

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

January 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, Jr., Vice-Chairman & District 1 Commissioner

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex. Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and asked for the budget to be amended to include the addition of Item K under New Business to change the date of the next meeting from the MLK holiday. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to amend the agenda and add the item followed by a second from Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of the addition. Chairman McCranie then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag followed by a devotional and prayer from Commissioner Cheek.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

There were none present who wished to address the board.

Approval of Minutes

A. December 18, 2017 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 18, 2017. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Commissioner Cheek. All voted in favor of the motion.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

The chairman asked the board members to look over the listing of payments for any questions or comments. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the payments with Commissioner Watkins making the second. Vote was taken and the motion passed.

B. Appoint Vice Chairman

Chairman McCranie asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Commissioner Watkins nominated Commissioner Howell with Commissioner Niblett making the second. Next Watkins moved to close nominations seconded by Commissioner Niblett , all voted in favor of the motion and Commissioner Howell was appointed by acclamation.

C. Appoint County Attorney

Next the chairman asked for nominations for county attorney and Commissioner Cheek nominated John Harrington. Commissioner Watkins seconded the nomination and Commissioner Niblett made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Watkins made the second to close nominations, vote was taken and all voted in favor of Attorney Harrington.

D. Appoint County Clerk

Chairman McCranie asked for nominations for county clerk. Commissioner Niblett nominated Gail Rogers and Commissioner Watkins made the second. Commissioner Watkins then made a motion to close nominations seconded by Commissioner Cheek. All voted in favor of the motion.

E. Appoint County Auditor

County Manager Peacock informed the board that he had spoken with Frank Erwin who was interested in continuing in his role as county auditor and agreed to continue the fee charged previously. Peacock said Erwin worked well with the county staff and employees as well as the consulting CPA and that the county was not required to bid professional services such as his. County attorney Harrington confirmed that bids were not necessary and Commissioner Watkins nominated Frank Erwin to continue as auditor. Commissioner Cheek seconded the nomination and Erwin was appointed by acclamation.

F. Approval to Solicit 2018 Operating LOC Bids

Chairman McCranie asked for a motion to approve sending letters to local banks to solicit bids for a two million dollar (\$2,000,000.00) operating line of credit for 2018. Commissioner Watkins made the motion and Commissioner Niblett made the second. Vote was taken and the motion passed.

G. Dodge County Board of Health Physician Appointment

Chairman McCranie referred the board to a letter asking for a physician to be appointed to the local board of health. Commissioner Cheek made a motion to reappoint Dr. Todd Peacock and the second came from Commissioner Watkins who also made a motion to close the nominations. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion and all voted in favor of the appointment. The chairman asked that a letter be sent to the Board of Health confirming the reappointment.

H. Board of Assessors Appointment

Chairman McCranie also referred the board to a letter from the Dodge County Board of Assessors recommending the reappointment of Cindy Eckles to their board. Commissioner Cheek made a motion to appoint Eckles to a full term seconded by Commissioner Niblett who also moved that nominations be closed. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and all voted in the affirmative.

I. Open Bids 1999 Ford Auto

The chairman opened three bids received for the vehicle formerly used by Building Inspector Rob Stanley. The bids are as follows:

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| 1. Ryan Goodermote | \$300.00 |
| 2. Rose Marie Little | \$700.00 |
| 3. Joe Williams | \$400.00 |

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to accept the high bid of seven hundred dollars (\$700.00). Commissioner Cheek made the second and the vote was unanimous to accept.

J. Beer & Wine License Application – Jessica Sanders

The county manager explained that the location of the business applying for the license was on East Chicken Road near Chester. He said the business was to continue in the same location in which it had always operated but the previous owner had died and the new owner and applicant was her daughter. He also verified that the Sheriff and his department had approved the license. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to grant to the license and Commissioner Cheek made the second and the motion passed.

K. Change Meeting Date – MLK Holiday

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to change the next meeting of the board to Tuesday, January 16th at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioner Cheek making the second. All voted to approve the change.

