

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

January 7, 2019

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

Also Present: John Harrington, County Attorney
Spencer Barron, County Manager
Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular sessions at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 7, 2019, 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. The devotional was given by Commissioner Cheek and Chairman McCranie prayed.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Jeff Cheek, EMS Director was recognized as present.

Charles Williams of the Dodge County Eastman Development Authority was recognized and wished the board a Happy New Year.

Approval of Minutes

A. December 17, 2018 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 17, 2018. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Howell made the second. All voted to approve the minutes.

B. December 31, 2018 Called Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any changes to the minutes of the called meeting held on December 31, 2018. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the minutes followed by a second to his motion from Commissioner Niblett. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to look over the accounts payable checklist for any questions or comments. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the payments. Commissioner Watkins made the second and the motion passed.

B. Elect Vice-Chairman

Chairman McCranie asked for nominations for vice-chairman of the board. Commissioner Niblett nominated William Howell. Commissioner Watkins moved to close nominations with the second from Commissioner Cheek. The vote was unanimous to elect Commissioner Howell.

C. Appoint County Attorney

Chairman McCranie asked for nominations for county attorney. Commissioner Watkins nominated John Harrington. Commissioner Howell made a motion to close the nominations seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in the affirmative to appoint Harrington.

D. Appoint County Clerk

Next the chairman asked for nominations for county clerk. Commissioner Howell nominated Gail Rogers. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to close nominations seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

E. Appoint County Auditor

Chairman McCranie asked the board for nominations for county auditor. Commissioner Watkins nominated Frank Erwin, CPA. Commissioner Howell made a motion to close nominated and the second was made by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to appoint Erwin.

F. Approval to Solicit 2019 Operating Line of Credit Bids

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to give approval to the county manager to solicit bids for the operating line of credit for year 2019 from the three local banks. Commissioner Niblett made the second and all voted to approve the motion.

G. Board of Assessors Appointment

Chairman McCranie referred to a letter from chief appraiser, Dale Jones, stating that Chairman Madison Kirkley's term had expired December 31, 2018. Commissioner Niblett asked if the appointment could wait until the next meeting and Cindy Eckles, who is also a member of the assessors board said the appointment was needed because the board would meet later in the week. County Attorney Harrington said that Kirkley could serve until he was reappointed or replaced by a new appointee. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to table until the next meeting and Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

H. Regional Commission Regional Council Third Member Appointment

Chairman McCranie referred to a letter from Brett Manning asking for a third member appointee to the Regional Commission Regional Council and asked for the pleasure of the board. A motion was made by Commissioner Howell to appoint Spencer Barron to the council and Commissioner Niblett made the second. The vote was unanimous to appoint Barron to the council.

I. Approve 2019 Holiday Schedule

The proposed holiday schedule for 2019 was reviewed by the board and after questions about the Good Friday and Independence Day holidays, Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the list. Commissioners Watkins and Cheek seconded the motion and all voted in the affirmative.

J. Change Meeting Date – January 21, 2019 Meeting

After approval of the 2019 holiday schedule, Chairman McCranie announced the Martin Luther King holiday conflicted with the next meeting date for the Board of Commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Niblett to move the meeting date to Tuesday, January 22, 2019. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to make the change.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the board.

County Manager Report

Spencer Barron thanked the board for the opportunity to serve as county manager and thanked those who had offered encouragement in his new endeavor. He said he had been inundated with calls about the county dirt roads and that all four (4) motor graders worked today and there were nine (9) road department employees working and giving preference to school bus routes.

He said the EMS had answered 284 calls for assistance in December with 141 of those being emergency and the remainder non emergency and transports.

Public Comments

Charles Williams invited all of the Board of Commissioners to join him for the Development Authority meeting tomorrow at 5 p.m.

Adjourn

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Howell made the second and all voted to adjourn.