

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

May 7, 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, May 7, 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. Commissioner Cheek gave the devotional and prayed.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. Raymond Mullis – City of Eastman
Mr. Mullis was not present.

B. Sharon Cobb Flanagan – Dodge County Farmers Market
Flanagan told the board the market had a successful two year celebration on April 28th with approximately six hundred (600) people attending and festivities included a pound cake contest with nineteen (19) entries.

C. Charles Williams – Dodge County Eastman Development Authority
Williams invited the board to attend the grand opening of the new Child Support Services Center on Wednesday at 11 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

A. April 16, 2018 Regular Meeting
Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 16, 2018. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes with Commissioner Watkins making 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 if there were any questions or comments concerning the Accounts Payable checklist. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the payments and the second came from Commissioner Niblett. All voted to approve the payments.

B. Department of Family and Children Services Board Appointment

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any nominations to fill the vacancy on the DFACS board. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to table the appointment until the next meeting. Commissioner Watkins made the second and all voted yes to the motion.

C. Jesse Bearden – City of Eastman Engineer

Bearden gave a handout to all the board members and explained the situation with constructing the wash down pad at the county barn for the county trash trucks. He also elaborated on the EPD guidelines and the most economical way to handle the project.

D. Joint Development Authority Board Appointment

Charles Williams informed the board that Larry Stevenson wants to come off the Bleckley Dodge Joint Development Authority Board that governs the two dorms constructed in Eastman and Cochran for Middle Georgia State University. He said that Allen Long was willing to fill the vacancy and had been a visitor at the last meeting. Commissioner Niblett nominated Allen Long to the board with Commissioner Cheek making the second. All voted in the affirmation to appoint Long to the Bleckley Dodge Joint Development Authority.

E. Joint Development Authority Dorm Refinancing

Charles Williams told the board that Bond Attorney Kevin Brown would be available at the June 4th Meeting to explain the proposal to refinance the dorms and it would save an enormous amount of money. He said copies of the bonds would be available at that time.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the board.

County Manager Report

The county manager had nothing to report and there were no questions for him.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Executive Session

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Return to Regular Meeting

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to end the executive session and return to the regular meeting. Commissioner Howell made the second and all voted in the affirmative.

Adjourn

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any motions from the board and Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Cheek made the second and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.