

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

November 2, 2015

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman and District 1 Commissioner
Terry Niblett, District 2 Commissioner
Brian Watkins, District 3 Commissioner
Karen Cheek, District 4 Commissioner

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, November 2, 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. The devotional was given by Commissioner Cheek and Commissioner Watkins prayed. Chairman McCranie noted that the National Day of Prayer service was being observed at the courthouse.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Charles Williams representing Economic Development presented a check for the September payment acknowledging they were still behind sixty (60) days. He reminded the board of the event this Thursday night at the Eastman Room of the Middle Georgia State University Eastman campus at 5:30. He also invited the board to attend the chamber meeting next Tuesday, November 10th when a representative of Georgia Military College will present information on a new state program with a second chance state grant for education to target prison populations.

Next Henry Whitfield of Middle Georgia State University re-emphasized the event on November 5th at the College of Aviation in the Eastman room. He said Dr. Blake, president of the university, will be present and encouraged everyone to attend.

Milton Johnson addressed the board on behalf of the City of Eastman noting that their building services employee had left for personal reasons and asked about the feasibility of the county building inspector to serve the city as well as the county. He gave each commissioner a Sample Intergovernmental Agreement for Building Inspection Services and asked for negotiations to commence between the county manager, city manager, county attorney, and city attorney. County Manager Peacock asked about the fee schedule and Johnson's reply was that all permits, fees, inspections, collections would pass through. Commissioner Watkins asked how quickly a

decision would be needed and Johnson said hopefully an agreement could be reached by the beginning of 2016.

Approval of Minutes

A. October 19, 2015 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked the board to look over the printed minutes of the October 19, 2015, regular meeting for any additions, corrections, or deletions. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of approval.

Old Business

There was no old business to come before the board.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any questions concerning the Accounts Payable checklist presented to the board in printed form. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of the motion.

B. FY 2017 FTA 5311 Program Application

County Manager Peacock asked the commissioners to review the resolution for approval to be included in the application for the fiscal year 2017 application. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Howell. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Commissioner Reports

Chairman McCranie read a letter from the Gresston Fire Department thanking those who helped with their construction project including Buddy Pittman, Bobby Peacock, John Harrington, Richard Harrell and the Dodge County Board of Commissioners. He asked that the letter be attached to the minutes of the meeting.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock asked the board for approval to move forward with the purchase of a new E450 Ford van with a gasoline engine. The box from one of the ambulances currently in use would be remounted on the new truck. Commissioner Watkins said he had talked with Alvin Lewis about the remount and he said that Telfair had ordered the pickup chasis and it had worked much better than the van type. He said the pickup was much easier to work on for repairs and suggested pricing for a F450-V10 gasoline engine. County Manager Peacock said he would look into it and get a price.

Peacock said he had also received a letter from the Board of Tax Assessors concerning one of their employees and the Dodge County Personnel Policy. He said the Board of Assessors had

adopted their separate personnel policy. He said he had checked with some of the other counties and the elected officials are exempt from the personnel policy but this does not involve an elected official and asked the board to decide which policy the Tax Assessor's office is under. Commissioner Howell said he thought the employees should stick to one personnel policy. The county attorney said he had not seen the letter and meant no disrespect to their board, but they cannot make their own policy. Chairman McCranie suggested the county manager handle for the board. Commissioner Howell made a motion to allow the county manager to act on behalf of the board. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and all voted in favor of approval.

The county manager then recognized Sharon Flannagan in the audience and said she had asked about using the courthouse location for a local farmer's market possibly one-half day per week. Chairman McCranie said it would be a good way to show off crops and Commissioner Niblett said he would be in favor of looking at more details of the plan. Mrs. Flannagan said she would report to her group and work on the proposal.

Public Comments

Charles Williams thanked the board for the trash receptacles used for the weekend event in the downtown area.

Adjourn

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