

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

November 5, 2012

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

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 5, 2012, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex.

Chairman Dan McCranie called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Commissioner Karen Cheek gave the devotional and prayer.

Elected Officials & Department Heads:

None noted as present.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner William Howell made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 15, 2012. Commissioner Terry Niblett seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

Old Business:

There was no old business brought before the commissioners.

New Business:

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Karen Cheek asked if check 11194 for road department fuel was for one month and County Manager Peacock replied that it was for approximately one month but part of that

cost included fuel for vehicles at the landfill. She also asked if the expenses to Ricoh for copier lease could possibly be bundled into a package deal to save money for the county. Mr. Peacock responded that each department or office purchased their own equipment. Commissioner Terry Niblett asked the purpose of check 11192 to the Police and Sheriff Press. Commissioner Brian Watkins made a motion to approve the accounts payable checklist. Commissioner William Howell seconded the motion, vote was unanimous and motion carried.

B. Recreation Board Appointment

County Manager Peacock informed the board of the resignation of Ron White from the Recreation Board of Directors effective December 31, 2012. The appointment would be for the remainder of his three year term expiring 2015. Commissioner Terry Niblett made a motion to table the appointment. Commissioner Brian Watkins seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

C. CDBG Grant Application

County Manager Peacock told the board members he had been contacted by Brett Manning, executive director of the Heart of Georgia Regional Planning and Development Commission about application for a CDBG grant. A site on WPA Road will qualify for grading and road improvements. Commissioner Brian Watkins made a motion to give approval to start the grant application process. Commissioner Karen Cheek seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

D. ATM Placement at Courthouse

The county manager submitted a request from Tax Commissioner, Kay Graham, for an ATM machine to be installed in the Dodge County Courthouse. The Tax Commissioner's office presently accepts credit card and debit card transactions but incurs high fees and would like to have the ATM installed as a replacement. He said there would be no charge for installation or maintenance of the ATM terminal placed in the courthouse. Commissioner Terry Niblett made a motion to approve the installation of the ATM. Commissioner Karen Cheek seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

E. Trash Truck Purchase

County Manager Peacock reported he had obtained bids on both new and used garbage trucks and wanted to know if the board wanted to act on the purchase at this time. After discussion from all the commissioners about the difference in price between new and used trucks, their warranties, and the wait time for delivery of new trucks the consensus was that the low bid for a new truck was the best choice. Commissioner William Howell made a motion to purchase the new truck from the low bidder Cherokee Truck Sales. The motion was seconded by Karen Cheek. Vote was unanimous and the county manager was instructed to proceed with the purchase.

F. Approval GEBCORP Contract

The county manager asked for approval of the Retirement and Defined Contribution Plan with GEBCORP through ACCG. He said the contract contained minor changes to accommodate IRS rules and regulations. Commissioner Brian Watkins made a motion to approve the contract with Commissioner Terry Niblett making the second. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

County Manager Report:

The county manager said he had been contacted by Bodie Gray of the Eastman-Dodge County Recreation Department about the deep well installation at the recreation complex. His board had decided they did not need the deep well at this time that was approved at an expense of \$5,500. Instead they would like to cover the floor of the Alcoa building and have a bid of \$4,899. The commissioners determined the request could be voted on after the recreation department had received three bids for the flooring per the bid policy in place.

Public Comments:

Kenneth Williamson told the commissioners that he had been told there would be a ten percent surcharge added to any credit card payments in the Tax Commissioner's office. He asked about savings for the county if the trash was contracted out. Commissioner William Howell said the bids received for county garbage collection were much higher than the present cost and three new trucks could be purchased for the difference in cost.

Junior Bellflower asked if a letter had been sent to Representative Jimmy Pruett requesting the Board of Commissioners be put back on the ballot.

Susan Coffee asked about the bid price on the garbage trucks and was told the low bid was Cherokee Truck Equipment Sales at \$201,845.

Brian Jones asked if the insurance payment on the wrecked trash truck was paid by the party at fault and if there would be an increase in premium for the county. Mr. Peacock told him that our insurance company, ACCG, paid the claim and they would pursue the party at fault and there would be no increase for the county. He asked if the county would pursue the party at fault for the difference in the insurance settlement and the replacement cost of the new truck and was told no.

Cindy Eckles asked which bank would service the ATM to be installed at the courthouse and where would it be installed. The ATM will be installed in a central location to be utilized by all offices.

Adjourn:

Commissioner William Howell made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Brian Watkins seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and meeting was adjourned.