

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

July 2, 2018

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
Bobby Peacock, 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, July 2, 2018, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex. Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include Jim O'Connor under New Business. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to make the change to the agenda with the second coming from Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of the addition. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag, Commissioner Cheek gave the devotional and prayer.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Sharon Cobb Flanagan reported for the Dodge County Farmers Market that attendance was high the previous Saturday with over three hundred (300) people attending the market.

Spence Barron of the Dodge County Eastman Development Authority wished the board members a happy fourth of July.

Approval of Minutes

A. June 18, 2018 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 18, 2018. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve with Commissioner Watkins making the second. All voted in favor of the motion.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to look over the payment checklist of Accounts Payable. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the payments. Commissioner Cheek made the second and all voted yes to the motion.

B. Appointment to Recreation Department Board

Chairman McCranie informed the board that Dr. Stringer had resigned from the Recreation Department Board and while the board still consisted of a quorum that a new member would need to be appointed. Commissioner Watkins confirmed the appointment was for one member and made a motion to table the appointment until the next meeting. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion and the motion passed. Commissioner Niblett abstained from the vote and discussion.

C. Appointment to the Department of Family and Children Services Board

Chairman McCranie referred to a letter from Natalie Conley, DFACS Director informing them that board member Danny Warren's term expired on June 30, 2018 and that he was willing to serve another term. Commissioner Cheek made a motion to reappoint Warren for another term. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close nominations which Commissioner Niblett seconded. The vote was taken and all voted to appoint Warren by acclamation.

D. Recreation Department Request

County Manager Peacock presented a request from the Recreation Department for \$2,090 from SPLOST funds for sod improvement. Commissioner Watkins confirmed the funds were available and made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Niblett made the second and the vote was taken and the motion passed with Commissioner Niblett abstaining.

E. Chester Fire Department Request for Radio Equipment

County Manager Peacock also presented a request from the Chester Fire Department for SPLOST funds to purchase radio equipment. He said two bids had been obtained as follows:

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| 1. Georgia Two Way | \$4,043.28 |
| 2. Williams Communications | \$5,901.50 |

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to accept the low bid and grant the request. Commissioner Watkins made the second and all voted in the affirmative.

F. Jim O'Connor

Dodge County resident Jim O'Connor addressed the board to request a portion of the Jaybird Helena Road be closed to the public. He said the road was being used for recreation vehicles and was causing a dust nuisance to the Wooten family who along with himself were the only

property owners on the stretch of road. He asked that the road be closed from a mailbox owned by Cecil Veal to Maggie Wooten's home. The county attorney said that notices would have to be posted and a hearing would have to be advertised for two weeks. Mrs. Nora Wooten spoke stating the traffic on the road was a grave concern and potential problem for her family. She said the drivers of the vehicles were harassing her family and when the Sheriff Department was called they were advised to make a video even though she considered them to be a public safety threat. Commissioner Watkins asked that the matter be on the agenda for the next meeting and a hearing held to hear discussion. The county attorney asked that the matter be postponed until the first meeting in August due to his absence at the next meeting for a planned vacation trip. O'Connor also made a request to have the Jaybird Helena Dirt Road name changed to the McMillan Cemetery Road.

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.

Adjourn

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion. All voted in favor of adjournment.