid by ACCG and they would pursue reimbursement from the party at fault if their insurance limits were high enough. Commissioner Terry Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes of the called meeting. Commissioner Karen Cheek seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

Old Business:

A. Codifying County Ordinances Update

County Attorney John Harrington reported to the commissioners that he had talked with Judge Mullis and if the bids received would be honored he was ready to move forward. The County Law Library funds are to be used and there will be no cost to the county.

B. Dodge County Personnel Policy

Chairman McCranie suggested that a committee of two commissioners along with the county manager be formed to review the policy draft and forward any changes, additions or deletions to the county attorney. Commissioners Cheek and Niblett volunteered for the committee and will proceed with drafting the policy.

C. Business Personal Property Contract

The county attorney reminded the commissioners that they were only approving payment to Taylor Business Services, Inc. and independent of the actual contract between Taylor Business Services, Inc. and the Dodge County Board of Tax Assessors. Commissioner Brian Watkins made a motion to approve payment of the contract from the budget of the Tax Assessor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Howell. Vote was unanimous and motion was approved.

New Business:

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Terry Niblett asked about check number 11049 to Atway Disposal Service for \$85.00. The county manager said it was for the portable toilet at the landfill for one month. He said there was city water available at the landfill but not city sewage. There was discussion about the feasibility of putting in a septic tank at the landfill to eliminate the monthly cost. The county attorney cautioned the board to carefully check the federal regulations for an application for a permit before proceeding. Commissioner William Howell made a motion to approve the accounts payable checklist. The motion was seconded by Terry Niblett. Vote was unanimous and approval was granted.

Vice-Chairman William Howell informed the board members that the RESA board had voted recently to move to Dublin. He urged the board members to contact their state representatives, city officials, local Board of Education members and School Superintendent to use their influence to ask the RESA board to reconsider staying in Eastman. He made a motion for the county manager to write letters to the RESA board members asking them to reconsider their decision. Commissioner Terry Niblett seconded the motion. Commissioner Brian Watkins, who also serves on the Development Authority, said an offer of free rent had been made from the

Development Authority to the RESA board as an enticement to stay in Eastman and Dodge County but they seemed intent on relocating. Vote was unanimous and motion was approved.

County Manager Report:

County Manager Bobby Peacock informed the board members that the ACCG District meeting would be held October 23 at 12 noon at Brewton Parker College in Mount Vernon and encouraged them to attend if possible. He said he had received bids on both new and used trash trucks and had more bids coming for consideration. He gave copies of the bids received to the board members for their review. Commissioner Karen Cheek commended the county manager and the county road department for the improvements on Free Gift Church Road with replacing pipe and repairs.

Public Comments:

Glenn Harrell asked about the status of the inventory of county property. County Manager Bobby Peacock replied it had been completed.

Kenneth Williamson made comments about his opposition to the weather alert system and government intrusion.

Charles Dennis asked how long health insurance had been available to the Board of Commissioners and the cost of the coverage.

Billy Steele asked about a vote taken during the meeting and stated he could not hear what the vote was about.

Adjourn:

The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Howell and seconded by Commissioner Niblett. Vote was unanimous and meeting was adjourned.