

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

April 1, 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: Spencer Barron, County Manager
Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

Absent: John Harrington, County Attorney

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2019, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex. Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include an executive session for personnel and property acquisition. Commissioner Howell made the motion as requested and Commissioner Niblett made the second. All voted in favor of the motion and the agenda was amended. Chairman McCranie led the pledge of allegiance to the American flag and a devotional and prayer was given by Commissioner Cheek.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

There were no elected officials or department heads present who wished to speak.

Approval of Minutes

A. March 18, 2019 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 18, 2019. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Watkins made the second. All voted in the affirmative.

Old Business

A. Senior Citizens Center Representative Appointment

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any nominations for the appointment or if the matter needed to be tabled for additional time to search for a nominee. There were no nominees and the matter was tabled for the present.

B. City of Rhine Request

County Manager Spencer Barron told the board that the Mayor of Rhine had agreed for the property to be transferred to the City of Rhine instead of the Pondtown Committee. The county attorney had suggested the county execute a quit claim deed to the City of Rhine. He said the building was a former voting precinct and a title search showed no transfer of ownership. Commissioner Watkins said that he saw no benefit to keep the building and made a motion to execute the quit claim deed in favor of the City of Rhine. Commissioner Cheek made the second and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked for any questions or comments concerning the checklist of accounts payable payments. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the payments and the second was made by Commissioner Niblett. All voted yes and the motion passed.

B. TSPLOST Resolution

The county manager asked the board to pass a resolution to be part of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Service Delivery Region and propose a one cent sales tax to fund transportation infrastructure improvements in the region. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the resolution and Commissioner Watkins made the second. The vote was taken and the resolution was approved.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Cheek reported for the EMS committee consisting of the county manager and Commissioner Niblett and herself. She had done research on the stretchers and monitors demonstrated at the last meeting. She gave packets of the information with the different options to all the board members and asked them to look at it because there was a real need for the equipment.

County Manager Report

County Manager Spencer Barron said he would reserve his comments until after the executive session.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Executive Session

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to go into executive session and Commissioner Watkins made the second. All voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Cheek made a motion to end the executive session and return to the regular meeting. Commissioner Howell made the second and the motion passed.

Commissioner Howell made a motion to release SPLOST funds to the Development Authority in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for economic development subject to the funds being available. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and all voted yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Niblett to authorize the county manager to negotiate with Mark Studstill on the final contract to renovate the property on Pearl Bates Road into a permanent courthouse with occupancy hopefully in May. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Adjourn

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor of adjournment.