

## **Minutes**

### **Dodge County Board of Commissioners**

#### **Work Session**

**August 2, 2018**

**Present:** Dan McCranie, Chairman  
William T. Howell, Vice Chairman & District 1 Commissioner  
Travis Niblett, District 2 Commissioner  
Brian Watkins, District 3 Commissioner

**Absent:** Karen Cheek, District 4 Commissioner

**Also Present:** Bobby Peacock, County Manager  
Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk  
Dale Jones, Chief Tax Appraiser  
Austin Barrows, Dodge County News

Vice Chairman Howell called the work session to order and stated that there would be no action taken during the work session and only matters relating to the 2018 digest and millage rate would be discussed. Howell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag followed by prayer from Commissioner Niblett.

#### **Business**

##### **A. 2018 Digest & Rollback Millage Rate**

Chief tax appraiser Dale Jones answered questions concerning why the current 2018 digest numbers were down, especially in the areas of motor vehicles and timber. Jones said that John Barry of the Georgia Department of Revenue would review all figures on the digest for accuracy before the regular board meeting on Monday night.

County Manager Peacock gave the board a comparison of the millage rates for Dodge and surrounding counties. It also highlighted the increased cost of medical insurance for employees as well as increased spending by the Sheriff and his department. It noted decreases in EMS revenue, Local Option Sales Tax revenue, and revenue per property tax digest.

Commissioner Watkins asked for a guess on the re-val scheduled for next year and if the county was receiving revenue from prepaid phone cards. Chairman McCranie asked what made up the M&O exemptions and Jones replied public utilities, churches, conservation, and preferential.

The county manager reminded the board that a decision was needed by Monday night because an increase in the rollback millage would require advertisement in the Dodge County News next week for three public meetings with two being held the same day and the millage rate could be set after the third meeting.

**Adjourn**

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn the work session seconded by Commissioner Howell. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.