

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

March 18, 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 Monday, March 18, 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. The devotional and prayer was given by Commissioner Cheek.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. Jeff Creech – Dodge County EMS Director

EMS Director Jeff Creech introduced Stryker representative, Laura Person, who had brought equipment to demonstrate for the board. Board members, along with the county manager and clerk went to the parking lot for the demonstration of the stretcher and Lifepak monitor and defibrillator. She also gave packet handouts on the equipment to the board including payment options and payment plans. County Manager Spencer Barron requested a committee to be appointed to work with him to evaluate the equipment. Commissioners Cheek and Niblett were appointed to the committee.

B. Charles Williams – Dodge County Eastman Development Authority

Williams informed the board on upcoming events of interest including a program sponsored by Georgia Farm Bureau for farmers on the assistance available from Hurricane Michael to be held Thursday, March 21st at 5:30 p.m. at the Terry Coleman Conference Center. He also said a flag raising ceremony would be held at the CSS Center at 11 a.m. on the same day and encouraged the board to attend.

Approval of Minutes

A. March 4, 2019 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 4, 2019. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes with Commissioner Watkins making the second. The vote was unanimous to approve.

B. March 6, 2019 Called Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the called meeting and public hearing held on March 6, 2019. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve and Commissioner Niblett made the second. All voted in favor of approval.

Old Business

A. July 4th Fireworks Request

Commissioner Cheek made a motion to approve the request from the City of Eastman for funding of the July 4th fireworks show at three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00). Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve the motion.

B. Senior Citizens Center Representative Appointment

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any nominations to appoint a representative to the Senior Citizens Center to replace Bobby Peacock. Commissioner Watkins asked that the matter be tabled to seek someone interested in serving.

C. City of Rhine Request

The county manager referred to a letter from the City of Rhine asking that the old city hall be deeded to the Pondtown Committee. Elections were previously held at the building. The county attorney suggested that the county convey property to only other governmental units not a committee in order to stipulate that the property come back to the county. The county attorney was instructed to research the transfer and put on the agenda at the next meeting.

County Manager Report

County Manager Barron reported there was good progress on the former AT&T building with the carpet removed and base plated for walls down. There were no questions from the board.

Public Comments

Sharon Cobb Flanagan commented that Golf Course Road was deteriorating badly and worsening daily.

Adjourn

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