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

J. C. Hilliard addressed the board concerning the dumpsters at Mitchell and delivered a petition signed by ninety-five (95) members of the community. The petition requests that the dumpster area be fenced and manned. He said with the implementation of garbage pickup in Wilcox County that the volume of trash and debris especially furniture and large items has increased. He said a fence would restrict the entrance and exit enough to monitor who was dropping trash. He suggested cameras to record who uses the site and a sign to be placed at the entrance.

Commissioner Watkins said there was confusion about the proposed budget and he would like to clear up a misconception about use of public space. Commissioner Watkins made a motion that the North West side of the Courthouse grounds be opened up each Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the use of vendors to display and sell their products to the public with the understanding that Dodge County does not insure the quality, fitness, suitability, or safety of any products sold there. The vendors shall not be allowed to set up and sell on the Courthouse steps or any entrance, park area or the soldiers' memorial areas. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion. Under discussion, Commissioner Cheek stated that a monitor was needed and should be managed with expectations. The vote was taken with Cheek, Niblett and Watkins voting yes.

Adjourn

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Watkins made the second and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.

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Dodge County Board of Commissioners

Public Budget Hearing & Called Meeting

January 3, 2018

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
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: William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman & District 1 Commissioner

Chairman Dan McCranie called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Commissioner Niblett prayed.

Public Hearing

The chairman invited those present in the audience to make comments or ask questions.

Sharon Cobb Flanagan told the board that after the first public hearing she was asked to provide adjusted numbers with regard to the Dodge County Farmers Market budget request. She said she had provided copies to each board member with the request at the bare minimum to comply with their charter. She asked if there were any questions for her and Commissioner Cheek replied that she did not have questions but thought the proposal was excellent. Flanagan thanked the board for their support and use of the grounds.

Business

A. Adopt 2018 Budget

Commissioner Cheek made a motion to include the request of \$3,035 from the Dodge County Farmers Market in the 2018 budget. She said the community wants the market and it was for the greater good and her personal preference to fund from the contingency fund. The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the 2018 Proposed Budget seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted to approve the budget.

Adjourn

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

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

January 16, 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, Jr., Vice-Chairman & District 1 Commissioner

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 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 followed by a devotional by Commissioner Cheek and prayer by Commissioner Watkins.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Sharon Cobb Flanagan passed out copies of the Dodge County Farmers Market 2017 Annual Report with Financial Statement to all board members and the press.

Approval of Minutes

A. January 2, 2018 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 2, 2018. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The vote was unanimous to approve.

B. January 3, 2018 Budget Hearing & Called Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the public budget hearing and special called meeting held on January 3, 2018. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve as presented with Commissioner Watkins making the second. All voted in favor of approval.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to review the check listing of Accounts Payable payments for questions or comments. Commissioner Niblett asked about the payment to Traylor Business Services in the amount of \$11,305.00 and was told by the county manager the payment was for personal property appraisals of fourteen (14) AT&T towers. Commissioner Watkins asked how often the towers were appraised and the county manager said it was the first time he had seen it. Cindy Eckles of the Dodge County News, who also serves on the Board of Assessors, commented that AT&T had appealed their valuations and the Board of Equalization had ordered the appraisals.

B. Set Qualifying Fees

County Manager Peacock told the board that ACCG required the local board to set qualifying fees by February 1st and publish in the legal organ of the county. He said the fees would be set at three per cent (3%) of the base salary for officers running in 2018. Commissioner Watkins asked if the fee was the same as previous years and the reply was yes. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in the affirmative.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the board.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock said he had discussed enforcement of the trash ordinance with Robert Wilkerson, Constable for the Magistrate. He said Wilkerson agreed to taking on the duties with the approval of the Sheriff. County Attorney Harrington said that Wilkerson was Post Certified but no action was needed at the present time as he wanted to look at the ordinance to modify it for the use of the cameras to be installed at the dump sites. Commissioner Watkins said he wanted to take action to write tickets as soon as possible and asked the county attorney to research and report at the next meeting. Commissioner Niblett also asked about local citizens taking pictures and if those could be used to write tickets for prosecution. The county attorney said they could be used as evidence with witness documentation.

