

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

December 15, 2014

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Jr., 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, December 15, 2014, 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. Commissioner Cheek gave a devotional and led in prayer.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. Probate Judge Al McCranie

McCranie told the board that he had been asked by Chief Judge Mullis to hear misdemeanor cases to clear the court docket. He said a solicitor would be needed to represent the state and the judge said Assistant District Attorney Chris Gordon of Montgomery County could assume that duty at a cost of \$300 per month or \$3,600 per year. He gave a handout to the board to look at and take under advisement. He said it would make more money for the county and funds would be collected quicker through probation or full payment. County Manager Peacock asked if a public defender would be necessary and County Attorney Harrington said the public defender would be paid by the Public Defender Council. Chairman McCranie asked if it would be similar to state court and the county attorney replied yes. Commissioner Niblett asked if there would be other expenses and the probate judge said he did not foresee any. Chairman McCranie thanked the probate judge for presenting the information.

B. EMS Director Rickie Coleman

Coleman thanked the board for approving the purchase of the two new ambulances and equipment and stated they would improve the standard of care for the EMS. He said the board members were welcome to look at them after the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A. December 1, 2014 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie called for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the December 1, 2014 regular meeting presented to the board in printed form. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Old Business

A. Library Board Roofing Request

Commissioner Niblett said he had obtained a copy of the contract from Rand Moore and would ask the matter be tabled again. Commissioner Watkins said he had called the labor department and asked them to put on the new roof and was waiting for a response. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to table seconded by Commissioner Howell. The vote was unanimous to table the request.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked for any questions or comments concerning the Accounts Payable list given to the board members. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the list seconded by Commissioner Howell. All voted in favor of the motion.

B. Board of Assessors Appointment

County Manager Peacock said the term of Marvin Giddens would expire on December 31, 2014. He said the appointment would be for a three year term beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2017. Commissioner Cheek asked if there were any other names for consideration. Commissioner Cheek then made a motion to nominate Marvin Giddens for reappointment. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close nominations seconded by Commissioner Niblett. Giddens was reappointed by acclamation.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Watkins said the road at the Aremac facility was finished today.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock said the two brand new ambulances were purchased with funds from the 2013 SPLOST at a cost of \$251,000. Commissioner Niblett asked the expense of the runoff election and the county manager replied \$14,845. Commissioner Niblett asked the media present to take pictures of the new ambulances for publication.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.