

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

May 6, 2019

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

Also Present: John Harrington, County Attorney
Spencer Barron, 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, May 6, 2019, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex. Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer. The county attorney noted a quorum was present.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. Travis Niblett – Dodge County Recreation Department

Travis Niblett of the Dodge County Recreation Department passed out bids obtained to install batting cages in the gymnasium at the complex using SPLOST funds. He said that the request was to purchase from Tommy Barber Sports for \$15,650.00. After confirmation that SPLOST funds were available Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the purchase and the second was made by Commissioner Watkins. All voted to approve the purchase.

B. Sharon Cobb Flanagan – Dodge County Farmers Market

Sharon Cobb Flanagan of the Dodge County Farmers Market thanked the board for their support and reported the recent three year celebration was a big success with more than four hundred fifty (450) attending and twenty-one (21) vendors enjoying live band music, a petting zoo and eleven (11) entrants in the caramel cake contest.

Approval of Minutes

A. April 15, 2019 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 15, 2019. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve followed by the second from Commissioner Watkins. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Old Business

A. Senior Citizens Center Representative Appointment

The county manager said that Commissioner Niblett had a lead on a nominee for the vacancy and asked that in his absence the matter be tabled until the next meeting.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to take a minute to look over the list for any questions. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the payments seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion passed.

B. DFACS Board Appointment

Chairman McCranie referred to a letter received from the Dodge County Department of Family and Children Services advising that the term of Michael McClinton will expire on June 30, 2019, and stating he has been an excellent board member and he was will to be reappointed for another term expiring June 30, 2024. Commissioner Howell made a motion to reappoint McClinton for another term and Commissioner Watkins seconded his motion. All voted in the affirmation and McClinton was reappointed.

C. Employee Health Insurance Committee

Chairman McCranie was asked to appoint a committee to explore options for the employee health insurance renewal. Commissioners Howell and Cheek were appointed to the committee along with the county manager.

D. Update – Dodge County Government Center

County Manager Spencer Barron said that work was progressing on the new county government building with a goal to be in by June 1st to June 15th. Internet service is being negotiated with AT&T.

E. Signage for Dodge County Government Center

Several options for signage at the new government center were shown.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the board.

County Manager Report

County Manager Spencer Barron said the main topic continued to be moving the dumpster locations at Dubois and Ben Giddens Road. He said a public notice would run in the local paper and post on the county facebook page detailing the present dumpster locations and hours of operation at the landfill.

Public Comments

Sharon Cobb Flanagan stated four (4) more no littering signs had been purchased and there were request for more signs.

Juliette Roberson of 709 Abbeville Highway requested a sign for “No Thru Traffic” be installed on the road by her home off Highway 87 to deter speeders on the road.

Executive Session

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal matters and property acquisition. Commissioner Howell made the second and all voted yes.

At the conclusion of the executive session Commissioner Watkins made a motion to return to the regular meeting. Commissioner Howell seconded his motion and the motion passed.

Adjourn

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Watkins motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.