

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

March 19, 2018

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman & District 1 Commissioner
Brian Watkins, District 3 Commissioner

Also Present: John Harrington, County Attorney
Bobby Peacock, County Manager
Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

Absent: Terry L. Niblett, District 2 Commissioner
Karen Cheek, District 4 Commissioner

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 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 the prayer by Commissioner Watkins.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Charles Williams of the Dodge County Eastman Development Authority praised the success of the HUNCH program at Dodge County High School with the team advancing at a recent culinary competition at the space center in Huntsville, Alabama to the next level which will be held at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas this summer.

Approval of Minutes

A. March 5, 2018 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 5, 2018. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the minutes with Commissioner Watkins making the second. All voted to approve the minutes.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

The chairman asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the Accounts Payable checklist. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the payments. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and it passed.

B. Ken Talbert – Property Tax Penalty and Interest.

Talbert addressed the board about a tax bill situation and asked that his wife (Betty Talbert) be allowed to read a letter from them to the board, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. After the letter was read, Talbert asked for the board's consideration with the waiver of the penalties and interest. County Attorney Harrington addressed the legalities of the tax situation and questioned the Talberts about the transfer of the property in question and whether or not a title search was done at that time by their attorney. Commissioner Watkins said the matter had come up several times and even happened to him personally and that most lawyers stress to clients at the time of the sale the necessity to follow up with the property taxes during the year of any transfers of ownership. The board declined to take any action on the matter.

C. Lighting Improvements – Carter Martin Public Safety Building

Commissioner Howell informed the board that he and EMA Director Stanley Stephens were working on a grant for the funds for the needed improvements.

D. DOT 5311 Transit Procurement Policy Approval

County Manager Peacock asked the board to approve a procurement policy to meet the criteria of the DOT with regard to the 5311 Transit Program. He said the policy required bids on amounts greater than three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00). Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the policy seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The vote was taken and the policy was approved.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the board.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock said the package for the sealed bids on restriping the various roads in Dodge County was available and the bids were due on April 27, 2018.

Public Comments

Jeff Lassiter told the board he was told by Ron Daniels he was on the agenda for the meeting. He said he would delay his address to the board until such time as he was on the agenda so as not to violate any open meetings laws.

Adjourn

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Watkins made the second and the motion passed.

