

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

January 16, 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 16, 2018, 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 followed by a devotional by Commissioner Cheek and prayer by Commissioner Watkins.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Sharon Cobb Flanagan passed out copies of the Dodge County Farmers Market 2017 Annual Report with Financial Statement to all board members and the press.

Approval of Minutes

A. January 2, 2018 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 2, 2018. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The vote was unanimous to approve.

B. January 3, 2018 Budget Hearing & Called Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the public budget hearing and special called meeting held on January 3, 2018. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve as presented with Commissioner Watkins making the second. All voted in favor of approval.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to review the check listing of Accounts Payable payments for questions or comments. Commissioner Niblett asked about the payment to Traylor Business Services in the amount of \$11,305.00 and was told by the county manager the payment was for personal property appraisals of fourteen (14) AT&T towers. Commissioner Watkins asked how often the towers were appraised and the county manager said it was the first time he had seen it. Cindy Eckles of the Dodge County News, who also serves on the Board of Assessors, commented that AT&T had appealed their valuations and the Board of Equalization had ordered the appraisals.

B. Set Qualifying Fees

County Manager Peacock told the board that ACCG required the local board to set qualifying fees by February 1st and publish in the legal organ of the county. He said the fees would be set at three per cent (3%) of the base salary for officers running in 2018. Commissioner Watkins asked if the fee was the same as previous years and the reply was yes. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in the affirmative.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the board.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock said he had discussed enforcement of the trash ordinance with Robert Wilkerson, Constable for the Magistrate. He said Wilkerson agreed to taking on the duties with the approval of the Sheriff. County Attorney Harrington said that Wilkerson was Post Certified but no action was needed at the present time as he wanted to look at the ordinance to modify it for the use of the cameras to be installed at the dump sites. Commissioner Watkins said he wanted to take action to write tickets as soon as possible and asked the county attorney to research and report at the next meeting. Commissioner Niblett also asked about local citizens taking pictures and if those could be used to write tickets for prosecution. The county attorney said they could be used as evidence with witness documentation.

Public Comments

James Adkins of Browser's Flea Market asked the board questions concerning the dumpsters at English Crossing and the board allowing vendors to set up to sell merchandise on the courthouse grounds creating competition for his business.

Cindy Eckles of the Dodge County News asked for an update on the situation at Mitchell Fire Department to which Commissioner Watkins replied that the concerns were being addressed and

information was being obtained on cameras compatible to read tags that could make fencing of the area unnecessary.

Eckles second question for the board was if a salary had been agreed upon for the officer to issue garbage violations and the answer was that no additional salary had been agreed upon.

Adjourn

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Cheek made the second and the motion passed by unanimous vote.