

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

January 22, 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 session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 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 and prayer was given by Commissioner Cheek.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Sharon Cobb Flanagan of the Dodge County Farmers Market gave copies of the annual report to all board members. She also informed the board that an Eggs & Issues Breakfast would be held in Eastman on Wednesday, February 6th at 7:30 a.m. with the field representative from Austin Scott's office attending.

Charles Williams of the Dodge County Eastman Development Authority reminded the board of the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet to be held on Thursday night at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A. January 7, 2019 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 7, 2019. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approval.

Old Business

A. Board of Assessors Appointment

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any nominations for the appointment to the Board of Assessors. Commissioner Niblett nominated Madison Kirkley. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close nominations seconded by Commissioner Howell. Kirkley was reappointed by acclamation.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to look over the list of payments for any questions or comments. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the payments and Commissioner Cheek seconded his motion. All voted to approve the payments.

B. Open Line of Credit Bids

Chairman McCranie opened the bids from the three local banks for the tax anticipation note line of credit in the amount of two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,750,000.00). The following bids were read:

- Bank of Eastman – Interest rate of 4.5%
- Citizens Bank – Interest rate of 3.99%
- Colony Bank – Interest rate of 3.76%

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to accept the low bid from Colony Bank. Commissioner Watkins made the second and all voted in the affirmative.

C. Aging Advisory Committee Appointment

Chairman McCranie referred to the information submitted to the board with the requirements and recommendations for appointees to the Aging Advisory Committee. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to appoint Prentis Thomas, Jr. to continue serving on the committee. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close nominations seconded by Commissioner Howell and Thomas was appointed. The second appointment was tabled until the next board meeting to seek interest from the public.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the board.

County Manager Report

The county manager briefed the board on the next SPLOST initiative and informed the board that AREMAC had donated a Dell computer to the Board of Commissioners and expressed his thanks to them.

Public Comments

Sharon Cobb Flanagan said the work on the KAB project was continuing.

Executive Session

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to go into executive session and allow Dodge County Eastman Development Authority members Charles Williams and Butch Kirkley to attend. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Return to Regular Meeting

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to end the executive session and return to the regular meeting. Commissioner Cheek seconded his motion and all voted yes.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to convey property to the Development Authority for building with the details to be worked out by County Attorney John Harrington. The second was made by Commissioner Niblett, vote was taken and the motion passed.

Adjourn

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Howell seconded his motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.