

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

April 15, 2019

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
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

Absent: William T. Howell, Vice-Chairman & District 1 Commissioner

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 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 – Dodge County Farmers Market

Sharon Cobb Flanagan reminded the board that the Dodge County Farmers Market would celebrate their third anniversary on Saturday, May 4th with a caramel cake contest and other activities.

Approval of Minutes

A. April 1, 2019 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 1, 2019. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes with Commissioner Watkins making the second. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Old Business

A. Senior Citizens Center Representative Appointment

There were no nominees and the appointment was tabled for now.

B. EMS Equipment

Commissioner Cheek reported for the committee to study the EMS request for equipment. She said the committee recommends the purchase of three (3) new Power Pro stretchers and three (3)

Life Pak monitors at a negotiated savings of \$20,307 to be paid in three (3) annual payments. Commissioner Watkins said the purchase of the ambulance for \$22,000 with 87,000 actual miles was to add another ambulance for a spare and it would need to be equipped with a mount system to accommodate the new stretchers. Commissioner Watkins made the second and all voted in favor of the purchase.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to review the accounts payable checklist for any questions or comments. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the payments, Commissioner Cheek made the second and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

B. Roddy Fire Department

Fire Chief Kevin Cranford of Roddy Fire Department asked the board for SPLOST funds to purchase a 2004 Ford F450 Rescue Truck for \$12,500.00. He said they had used the same truck for fifteen (15) or more years. Commissioner Niblett asked if the SPLOST funds were available and the county manager replied yes. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the request and Commissioner Cheek made the second. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

C. Sanitation

County Manager Spencer Barron said that he and Richard Harrell met with the Litter Free Dodge Committee last week and he thanked Harrell for being present for the discussion tonight. He said there were eighteen (18) dumpster sites in the county with the sites at Dubois and Ben Giddens Road being the worst for illegal dumping and scattered debris. He proposed to shut down the sites at Dubois and Ben Giddens Road and open the transfer station at the Dodge County Landfill with extended hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and possibly on Sunday afternoon from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. He said the change should be run in the local newspaper and put on the county website as well as the Litter Free Dodge facebook page for a period of two weeks before the actual closing of the sites. He said an additional two to three part-time employees could be hired at ten dollars (\$10.00) per hour to man the transfer station. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to hire three (3) part time employees and to close the Ben Giddens Road and Dubois sites and extend the hours at the transfer station from 7a.m. to 7p.m. weekdays and Sunday from 1p.m. to 5p.m. and to run in the local paper and start in two (2) weeks. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion and all voted yes.

Commissioner Reports

Chairman McCranie and Commissioner Niblett said construction work at the temporary courthouse was progressing with both of them having visited there the past week.

County Manager Report

County Manager Spencer Barron thanked the commissioners for making decisions and trying to do the best for the more than twenty thousand (20,000) people of Dodge County.

Public Comments

Sharon Cobb Flanagan of the Litter Free Dodge Committee said the committee is pursuing a tire abatement program with state funding.

EMS Director Jeff Creech thanked the board for approving the EMS equipment purchase and said it would be a game changer for the department. Chairman McCranie thanked EMS Director Jeff Creech for bringing the newly acquired ambulance to the meeting for the board to see.

Adjourn

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted to adjourn.

Signed:

Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

Approved:

Dan McCranie, Chairman
Board of Commissioners