

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

November 6, 2017

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

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

Absent: John Harrington, County Attorney

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 6, 2017, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex. Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and asked for the agenda to be amended with the addition of Item E: CDBG Project under New Business. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to amend the agenda as requested and Commissioner Howell made the second. All voted in favor of the change and Chairman McCranie led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. The devotional was given by Commissioner Cheek and Chairman McCranie prayed.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Sharon Cobb Flanagan – Dodge County Farmers Market Committee

Ms. Flanagan thanked the board for their support and help the past year as she passed out market statistics and fliers relating to upcoming events. She commented that participation from vendors and the public had normalized.

Sheriff Lynn Sheffield

Sheriff Sheffield passed out his proposals to the board members for salary increases for the deputies. He proposed that road deputies be raised immediately to fourteen dollars twenty-five cents (\$14.25) per hour. He cited recent resignations to work in surrounding counties where the rate of pay was higher as the reason for the immediate increase but said it would carry forward into his budget for next year as well. He said he knew of two or three other deputies who were considering leaving for higher pay and said that would leave his department short-handed with not enough manpower to patrol the county. After questions from the board were answered by the sheriff, Commissioner Cheek made a motion to table the request to allow time for further review. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to review the Accounts Payable checklist for questions or comments. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the checklist and the second was made by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to approve the payments.

B. Approval of 2018 LMIG

County Manager Peacock provided each member of the board with the proposed list of roads to be approved for resurfacing through the LMIG funding. The list of roads is as follows:

- Hopewell Church Road 1.0 Miles
- Jaybird-Helena Dirt Road 2.1 Miles
- Freeman Graham Blvd. 0.8 Mile
- Old Reba Road 1.0 Mile
- Rowland Chapel Road 2.0 Miles
- West Chicken Road 3.7 Miles

The total number of miles to be resurfaced is ten point six (10.6) miles and the county portion to be paid is approximately eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000.00). Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the proposed road list with Commissioner Niblett making the second. The motion passed.

C. Potential Purchase Garbage Truck

The county manager told the board members that payment of two hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$215,000.00) had been received from the insurance company for the garbage truck that was totaled in September. He presented the board with two prices to consider for replacement.

- 2018 Mack \$235,610.00
- 2018 Peterbilt \$242,227.00

After discussion from the board about the type of engine in each truck, Commissioner Howell made a motion to purchase the Peterbilt truck provided it did not have a Cummings engine and if so to look at the matter again at the next meeting. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and all voted in the affirmative.

D. Tennyson Fordham – Tax Matter

Tennyson Fordham addressed the board regarding property he financed for Dorothy Mitchell in the Morgan Creek subdivision that had gone into bankruptcy. He said he had paid the county

taxes for years 2015 and 2016 once he regained ownership of the property. He was asking the board for a reprieve of two hundred forty-one dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$241.58) in interest and penalties accrued during the resolution of the bankruptcy. Commissioner Howell made a motion for the county attorney to look into the matter. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion, vote was taken and the motion passed.

Commissioners Report

There were no reports from the Commissioners.

New Business

The County Manager informed the board that CDBG Grant for improvements in Shady Acres had received only one bid that was considerably more than the grant award. The project was rebid a second time and again received only one bid from Everett Dykes Grassing Co., Inc. Carter and Sloope, Consulting Engineers, reduced the scope of the project to \$771,398.11 and recommended that the project be awarded to Everett Dykes Grassing Co., Inc. with whom they had negotiated the amount and project. Commissioner Watkins asked if T-SPLOST funds would cover the difference and the county manger replied yes. Commissioner Cheek made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of the motion.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock reminded the board that there would be a dedication of the City of Eastman Veterans Park on Thursday at 10:00 am. He also asked for board appointments to help with the 2018 budget. Commissioners Niblett and Watkins agreed to budget committee appointments.

Public Comments

Sharon Cobb Flanagan asked if there were any questions concerning the Litter Free Dodge materials given to them at the previous meeting. Chairman McCranie replied that he understood Telfair County had a new contract for their garbage pickup and Commissioner Watkins said that they were checking with surrounding counties and looking at different options.

Adjourn

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Watkins making the second. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.