Public Comments

James Adkins of Browser's Flea Market asked the board questions concerning the dumpsters at English Crossing and the board allowing vendors to set up to sell merchandise on the courthouse grounds creating competition for his business.

Cindy Eckles of the Dodge County News asked for an update on the situation at Mitchell Fire Department to which Commissioner Watkins replied that the concerns were being addressed and

information was being obtained on cameras compatible to read tags that could make fencing of the area unnecessary.

Eckles second question for the board was if a salary had been agreed upon for the officer to issue garbage violations and the answer was that no additional salary had been agreed upon.

Adjourn

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Cheek made the second and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

February 5, 2018

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman & District 1 Commissioner
Terry L. Niblett, District 2 Commissioner
Brian Watkins, District 3 Commissioner
Karen Check, 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, February 5, 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 followed by the devotional and prayer by Commissioner Check.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Probate Judge Al McCranie addressed the board in his capacity as Election Superintendent to submit a proposal from Kim Bailey, owner of Maloy's Country Store, concerning repairs to the voting precinct adjacent to his business. McCranie passed out copies of a materials estimate from Wholesale Builders with Bailey offering to furnish the labor for the repairs if the county would purchase the materials. McCranie also informed the board that there were no plans to consolidate any of the precincts at this time and this particular precinct was in bad need of the repairs. The county attorney addressed the need for a new lease agreement on the precinct property. Commissioner Watkins said there was trash dumpsters also on the property and the property owner had also submitted estimates for improvements including gravel and fencing of that area. It was agreed that the voting precinct and the dumpster site should be addressed as separate issues. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to provide materials for improvements to the precinct building provisional on a proper lease to use the property as a voting precinct for as long as the county has need of it. Commissioner Niblett made the second and all voted in favor of approval. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to table the dumpster area improvements until further review with Commissioner Check making the second. All voted in the affirmative and the motion passed.

Charles Williams of the Development Authority informed the board that a temporary Certificate of Occupancy had been issued by the state for the new Child Support Services office with a

permanent Certificate of Occupancy to follow soon. He said a ceremony was being planned for mid May with state officials attending.

Approval of Minutes

A. January 16, 2018 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 16, 2018. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Watkins made the second. All voted to approve.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to review the list of Accounts Payable payments for questions or comments. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the payments with Commissioner Watkins making the second. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

B. Lydia Daniels – Annual Bible Reading Marathon

Commissioner Cheek presented information from Mrs. Daniels concerning the sixth annual Bible Reading Marathon scheduled to begin on Friday, April 27th at 6:00 p.m. and continue through Wednesday, May 2nd. The theme for this year's event will be "Honor God's Word."

Commissioner Cheek made a motion to allow the use of the courthouse grounds for the annual event. Commissioner Niblett made the second and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

C. Bids for Operating Line of Credit

Chairman McCranie opened the bids received by local banks for the 2018 Operating Line of Credit. The following bids were received for the two million dollar line of credit:

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| 1. Bank of Eastman | Rate 3.52% |
| 2. Citizens Bank | Rate 3.80% |
| 3. Colony Bank | Rate 3.69% |

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to accept the bid from the Bank of Eastman with the low bid rate of 3.52%. Commissioner Howell made the second and all voted yes.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Cheek requested that a pilot program at Mitchell Fire Department with camera installation be implemented to monitor the dumpster site. She made a motion to budget three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to improve the trash site and move forward with the project.

Commissioner Watkins made the second and the motion passed.

County Manager Report

The county manager had nothing to report and there were no questions or comments for him.

Public Comments

Cindy Eckles of the Tax Assessor board presented requests from her board for improvements to the internet service in their department and salary increases for employees.

Adjourn

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Cheek making the second. All voted in favor of adjournment.

