

## **Minutes**

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

**January 2, 2018**

**Present:** Dan McCranie, Chairman  
Terry L. 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

**Absent:** William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman & District 1 Commissioner

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex. Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and asked for the budget to be amended to include the addition of Item K under New Business to change the date of the next meeting from the MLK holiday. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to amend the agenda and add the item followed by a second from Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of the addition. Chairman McCranie then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag followed by a devotional and prayer from Commissioner Cheek.

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

There were none present who wished to address the board.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

A. December 18, 2017 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 18, 2017. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Commissioner Cheek. All voted in favor of the motion.

#### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **New Business**

### **A. Approval of Accounts Payable**

The chairman asked the board members to look over the listing of payments for any questions or comments. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the payments with Commissioner Watkins making the second. Vote was taken and the motion passed.

### **B. Appoint Vice Chairman**

Chairman McCranie asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Commissioner Watkins nominated Commissioner Howell with Commissioner Niblett making the second. Next Watkins moved to close nominations seconded by Commissioner Niblett , all voted in favor of the motion and Commissioner Howell was appointed by acclamation.

### **C. Appoint County Attorney**

Next the chairman asked for nominations for county attorney and Commissioner Cheek nominated John Harrington. Commissioner Watkins seconded the nomination and Commissioner Niblett made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Watkins made the second to close nominations, vote was taken and all voted in favor of Attorney Harrington.

### **D. Appoint County Clerk**

Chairman McCranie asked for nominations for county clerk. Commissioner Niblett nominated Gail Rogers and Commissioner Watkins made the second. Commissioner Watkins then made a motion to close nominations seconded by Commissioner Cheek. All voted in favor of the motion.

### **E. Appoint County Auditor**

County Manager Peacock informed the board that he had spoken with Frank Erwin who was interested in continuing in his role as county auditor and agreed to continue the fee charged previously. Peacock said Erwin worked well with the county staff and employees as well as the consulting CPA and that the county was not required to bid professional services such as his. County attorney Harrington confirmed that bids were not necessary and Commissioner Watkins nominated Frank Erwin to continue as auditor. Commissioner Cheek seconded the nomination and Erwin was appointed by acclamation.

### **F. Approval to Solicit 2018 Operating LOC Bids**

Chairman McCranie asked for a motion to approve sending letters to local banks to solicit bids for a two million dollar (\$2,000,000.00) operating line of credit for 2018. Commissioner Watkins made the motion and Commissioner Niblett made the second. Vote was taken and the motion passed.

#### G. Dodge County Board of Health Physician Appointment

Chairman McCranie referred the board to a letter asking for a physician to be appointed to the local board of health. Commissioner Cheek made a motion to reappoint Dr. Todd Peacock and the second came from Commissioner Watkins who also made a motion to close the nominations. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion and all voted in favor of the appointment. The chairman asked that a letter be sent to the Board of Health confirming the reappointment.

#### H. Board of Assessors Appointment

Chairman McCranie also referred the board to a letter from the Dodge County Board of Assessors recommending the reappointment of Cindy Eckles to their board. Commissioner Cheek made a motion to appoint Eckles to a full term seconded by Commissioner Niblett who also moved that nominations be closed. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and all voted in the affirmative.

#### I. Open Bids 1999 Ford Auto

The chairman opened three bids received for the vehicle formerly used by Building Inspector Rob Stanley. The bids are as follows:

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| 1. Ryan Goodermote   | \$300.00 |
| 2. Rose Marie Little | \$700.00 |
| 3. Joe Williams      | \$400.00 |

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to accept the high bid of seven hundred dollars (\$700.00). Commissioner Cheek made the second and the vote was unanimous to accept.

#### J. Beer & Wine License Application – Jessica Sanders

The county manager explained that the location of the business applying for the license was on East Chicken Road near Chester. He said the business was to continue in the same location in which it had always operated but the previous owner had died and the new owner and applicant was her daughter. He also verified that the Sheriff and his department had approved the license. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to grant to the license and Commissioner Cheek made the second and the motion passed.

#### K. Change Meeting Date – MLK Holiday

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to change the next meeting of the board to Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioner Cheek making the second. All voted to approve the change.

#### **Commissioner Reports**

There were no reports from the board.

### **County Manager Report**

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

### **Public Comments**

J. C. Hilliard addressed the board concerning the dumpsters at Mitchell and delivered a petition signed by ninety-five (95) members of the community. The petition requests that the dumpster area be fenced and manned. He said with the implementation of garbage pickup in Wilcox County that the volume of trash and debris especially furniture and large items has increased. He said a fence would restrict the entrance and exit enough to monitor who was dropping trash. He suggested cameras to record who uses the site and a sign to be placed at the entrance.

Commissioner Watkins said there was confusion about the proposed budget and he would like to clear up a misconception about use of public space. Commissioner Watkins made a motion that the North West side of the Courthouse grounds be opened up each Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the use of vendors to display and sell their products to the public with the understanding that Dodge County does not insure the quality, fitness, suitability, or safety of any products sold there. The vendors shall not be allowed to set up and sell on the Courthouse steps or any entrance, park area or the soldiers' memorial areas. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion. Under discussion, Commissioner Cheek stated that a monitor was needed and should be managed with expectations. The vote was taken with Cheek, Niblett and Watkins voting yes.

### **Adjourn**

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Watkins made the second and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.