

## **Minutes**

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

**September 4, 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:** John Harrington, County Attorney  
Bobby Peacock, County Manager  
Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in regular meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. 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. The devotional and prayer was given by Commissioner Cheek.

#### **Elected Officials/ Department Heads**

Sharon Cobb Flanagan – Dodge County Farmers Market

Sharon Cobb Flanagan reported that the local market would participate in the Music On Main event to be held downtown on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and there would be no activity at the Courthouse on that day.

Sharon Cobb Flanagan – Litter Free Dodge Committee

Sharon Cobb Flanagan reported for the Litter Free Dodge committee that the FFA club would put out signs and that the trees had been taken out of the area on the Courthouse grounds and the City of Eastman would install the water for the beautification project within the next few days.

Charles Williams – Eastman-Dodge Chamber of Commerce

Charles Williams invited the board to view the new webpage for the Eastman-Dodge Chamber of Commerce and to attend the Blue Jeans and BBQ membership event on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the local chamber hall. Williams also reported that Aremac was moving their entire operation from California to Dodge County requiring a second building. He also said that Georgia Military College has over one hundred (100) students enrolled this term and reminded the board that the agreement for rent payments is dependent on two consecutive quarters with one hundred (100) or more students enrolled.

## **Approval of Minutes**

### A. August 16, 2018 Called Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the called meeting held on August 16, 2018. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes with Commissioner Watkins making the second. All voted in favor of the motion.

### B. August 20, 2018 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 20, 2018. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion. Vote was taken and the motion passed.

## **Old Business**

### A. Road Closing Request

County Attorney Harrington told the board he had heard nothing from the applicant and attempts to contact him had been unsuccessful. Commissioner Watkins said that he was told negotiations were underway with the people on the road and asked that the matter be tabled until further notice from the parties. Commissioner Niblett made the second and all voted in the affirmative.

## **New Business**

### A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to look over the Accounts Payable checklist for questions or comments. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the payments with the second made by Commissioner Niblett. All voted yes to the motion.

### B. Myron Parkerson – Freedom Worship Center Tax Penalty

Parkerson thanked the board for allowing him to speak and said that he had pastored the Freedom Worship Center for nine (9) years. He said the Moore family had allowed their property to be used as the church for the past four years. He said for two (2) years the Moore's paid the taxes but had required the church to pay for the last two years. He said that Chief Appraiser Dale Jones had worked with him to get the values decreased and approximately one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) had been paid by the church. He said attempts to put the property in the church name had been unsuccessful and was asking for the late charges to be waived at an amount between two hundred fifty to three hundred dollars (\$250-\$300). The county attorney verified that the church leased the property for one dollar (\$1) per year and that the taxes could not be waived but the board could forgive the penalties and interest. He also said the Moore family would not agree to allow the property to be changed to the church name. Commissioner Niblett said this was an unusual circumstance and he would make a motion that no penalties be charged for one (1) year. Commissioner Cheek seconded his motion and the motion passed.

### **Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Niblett said he had given hand outs to the other commissioners for a county sanitation proposal compiled by himself and Commissioner Cheek along with Litter Free Dodge counterparts. He said it was for information only at this meeting and would be discussed after everyone had opportunity to review the proposal.

### **County Manager Report**

The county manager had nothing to report.

### **Public Comments**

Sharon Cobb Flanagan asked about the current sanitation recycling and if the project would move forward. County Manager Peacock said one of the garbage trucks was in the shop now and the recycling was awkward and hard to do.

### **Adjourn**

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.