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Dodge County Board of Commissioners

February 19, 2018

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
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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, February 19, 2018, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex. Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and asked for the agenda to be amended to include an executive session after public comments as the first order of business. Commissioner Howell made a motion to amend the agenda and add the executive session for the purpose of discussing legal matters and acquisitions. Commissioner Niblett made the second and all voted yes to the motion. Chairman McCranie then led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and Commissioner Cheek gave the devotional. Commissioner McCranie prayed.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. Glynn Pittman – Mayor of Chester

Mayor Pittman thanked the board for the opportunity to address them and recounted numerous break-ins of houses and homes vandalized in Chester as well as a camp house. He said the local Shorty's had been robbed two times in four months with the last time being in broad daylight. He said when the citizens complained to the local sheriff and deputies they were told to talk to the mayor and councilman and were also told that only four (4) deputies were on patrol at night. He said the city had previously employed a night watchman but he no longer worked for them. He said he needed guidance and wanted to work with local officials to be a part of the solution and was asking for help.

B. Sharon Cobb Flanagan – Dodge County Farmers Market

Sharon Cobb Flanagan reported that more people were attending the market and the produce was good.

Approval of Minutes

A. February 5, 2018 Regular Meeting

The chairman asked if there were any additions, corrections or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 5, 2018. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the minutes with Commissioner Watkins making the second. All voted in favor of approval.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to review the Accounts Payable check list for questions or comments. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the payments with Commissioner Niblett making the second. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

B. Fred Parker – Antioch Dump Site

Parker thanked the board for allowing him time to talk to them and for all they do to serve our county. He said he appreciated the devotional from Commissioner Cheek and as pastor of Antioch #1 Baptist Church he knew the board was aware of the problems with the dumpsters next to the church cemetery. He said he would arrive early for all services to allow time to clean up the trash on the grounds. He said the dumping of animal carcasses and other trash created a bad smell especially during the summer months. He said that people also dump live cats and dogs at the dumpsters and the church had a flea infestation after a litter of kittens was born under the church that required fumigation at the expense of the church. He said the church now owns property on both sides of the church with the deeding of the Friendship United Methodist Church after it closed. He asked that the board make it a priority to address the situation. Chairman McCranie thanked him for coming with the information and Commissioner Howell asked to speak on the matter. Howell said he had gone to the site on the previous Saturday and Sunday to look at the mess. He said he would like to make a motion to move the nine (9) dumpsters at the Antioch site to the Gresston site which was four (4) miles away. Chairman McCranie asked that the motion be delayed until after the executive session and Commissioner Cheek said she was in favor of moving the site to Gresston.

C. Approval of Drug and Alcohol Policy

County Manager Peacock said that the DOT policy had been revised and would need to be approved for the Transit operation. He said the revision addressed the opioid drug problem and that was the primary change from the previously approved policy. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the policy seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in the affirmative.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Watkins said he had been by Five Points earlier and the new roof on the precinct house was finished. He said that the work was satisfactory and the transaction should be completed to purchase the materials.

County Manager Report

Alvin McNair said the trash problem in the Gresston district and Friendship Church Road area was bad and an attendant was needed at the Gresston dump site.

Byron Whiggum said the dumpster problem at Antioch was affecting a place of worship, final resting place, voting precinct, and a ladies house and something should be done.

Alex Hardy said there was a county wide trash problem and if lack of funds was the problem, he thought property owners would support a tax increase.

Sharon Cobb Flanagan asked if there was a way to find out if the citizens would favor a tax increase to pay for the trash issue or a SPLOST for trash and asked they let the people vote.

Move to Executive Session

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal matters and land acquisition. Commissioner Howell made the second and all voted yes.

Return to Regular Meeting

At the end of the Executive Session, Commissioner Niblett made a motion to return to the regular meeting. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commissioner Howell said he would like to re-enter his motion to move all the dumpsters from the Antioch site to Gresston. He said the board would continue to search for answers to the trash problem. Commissioner Niblett made the second to his motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Adjourn

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Howell. All voted to adjourn the meeting.

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March 5, 2018

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
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Also Present: John Harrington, County Attorney
Bobby Peacock, County Manager
Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

Absent: Karen Cheek, District 4 Commissioner

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Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Sharon Cobb Flanagan reported that the Dodge County Farmers Market would be located on Highway 341 for this Friday and Saturday during the Peaches to Beaches weekend. She said it was the decision of the vendors to pay for space for the event.

