

## **Minutes**

### **Dodge County Board of Commissioners**

**November 20, 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

**Also Present:** John Harrington, County Attorney  
Bobby Peacock, County Manager  
Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

**Absent:** Karen Cheek, District 4 Commissioner

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 20, 2017, 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 and then prayed.

#### **Elected Officials/ Department Heads**

Sharon Cobb Flanagan reported for the Dodge County Farmers Market that the numbers were up the past two (2) weeks at the market with produce increasing. She asked the board to consider the request for continued funding for the market in the 2018 budget. She also asked for appointments for two members of the Board of Directors for the market. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to table the appointments until the next meeting. Commissioners Howell and Watkins seconded the motion to table and the motion passed.

Charles Williams reported that the chamber has received Certified Chamber status for the first time. Spence Barron asked for appointments to a Dodge & Bleckley Joint Development Authority having received notification from Nicole Ward of Cochran. Current appointees to the authority are Dan McCranie, Chuck Eckles, Larry Steverson, and Silas (Mac) Harrington. He said that there were outstanding bonds issued to build dormitory housing at the Eastman campus of Middle Georgia State University and also the Cochran campus. He said the bond payments were being paid through grants and rents. After discussion Commissioner Watkins made a motion to table the appointments to allow time for fact finding and to contact the authority members to see if they were willing to continue serving. Commissioner Niblett made the second and all voted to table the matter.



County Manager Peacock said the money was available from SPLOST funds. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the purchase from the low bid with Commissioner Watkins making the second. Unanimous approval was given to the purchase.

#### E. Bids for Tractor Purchase for Road Department

County Manager Peacock told the board that the tractor used for grass cutting was disabled in an accident and the county had received an insurance settlement of four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500) after the deductible. He submitted the following bids for replacement:

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| • Eastman Equipment Company     | Mahindra 62 HP   | \$15,875.00 |
| • Blanchard Equipment           | John Deere 65 HP | \$22,100.00 |
| • Blanchard Equipment           | John Deere 55 HP | \$16,800.00 |
| • Walker Rhodes Tractor Company | Kubota 56 HP     | \$20,000.00 |

Commissioner Watkins asked if the tractor was repairable and Peacock said that the cost to repair was \$12,500.00 and the tractor was retained after the insurance settlement for parts. Commissioner Howell said he was told by Richard Harrell of the Road Department that the tractor had a broke block. Commissioner Watkins asked where the funds were coming from and Peacock replied from T-SPLOST. Commissioner Howell made a motion to accept the low bid for the purchase and Commissioner Niblett made the second. All voted in the affirmative.

#### **County Manager Report**

County Manager Peacock informed the board that he had received a letter from Brett Manning asking for a member appointment to the Heart of Georgia Regional Development Commission. He said that presently he, William Howell, and Raymond Mullis serve and that he was willing to serve again if it was the pleasure of the board. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to reappoint Bobby Peacock seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to approve the appointment. When asked for an update on the garbage truck, Peacock said the truck with a Mack motor had been ordered and scheduled to be here next week.

#### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

#### **Adjourn**

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Both Commissioners Watkins and Howell seconded the motion and all voted to adjourn.