

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

May 20, 2019

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

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2019, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex. Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Cheek gave the devotional and prayer.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. SPLOST

County Manager Spencer Barron said the city officials and local mayors had been invited to the meeting to start the negotiations on the SPLOST renewal. He said each had been give a checklist with dates for the timeline including the referendum and call for election. He said a second meeting would be needed to finalize requests and review projects. It was decided that a second meeting would be held on Tuesday, June 4th at 6:00 p.m. at the Courthouse annex meeting room. Each entity should bring a list of projects and requests to the work session. Barron said the 2013 SPLOST had been projected to generate thirteen million dollars (\$13,000,000.00) in revenue and to date had actually generated eight point one million dollars (\$8,100,000.00). Commissioner Watkins made a motion to hold the work session on the aforementioned date and Commissioner Howell made the second. All voted yes to the motion. A list of those attending for this part of the meeting is attached and made a part of these minutes.

B. Travis Niblett – Dodge County Recreation Department

Mr. Niblett said he did not wish to address the board at this time.

Approval of Minutes

A. May 6, 2019 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on May 6, 2019. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with the second from Commissioner Watkins. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Old Business

A. Senior Citizens Center Representative Appointment

Chairman McCranie asked were there any nominees for the appointment and Commissioner Niblett replied there was nothing new to report.

New Business

A. Crossroad Volunteer Fire Department

Chief Tommy Barrentine of the Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department said his department had been blessed with eight (8) new volunteers who would be starting their training class and needed new gear and communications equipment including pagers. He said the total cost needed was thirteen thousand three hundred fifty two dollars and thirty cents (\$13,352.30). The chairman asked if the funds were available from SPLOST and the reply was yes. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the request and Commissioner Watkins made the second. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

B. 2019 LMIG Bid

The county manager said the advertisement for bids for the 2019 LMIG projects had resulted in only one bid from Everett Dykes Grassing Company for eight hundred thirty seven thousand one hundred forty-seven dollars and ten cents (\$837,147.10). He said the bid was twenty two thousand dollars (\$22,000.00) under the estimate of eight hundred fifty nine thousand three hundred sixty four dollars and thirty-five cents (\$859,364.35). Commissioner Howell made a motion to table the approval until the type of resurfacing for the bid was verified by the engineer. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

C. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to look over the list of payments for any questions or comments. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the payments seconded by Commissioner Niblett and the motion passed.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the board.

County Manager Report

County Manager Spencer Barron reported that he and Chairman McCranie had attended the T-SPLOST regional meeting where projects for the region were designated and resolutions drawn up.

Next he submitted bids for a four wheel drive tractor for the road department asking the board to consider three options:

- New John Deere tractor \$31,500.00
- New Massey Ferguson tractor \$31,500.00
- Used John Deere 75 HP \$25,900.00

Commissioner Cheek asked if T-SPLOST funds were available for the purchase and the reply was yes. Commissioner Howell made a motion to purchase the used John Deere 75 HP tractor and Commissioner Watkins made the second. All voted yes to the purchase.

County Attorney Harrington said he wanted to clear the confusion regarding the discussion concerning alcohol consumption at the Dodge County Recreation Department which is property owned by Dodge County. He said the need for a statute or law through a local ordinance stating no alcohol consumption pointing to the safety for children and others at the complex should be given consideration. He also asked the board to amend the agenda to allow for an executive session to discuss legal matters prompted by a phone call he received late in the day.

Public Comments

Sharon Cobb Flanagan commented that the local farmers market had a good Saturday. She stated the Ben Giddens/ Dubois dumpster location was open to the north side of the county with one location at Chester, the airport, and the landfill. She asked the board to give consideration to opening another location.

Attorney Rita Llop asked for the checklist for the SPLOST referendum.

Cindy Eckles of the Dodge County News asked about progress on the new county building. The county manager replied that carpet was being installed this week and all improvements looked good.

Executive Session

Commissioner Howell made a motion to amend the agenda and move into executive session to discuss legal matters. Commissioner Cheek made the second and all voted yes to the motion.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to end the executive session and return to the regular meeting. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins to accept the LMIG bid as is subject to change orders with the option to upgrade to asphalt. Commissioner Niblett made the second and all voted in the affirmative.

Adjourn

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.