

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

July 16, 2018

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Vice-Chairman & District 1 Commissioner
Terry L. Niblett, District 2 Commissioner
Brian Watkins, District 3 Commissioner
Karen Cheek, District 4 Commissioner

Also Present: Bobby Peacock, County Manager
Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

Absent: John Harrington, County Attorney

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 16, 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 prayer.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Charles Williams – Dodge County-Eastman Development Authority

Williams told the board that Aremac had expansions underway that would add to the area around the airport. He also said the DCEDA had recently completed their 2017 audit with both asset and revenue increases.

Approval of Minutes

A. July 2, 2018 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 2, 2018. Commissioner Niblett referred to a corrected copy of the minutes and made a motion that the corrected copy be approved. Commissioner Watkins made the second and all voted in favor of approval.

Old Business

A. Appointment to Recreation Department Board

Chairman McCranie asked for nominations to fill the vacancy on the local Recreation board. Commissioner Watkins nominated Corey Peterson. Commissioner Howell nominated Bodie Gray. Chairman McCranie asked for a motion to close nominations made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Cheek. He called for a vote and Commissioners

Watkins and Cheek voted in favor of Peterson, Commissioner Howell voted in favor of Gray, and Commissioner Niblett abstained from the vote. Peterson was appointed to the board.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie referred to the Accounts Payable checklist asking for questions or comments. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the payments seconded by Commissioners Niblett and Watkins. All voted yes to the motion.

B. Pat Strode – Georgia Crisis Intervention Team

Ms. Strode thanked the board of allowing her the opportunity to speak to them and inform them of the resources available through the Georgia Crisis Intervention Team initiative and community partnerships. She said the forty (40) hour program offers training to local law enforcement officers to assist in identifying mental health issues during a crisis situation as well as tools to use to get the proper services and support for those individuals and their families. This training is available to local departments at no cost to them and the contact person for this area is Ms. Debbie Carter of Waycross. Members of the board encouraged her to coordinate the training with the Sheriff and his department.

C. James Lanier – Ryland Environmental

Lanier gave the board a handout for Ryland Environment, his solid waste company in Laurens County, showing the company's growth and experience in surrounding counties. He said he would like to offer his help with solid waste in Dodge County. He said he proposed doing a population study with town hall meetings in the different towns and communities in the county to gather citizen input on the best choice of manned sites or curbside pickup.

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

Cecil Veal told the board that he had read the article in the Dodge County News concerning the closure and renaming of English Crossing Road. He said the history of that part of the county goes back to the land wars and he as well as several neighbors, who were also in attendance, opposed the closing of the road as well as changing the name of the road.

Adjourn

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