Approval of Minutes

A. February 19, 2018 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 19, 2018. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Commissioner Howell. All voted in favor of approval.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to look over the Accounts Payable check listing for any questions or comments. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the payments with Commissioner Niblett making the second to his motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Commissioner Reports

Chairman McCranie reported he attended the dinner sponsored by the Recreation Department the previous Saturday with Coach Young, formerly of Middle Georgia College, as the guest speaker. He said there was good food in addition to a silent auction and there were plans to make it an annual event.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock reported that Chris Holder had the cameras ordered for the Mitchell Fire Department site to monitor the dumpsters. He said the county had put out bids for ten miles of resurfacing to various county roads and work should begin soon on Shady Acres Road.

Public Comments

Colin Kelly, Field Representative for Senator David Perdue's office introduced himself to the board informing them that all of Dodge County was in his area of coverage and he was in the process of moving to Dublin to better serve his territory. Additionally, he said he was in charge of all military and veterans case work south of Interstate 16 to the state border.

Executive Session

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing legal matters and land acquisition. Commissioners Howell and Watkins made the second and the motion passed.

Return to Regular Meeting

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to end the executive session and return to the regular meeting. Commissioner Watkins made the second and all voted in the affirmative.

Adjourn

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

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Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Charles Williams of the Dodge County Eastman Development Authority praised the success of the HUNCH program at Dodge County High School with the team advancing at a recent culinary competition at the space center in Huntsville, Alabama to the next level which will be held at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas this summer.

Approval of Minutes

A. March 5, 2018 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 5, 2018. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the minutes with Commissioner Watkins making the second. All voted to approve the minutes.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

The chairman asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the Accounts Payable checklist. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the payments. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and it passed.

B. Ken Talbert – Property Tax Penalty and Interest.

Talbert addressed the board about a tax bill situation and asked that his wife (Betty Talbert) be allowed to read a letter from them to the board, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. After the letter was read, Talbert asked for the board's consideration with the waiver of the penalties and interest. County Attorney Harrington addressed the legalities of the tax situation and questioned the Talberts about the transfer of the property in question and whether or not a title search was done at that time by their attorney. Commissioner Watkins said the matter had come up several time and even happened to him personally and that most lawyers stress to clients at the time of the sale the necessity to follow up with the property taxes during the year of any transfers of ownership. The board declined to take any action on the matter.

C. Lighting Improvements – Carter Martin Public Safety Building

Commissioner Howell informed the board that he and EMA Director Stanley Stephens were working on a grant for the funds for the needed improvements.

D. DOT 5311 Transit Procurement Policy Approval

County Manager Peacock asked the board to approve a procurement policy to meet the criteria of the DOT with regard to the 5311 Transit Program. He said the policy required bids on amounts greater than three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00). Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the policy seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The vote was taken and the policy was approved.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the board.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock said the package for the sealed bids on restriping the various roads in Dodge County was available and the bids were due on April 27, 2018.

Public Comments

Jeff Lassiter told the board he was told by Ron Daniels he was on the agenda for the meeting. He said he would delay his address to the board until such time as he was on the agenda so as not to violate any open meetings laws.

Adjourn

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Watkins made the second and the motion passed.

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

April 2, 2018

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman & District 1 Commissioner
Terry L. Niblett, District 2 Commissioner
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Also Present: John Harrington, County Attorney
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Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. Travis Niblett – Recreation Department

Travis Niblett of the Recreation Department presented a request to the board for a refurbished infield machine and submitted several quotes for them to review. He said the SPLOST funds for recreation were at sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000.00) according to the county manager and they were asking for ten thousand dollars (10,000.00) to purchase the equipment. Commissioner Howell asked how much a new machine would cost and Niblett replied over twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00). Commissioner Howell made a motion to accept the quote for the John Deere with Commissioner Watkins making the second. Commissioners Howell, Watkins, and Cheek voted in favor of the motion with Commissioner Niblett abstaining from the vote.

