

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

November 16, 2015

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
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

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

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 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 Chairman McCranie prayed.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Mark Sheffield of the Dodge County Sheriff's Office shared a proposal for the Offender Watch program and explained the problems monitoring sex offenders in our area who move from county to county. He said he would be in charge of the website and the proposal meets all requirements of the law. Commissioner Cheek asked if the cost of \$1,250 was per year and Sheffield replied yes and the cost offered more affordability for rural counties. County Attorney Harrington stated the sheriff can sign the contract without action from the board.

Charles Williams presented the October payment on the spec building from the Development Authority and reported chances were excellent to add another educational opportunity to the area hopefully by January 2016.

Approval of Minutes

A. November 2, 2015 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 2, 2015. Printed copies of the minutes were furnished to all board members. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve as presented seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to approve as presented.

Old Business

A. EMS Ambulance Purchase

County Manager Peacock said the possibilities had been narrowed down to three and the prices on each had been copied in their meeting information. His recommendation was for a Ford F450 Turbo Diesel at a total cost of \$74,070. Commissioner Cheek asked if that price included taking the box off and putting it on a new chassis and the answer was yes. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to accept the county manager's proposal. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

B. City of Eastman – Building Inspector

The county manager told the board that he had spoke with the building inspector and he agreed that he could handle the job and he would recommend going forward as soon as the details could be decided. Commissioner Watkins asked if it needed to be on the agenda for the next meeting when Milton Johnson of the Eastman City Council asked that they board move to let the County Manager and City Manager along with the County Attorney and City Attorney iron out the details of the agreement. Commissioner Watkins made that motion seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to review the printed check list of payments for the accounts payable. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the check list with Commissioner Watkins making the second. The vote was unanimous to approve the payments.

B. John Battle – Road and Flag

Citizen Battle referred to a memo dated October 17, 2014 and asked the board for action on the flag issue. He also stated the roads in Dodge County were in bad shape.

Commissioner Reports

Chairman McCranie said a committee needed to be appointed to work with the county manager on the 2016 county budget. He asked Commissioners Niblett and Watkins to serve on the committee and both agreed to do so.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock told the board he had a request from the Ocmulgee Water Trail Partnership asking the board to adopt a resolution supporting them. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve with Commissioner Watkins making the second. All voted in favor of the motion.

The county manager said the Heart of Georgia Area Planning and Development Commission requires three appointees with one being a member of the County Commission, one being a member of the City Council, and one a member of the business community. He said he is presently serving as representative for the business community and will serve again if asked to do so. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to reappoint Bobby Peacock and Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of reappointing Peacock.

County Manager Peacock also submitted a request from the Chauncey Fire Department asking for funds to purchase a 2003 Dodge truck. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the request with Commissioner Watkins making the second. All voted in favor of the motion.

A final request from the county manager was to purchase a 2009 Ford using drug fund monies. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to allow the purchase with Commissioner Cheek making the second. All voted in favor of the purchase.

Discussion continued with Commissioner Niblett asking if nominations needed to be made for the Ocmulgee Water Trail Partnership. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to table the nominations and have on the agenda at the next meeting. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and asked if two persons would need to be nominated. The answer was two persons to be appointed as voting members and two alternates. All voted in favor of the motion.

Public Comments

Milton Johnson of the Eastman City Council told the board that he is very interested in eco-tourism in the area and would like to be considered as a nominee for the Ocmulgee Water Trail Partnership. Chairman McCranie thanked him and said it was not often that someone would volunteer to serve.

Adjourn

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.