Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

December 7, 2015

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman and 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, December 7, 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. Following the devotional and prayer by Commissioner Cheek, County Attorney Harrington asked that the agenda be amended to include an Executive Session for legal matters. Commissioner Howell made a motion to add the Executive Session following the Public Comments and Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the change to the agenda.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. Terri Griffin – Dodge County Department of Public Health

Ms. Griffin thanked the board for the opportunity to inform them on recent immunizations for county employees. She said they were able to access employee immunizations through the GRITS system and make CDC recommendations. The following vaccines were given on October 28, 2015:

- Hepatitis A&B 10
- Hepatitis A 1
- TDAP 16
- Regular flu 33
- High dose flu 5

She said pneumonia vaccines were given to those employees in the 60 to 65 year range. She also said she and her staff used it as an educational opportunity to make employees more aware of the services available to them through their department.

B. Charles Williams – Eastman Dodge County Chamber of Commerce
Williams told the board members that he will learn in January the decision for Georgia Military College to locate a campus in Eastman. He also said the XYZ Project had completed their fact finding info and Dodge County was in the top five locations targeted. He wished the board a Merry Christmas.

C. Lee Kirkland – Dodge County Firefighters Association
Kirkland informed the board that starting September 2 a Basic EMT class was offered in Eastman and graduated thirteen (13) Basic EMT's. He asked for the county to absorb some of the cost of the instructor and books. He said they were expecting some grant monies to pay for one-half (1/2) of the class. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to pay the expense. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion and the vote was in favor of approval with one abstention from Commissioner Watkins.

Approval of Minutes
A. November 16, 2015 Regular Meeting
Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, deletions to the minutes of the November 16, 2015 regular meeting presented to the board in printed form. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The vote was unanimous to approve as presented.

Old Business
A. Ocmulgee Water Trail Partnership Appointments
Commissioner Howell nominated Mike Pruett as a member of the Ocmulgee Water Trail Partnership. Commissioner Watkins nominated Milton Johnson. Commissioner Cheek commented that Milton Johnson had expressed interest in the appointment at the last meeting. Commissioner Howell made a motion to close nominations seconded by Commissioner Niblett. Chairman McCranie called for a vote on the primary member appointment. Commissioners Howell and Watkins voted in favor of Pruett with Commissioners Niblett and Cheek voting in favor of Johnson. Chairman McCranie cast his vote for Pruett making him the regular member appointee. Chairman McCranie then asked for nominations for the alternate and Commissioner Niblett nominated Milton Johnson. Commissioner Cheek seconded the nomination of Johnson. Commissioner Howell made a motion to close nominations seconded by Commissioner Watkins. Johnson was appointed the alternate by acclamation.

New Business
A. Approval of Accounts Payable
After a review of the printed check list of payments for the accounts payable, Chairman McCranie asked if there were any questions or comments. Commissioner Howell made a motion

to approve the list with Commissioner Niblett making the second. The vote was unanimous to approve the payments.

B. Comprehensive Plan – HOG Area P & D
County Manager Peacock told the board the renewal amount was $22,500 and the plan would include Dodge county and all cities in the county. He said the county's portion to pay was $15,000 and the plan was required by law for any grants. Commissioner Howell asked if it was for a ten (10) year plan and Peacock replied it was for five (5) years. Commissioner Watkins asked if the county could take bids from other businesses that do this and Peacock replied that there probably were consultants who did the plans but he did not know any. Commissioner Watkins asked if it was alright to waive the bid process and the county attorney said yes. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to go forward with the plan and payment seconded by Commissioner Howell. All voted in favor of the motion.

C. 2016 LMIG Projects
County Manager Peacock passed out lists to all board members of the proposed 2016 LMIG Projects. He said the list totaled 9.7 miles and totaled $607,000 with the county adding ten percent (10%) for a grand total of $675,000 in road work. Road projects submitted were:

- 1.1 miles in Warren Way Subdivision
- 1.8 miles on Golf Course Road
- 1.2 miles on Jimmy Pruett Road
- 1.2 miles on Jack Johnson Road
- 3.1 miles on Friendship Church Road
- 1.3 miles on Golden Road

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any questions concerning the list. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the projects with Commissioner Niblett making the second. All voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Reports
Commissioner Cheek referred to a recent article in Georgia Trend magazine naming the best small hospitals in Georgia with Dodge County Hospital ranked number nine (9). She asked Mitchell Coffee who was in attendance and a member of the hospital board to express their congratulations to the administrator and board members.

Commissioner Niblett told the board that he had recently visited the Faithful Hearts Animal shelter and they were making an impact on the pet population of the area.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock commended Mrs. Rogers for coordinating the immunizations for county employees through the Wellness Program grant.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Move to Executive Session

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to move into Executive Session with Commissioner Howell making the second. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Move to Regular Session

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session Commissioner Cheek made a motion to return to the regular meeting. Commissioner Watkins seconded her motion and the vote was unanimous to end the session and return to the regular meeting.

Adjourn

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any motions to be made following the Executive Session and Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Niblett made the second and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.