

## **Minutes**

### **Dodge County Board of Commissioners**

**April 2, 2018**

**Present:** Dan McCranie, Chairman  
William T. Howell, Jr., 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  
Bobby Peacock, 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, April 2, 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 and prayer from Commissioner Cheek.

#### **Elected Officials/ Department Heads**

##### **A. Travis Niblett – Recreation Department**

Travis Niblett of the Recreation Department presented a request to the board for a refurbished infield machine and submitted several quotes for them to review. He said the SPLOST funds for recreation were at sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000.00) according to the county manager and they were asking for ten thousand dollars (10,000.00) to purchase the equipment. Commissioner Howell asked how much a new machine would cost and Niblett replied over twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00). Commissioner Howell made a motion to accept the quote for the John Deere with Commissioner Watkins making the second. Commissioners Howell, Watkins, and Cheek voted in favor of the motion with Commissioner Niblett abstaining from the vote.

##### **B. Henry Whitfield – Middle Georgia State University**

Mr. Whitfield thanked the board for their previous support for Middle Georgia State University and announced there would be no air show this fall at the aviation college. He said the show had proven to be a drain on the financial resources of the school as well as human resources. He also gave statistics on the success of recent open houses at the campuses in Eastman, Cochran and Macon as well as enrollment and credit hours increases.

## **Approval of Minutes**

### A. March 19, 2018 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 19, 2018. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Watkins made the second. The vote was unanimous to approve.

## **Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **New Business**

### A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board for questions or comments concerning the listing of Accounts Payable payments. Commissioner Niblett referred to the recent payment for Blue Cross Blue Shield employee health insurance and asked the cost of that coverage paid by the county. County Manager Peacock answered that the annual cost that the county pays for the health insurance for employees is seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000.00). Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable payments seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in the affirmation and the motion passed.

### B. Jeff Lassiter

Jeff Lassiter was not present and County Attorney Harrington said he had spoken with him and he wanted to inform the board about the national opioid class action law suit. He said he would communicate to him that Dodge County Board of Commissioners was not interested.

## **Commissioner Reports**

Chairman McCranie informed the board that hospital board appointments should be addressed at the next meeting.

## **County Manager Report**

County Manager Peacock told the board that the county's 1974 Clark Forklift was in need of repairs totaling \$4,050.00. He said that a 2000 Forklift could be purchased for \$5,000.00 and asked the board to consider the purchase. Commissioner Watkins asked about the warranty and the county manager said 30 days parts and labor with no leaks included. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to purchase the 2000 Forklift for \$5,000.00 with Commissioner Watkins making the second and asked that the forklift be inspected for leaks. All voted in favor of the purchase.

The county manager also told the board that the county had received an invoice from the City of Eastman for three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for fireworks. He asked the board to consider the payment but no action was taken.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **Adjourn**

Commissioner Cheek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Watkins made the second and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.