

## **Minutes**

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

**December 16, 2013**

**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:** 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 16, 2013, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex.

Chairman Dan McCranie called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Commissioner Karen Cheek gave a devotional focusing on the Advent calendar and Christmas joy and encouraging those present to find ways to share joy with family and friends during the Christmas season and concluding with prayer.

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

None noted as present.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the December 2, 2013, meeting presented to the board members in printed form. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Howell. All voted in favor of the motion.

#### **Old Business**

A. Sheriff Department Firing Range

Chairman McCranie said he had met with a deputy and he was putting together information concerning the regulations and requirements for the firing range to be presented at a later date.

## B. Appointment – BOTA

The county manager informed the board that an appointment needed to be made to the Board of Tax Assessors for the term expiring December 31, 2013 currently held by Larry Melvin. He further stated a letter recommending the reappointment of Larry Melvin was received from the Board of Assessors and distributed to the board. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to reappoint Larry Melvin seconded by Commissioner Howell. Commissioner Howell then made a motion to close nominations seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of the motion.

Old business continued with Commissioner Cheek making a motion that the letter rewritten by counsel to the Dodge County Courthouse employees be approved, signed and executed by the board. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion with none opposing. Chairman McCranie explained that the letter was written by the county attorney at the request of the board concerning holiday closings and courthouse hours. The county attorney further explained that the letter concerned the Veteran's Day absence of Courthouse employees stipulating the law governing the opening and closing and setting of hours to be worked by the governing authority.

## **New Business**

### A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Niblett asked the purpose of check number 13940 to Tom Gay in the amount of \$160.00. The county manager replied that it was a charge for printing checks. He then asked the purpose of check number 13875 to ACCG in the amount of \$148.96 and the county manager said it was the fee for investigating a claim for Dodge County. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable list seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of the motion and it passed unanimously.

### B. Bids on County Vehicle

Commissioner McCranie opened the following bids received for a 1997 Ford owned by the county:

- Kenneth Profitt                      \$700
- Tony Howell                            \$600
- Sharon Smith                          \$700
- Elmon Johnson                        \$900
- Darrell Manning                       \$500

Commissioner Howell made a motion to accept the high bid seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of accepting the high bid.

### **Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Niblett announced the recycling project is still ongoing and urged all citizens to use the recycling dumpsters located at Chester and the courthouse in Eastman during the holidays.

### **County Manager Report**

The county manager had nothing to report and there were no questions.

### **Public Comments**

Brandon Williams of Scotty's Underground told the board that he had signatures from all residents within five hundred feet (500') of his club agreeing to the extension of club hours.

County Attorney John Harrington interjected as a matter of information that the club would also keep a post certified officer on duty for crowd control.

Commissioner Watkins asked the county attorney wouldn't changes be effective county wide if the ordinance changed and not just for the clubs and areas requesting the change. Harrington replied yes unless zoning areas were established.

### **Adjourn**

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of the motion to adjourn.