

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

June 18, 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, June 18, 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 the devotional by Commissioner Cheek. Commissioner Watkins prayed.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. Sharon Cobb Flanagan

Sharon Cobb Flanagan requested the board pay for the installation of a new meter box at an approximate cost of \$850.00 along with the monthly bill for water estimated at a minimum of \$25.00 per month. She said the meter box would be an improvement to county property and was necessary for a beautification project planned with Keep America Beautiful grant funds. After members of the board asked if the improvements qualified as those approved for SPLOST funds, the county attorney answered yes. He said the funds could be used for capital improvements to county property. Commissioner Cheek made a motion to use the SPLOST funds to fund the meter box. Commissioner Howell made the second and all voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of Minutes

A. June 4, 2018 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 4, 2018. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes with Commissioner Watkins making the second. Vote was taken and the motion passed.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to review the checklist of Accounts Payable payments for questions or comments. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the payments with the second coming from Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of approval.

B. Magistrate Car

County Manager Peacock asked for approval from the board to advertise for bids on the 2010 Dodge formerly used by the Magistrate Constable. Commissioner Niblett asked if the vehicle was surplus county property and the reply was yes. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to advertise for bids on the vehicle. Commissioner Watkins made the second and the motion passed.

C. Janice Bryan

Mrs. Bryan told the board that there is a situation where her neighbor has fourteen (14) dogs and they had recently attacked her grandson and his father. She showed pictures of the injuries from the dogs and said both she and her neighbor are outside the city limits of Chester. She said she had contacted Representative Jimmy Pruett and Phillip Cadwell of the local health department for help with the problem. She said the neighbor had been cited fourteen (14) times by the deputies and she was pleading for the board to do something to help. The county attorney asked her to give him her name and address after the meeting and he would follow up with the local deputies.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Howell stated the board had recently made changes to the employee health insurance coverage with Blue Cross Blue Shield with an approximate ten percent (10%) increase in premiums. He said the increase would have been twenty-two percent (22%) before the changes based on the losses incurred by the company last year. He said the broker had said that some companies will entice their Medicare-eligible employees with incentives to make Medicare their primary coverage with the incentive going toward a Medicare supplement plan. He then made a motion to pay seventy-five percent (75%) of the county portion of the health insurance premium to those employees who were eligible for Medicare and chose to enroll in a Medicare supplement instead of the county sponsored health insurance. Commissioner Niblett stated that this would be optional for the eligible employees and he seconded the motion. Commissioner Watkins said that it was the choice of the employee and Commissioner Cheek said that she had looked into the supplemental plans and the medical was good but there were some drawbacks to the drug plans. All voted in favor of the motion and it passed.

Public Comments

John Battle questioned the board about the contract for the courthouse grounds. The county manager said there was no contract and was paid per cutting on an as needed basis. He also said it was paid with general funds as a budget item.

Cindy Eckles of the Dodge County News questioned the board about whether or not Dodge County was involved in the opioid law suit. Chairman McCranie said that the county had been approached by several law firms but had determined the benefit to the county was questionable. He said it was a class action suit with the attorneys getting the majority and the board was still considering it. Commissioner Cheek commented that she did not think it was worth doing it and the county may not get enough to buy Narcan. Commissioner Watkins said the board had been approached by more than one attorney but he felt the benefit to the county was questionable.

Adjourn

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Watkins made the second and all voted in favor of adjournment.