

## **Minutes**

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

**November 21, 2016**

**Present:** Dan McCranie, Chairman  
William T. Howell, Vice-Chairman & 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 21, 2016, 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 and prayer was given by Commissioner Cheek.

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

Sharon Cobb Flanagan gave an update on recent events held at the market as well as upcoming events for the holiday season.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

A. November 7, 2016 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to minutes of the regular meeting held on November 7, 2016. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve with the second coming from Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of approval.

#### **Old Business**

A. Tax Assessor – Appraiser Compensation

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the two thousand dollar (\$2,000) increase for the tax assessor employee with certification but to inform the new board that their rules do not override the Board of Commissioners and all future increases will be made on an individual basis and based on performance. Commissioner Howell made the second and the motion passed.

## **New Business**

### **A. Approval of Accounts Payable**

Chairman McCranie asked for any questions or comments concerning the checklist of Accounts Payable. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the checklist seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### **B. Recreation Department Alcohol Free Zone**

County Attorney Harrington stated recreation complex property was owned solely by the county and it was within the board's discretion to make the determination as to whether or not alcohol was allowed on the premises. Commissioner Cheek said she preferred it to be totally alcohol free for all functions and Commissioner Watkins agreed but said he wanted to be considerate of the Recreation Department board for their input on how it would affect any income amount for rentals. County Manager Peacock agreed to write a letter to notify the Recreation Department and ask for a response from them on the matter at the next meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **C. Heart of Georgia Area Planning & Development Commission**

County Manager Peacock asked the board to fill the appointment for the one year term beginning January 1, 2017. Commissioner Howell made a motion to reappoint Bobby Peacock for the term and Commissioner Watkins made the second. The vote to reappoint Peacock was unanimous.

### **D. Milan Fire Department SPLOST Funds Request**

Peacock informed the board of a request from Lee Kirkland of the Milan Fire Department for \$4,064 of their SPLOST funds to complete payment of a brush truck. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the request with Commissioner Cheek making the second. Commissioners Howell, Niblett, and Cheek voted to approve the request with Commissioner Watkins abstaining from the vote.

### **E. 2017 DOT Transit Application Authorizing Resolution**

Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the application for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and all voted affirmative.

## **Commissioner Report**

The county manager requested that Commissioners Niblett and Watkins serve on the budget committee for the 2017 budget. Niblett and Watkins agreed to serve and were appointed.

## **County Manager Report**

The county manager informed the board that New Years day was on Sunday this year and asked that the holiday for county employees be observed on Monday, January 2, 2017. A motion was made by Commissioner Howell to observe the holiday on Monday, January 2, 2017 and to change the Board of Commissioners meeting date to Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Executive Session**

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to move into Executive Session. Commissioner Niblett made the second and all voted in favor of the motion.

**Return to Regular Meeting**

Commissioner Cheek made a motion to end the Executive Session and return to the regular meeting. Commissioner Watkins seconded her motion and all voted affirmative.

**Adjourn**

With no further business to be brought before the board, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Howell made the second and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.