

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

December 17, 2012

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

Also Present: Bobby Peacock, County Manager
John P. Harrington, County Attorney
Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2012, in the Dodge County Courthouse Annex Conference Room, Suite 101.

Chairman Dan McCranie called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Karen Cheek read the Christmas story from Luke 2 verses 1 – 20 followed by prayer.

Agenda Addition:

Commissioner Terry Niblett made a motion to add Personnel Policy as Item D under Old Business. Commissioner William Howell seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and the agenda was amended.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

None noted as present.

Approval of Minutes:

A. Regular Meeting December 3, 2012

Commissioner William Howell made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2012, regular meeting. Commissioner Terry Niblett seconded the motion, vote was unanimous and motion carried.

B. Special Called Meeting December 7, 2012

Commissioner Terry Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2012, Special Called meeting. Commissioner William Howell seconded the motion, vote was unanimous and motion carried.

Old Business:

A. LMIG

County Manager Bobby Peacock reminded the commissioners that the LMIG is funded by the state with a ten percent (10%) county match. Previous approval was given for 7.70 miles, but he had learned at a recent meeting that a new process could be used that was considerably cheaper and would allow for us to add three more miles for the same cost. He said the extra mileage would be on WPA Road to Ag Best Road. Commissioner Brian Watkins made a motion to approve the revised list on the recommended roads. Commissioner Karen Cheek seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.

County Attorney Harrington said that they would be allowed to bid through collective bargaining. A motion was made by Commissioner Terry Niblett to pursue this bid process and seconded by Commissioner Karen Cheek. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.

B. EMS Radios

County Manager Bobby Peacock told the commissioners he had spoken with EMS Director Annette Huff for clarification on the request for radio equipment including a new repeater. She said a new digital repeater was needed for their radio to communicate with the other emergency agencies in the area. Commissioner William Howell made a motion to accept the low bid. Commissioner Terry Niblett seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and motion was approved.

C. Board Appointment – HOG Regional Commission

Commissioner Brian Watkins made a motion to reappoint Bobby Peacock to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission. His motion was seconded by Commissioner William Howell, vote was unanimous and motion was approved.

D. Personnel Policy

Commissioner Terry Niblett reported that a committee was formed at the October 15 board meeting consisting of himself, Commissioner Karen Cheek and County Manager Bobby Peacock. He submitted a copy of the proposed policy to all commissioners. He made a motion for the approval of the Personnel Policy with addition dated December 17, 2012 and for said policy to be effective January 01, 2013, and posted in the Dodge County Courthouse. He also recommended that each county employee receive a copy of the policy and a signed receipt from

each employee be put in their personnel file. Commissioner Brian Watkins seconded the motion but asked if the employees of the Constitutional Officers could be forced to abide by the policy. County Attorney John Harrington replied that the board could not compel, control, or mandate a Constitutional Officer. Chairman McCranie called for a vote on the motion and the vote was unanimous.

New Business:

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Terry Niblett asked about check number 11502 for Probate pistol permits for \$596.00 and County Manager Peacock replied it was for permits issued by the Probate Judge's office and the money was collected and turned into the Commissioner's office. Commissioner Terry Niblett made a motion to approve the check listing. Commissioner William Howell seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

B. Bids – Dozier

Chairman McCranie opened the following sealed bids received for the D8 Cat dozier:

- Grant Stepp – Americus, Georgia \$35,155
- Tomberlin Construction, LLC – Rhine, Georgia \$33,250
- Carter Clements – Rhine, Georgia \$50,900
- Yancey Bros. – Macon, Georgia \$16,000
- Rodney Horne Straw Farm – Glenwood, Georgia \$17,611
- Bid for Ripper only \$500
- Four D Equipment, Inc. – Hazlehurst, Georgia \$45,000
- Bid for Ripper only \$2,750
- Jimmy Tripp – Eastman, Georgia \$21,250
- Bid for Ripper only \$500

Commissioner William Howell made a motion to accept the high bid of \$50,900 from Carter Clements of Rhine, Georgia for the D8 Cat Dozier. Commissioner Terry Niblett seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and motion was approved.

Commissioner Terry Niblett made a motion to accept the high bid of \$2,750 from Marty Burch of Four D Equipment, Inc. of Rhine, Georgia for the Ripper. Commissioner Brian Watkins seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

made a motion to give \$1,200 to help with one-half of the expense to the Roddy Fire Department. Commissioner Karen Cheek seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and motion was approved.

County Manager Report:

County Manager Bobby Peacock told the Board of Commissioners he had talked with a representative from Welch ATM and they had agreed that advertising on the ATM terminal to be housed in the Dodge County Courthouse would be offered to all financial institutions within the county. Commissioner Niblett asked about the status of the operating Line of Credit loan for the county. Mr. Peacock replied that the loan was paid in full as of Monday afternoon.

Public Comments:

Calvin Yawn asked how much the operating line of credit was for Dodge County and what was the amount of the payoff.

William Steele wished all of the commissioners a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year for the County of Dodge.

Junior Bellflower thanked the commissioners for helping the Roddy Fire Department.

Adjourn:

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

