

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

October 15, 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 a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 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. The devotional was given by Commissioner Cheek and Commissioner Howell prayed.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Julie Davis – Middle Georgia State University

Ms. Davis thanked the board for their time and said Henry Whitfield regrets that he cannot be here. She said the university appreciates the past support and the decision had been made not to have an air show this year. She said efforts would instead be directed toward raising support for aviation students with a career fair being held on November 1st. She invited the board to attend the luncheon and reception held that day that would have a short program to focus on five new scholarships with student recipients speaking on how meaningful the scholarships are to them. She encouraged the board to consider a scholarship sponsorship after which the chairman thanked her for coming.

Sharon Cobb Flanagan – Dodge County Farmers Market

Flanagan told the board that the local market would set up on Fourth Avenue this Saturday as a part of the Music on Main program. She said the market would be close to the stage area with fifteen (15) vendors signed up to be there.

Approval of Minutes

A. October 1, 2018

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 1, 2018. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

The chairman asked the board to take a minute to look over the list of payments. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the payments and Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion. All voted yes and the motion passed.

B. Milan Fire Department Request

County Manager Peacock told the board that the Chauncey Fire Department had requested funds of six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500.00) to purchase a 2006 Ford fire truck from the Milan Fire Department. He added there were Splost funds available for the purchase. A motion was made to grant the request by Commissioner Cheek and seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in the affirmative.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Cheek reported on the EMA response to the disaster thanking EMA Director Stanley Stephens for securing ready to eat meals and bottled water for those affected by the storm. She said Dodge County had received several trailer loads of the food and water and was a GEMA distribution center for our area including neighboring counties. She said fourteen (14) line crews from Kentucky had arrived to help with the local power outages. She said there was representation from GEMA and the local American Legion had taken the lead to help with the distribution as well as youth from Liberty Baptist Church and the Dodge County Transit bringing residents to the site. She said it was truly neighbor helping neighbor.

Commissioner Watkins said the Dodge County road crews were out at daylight after the storm and had all major roads cleared by lunch except those involving power lines. He wanted to thank all those who had worked together in the clean up.

Commissioner Niblett added that much planning went into the storm preparation with the Dodge County EMS ambulances staged in four (4) sections of the county to facilitate readiness to help.

Commissioner Howell said the community came to action with the storm and did a great job.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock echoed the great job done by the volunteer fire departments, the Dodge County Road Supervisor and the much appreciated help from individuals.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Executive Session

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters. Commissioner Howell made the second and the motion passed.

Commissioner Howell made a motion to end the executive session and return to the regular meeting. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion and all voted in the affirmative.

Return to Business Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for a report from the personnel committee appointed at the last meeting to review the applicants for county manager. Commissioner Watkins reported that he and Commissioner Howell were appointed to the committee and had reviewed all applicants. He said it was the committee's recommendation that Spencer Barron be named the new county manager. Chairman McCranie asked if there was any discussion and there was none. The vote was taken with Howell, Niblett, Watkins, and Cheek voting yes to the motion from the committee.

Adjourn

With no further business to address, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Niblett made the second and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.