B. Henry Whitfield – Middle Georgia State University

Mr. Whitfield thanked the board for their previous support for Middle Georgia State University and announced there would be no air show this fall at the aviation college. He said the show had proven to be a drain on the financial resources of the school as well as human resources. He also gave statistics on the success of recent open houses at the campuses in Eastman, Cochran and Macon as well as enrollment and credit hours increases.

Approval of Minutes

A. March 19, 2018 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 19, 2018. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Watkins made the second. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board for questions or comments concerning the listing of Accounts Payable payments. Commissioner Niblett referred to the recent payment for Blue Cross Blue Shield employee health insurance and asked the cost of that coverage paid by the county. County Manager Peacock answered that the annual cost that the county pays for the health insurance for employees is seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000.00). Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable payments seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in the affirmation and the motion passed.

B. Jeff Lassiter

Jeff Lassiter was not present and County Attorney Harrington said he had spoken with him and he wanted to inform the board about the national opioid class action law suit. He said he would communicate to him that Dodge County Board of Commissioners was not interested.

Commissioner Reports

Chairman McCranie informed the board that hospital board appointments should be addressed at the next meeting.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock told the board that the county's 1974 Clark Forklift was in need of repairs totaling \$4,050.00. He said that a 2000 Forklift could be purchased for \$5,000.00 and asked the board to consider the purchase. Commissioner Watkins asked about the warranty and the county manager said 30 days parts and labor with no leaks included. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to purchase the 2000 Forklift for \$5,000.00 with Commissioner Watkins making the second and asked that the forklift be inspected for leaks. All voted in favor of the purchase.

The county manager also told the board that the county had received an invoice from the City of Eastman for three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for fireworks. He asked the board to consider the payment but no action was taken.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

Commissioner Cheek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Watkins made the second and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

April 16, 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, Jr., Vice-Chairman & District 1 Commissioner

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 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 an executive session to discuss legal matters. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to add the session to the agenda seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of the addition. Chairman McCranie then led in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag followed by a devotional from Commissioner Cheek and prayer by Commissioner Niblett.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. Raymond Mullis – City of Eastman Council
Mr. Mullis was not present.

B. Ranger Allen Mills – Department of Natural Resources

Ranger Mills thanked the board for the opportunity to give an overview of his duties as game warden in Dodge county as well as statewide responsibilities encompassed by his position.

Approval of Minutes

A. April 2, 2018 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 2, 2018. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes with a second coming from both Commissioners Watkins and Cheek. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Old Business

A. Dodge County Hospital Board Appointments

Chairman McCranie asked for nominations to the Dodge County Hospital board tabled from the last meeting. Commissioner Cheek made a motion to reappoint John Paul Jones, Mandell Mullis, and Wilbur Garrett to the local board. Commissioner Niblett made the second and the motion passed.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked for any questions concerning the checklist of Accounts Payable submitted for their review and approval. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the payments seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in the affirmative.

B. Dr. Lydia Daniels – Bible Reading Marathon Proclamation

Dr. Daniels stated she was excited about the sixth (6th) annual Bible Reading Marathon to be held April 27th through May 2nd at the Dodge County Courthouse with Robbie Passmore of Bleckley County to be the keynote speaker. Dr. Daniels read the proclamation prepared for the board members to sign. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the signing of the proclamation and Commissioner Watkins made the second. The motion passed and the county attorney noted that the proper permits had been applied for and approved as well.

C. Ron Daniels

Chairman McCranie noted that Attorney Daniels was present but would address the board during the executive session to discuss legal matters.

D. LMIG Bid Approval

County Manager Bobby Peacock announced the bids received to resurface eleven (11) miles of Dodge County roads. The bids received and opened on Friday, April 13, 2018 were:

- Everett Dykes Grassing Co., Inc. \$926,933.18
- Womack Paving, Inc. \$955,000.00
- Middle Georgia Paving, Inc. \$969,983.03

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to accept the low bid from Everett Dykes Grassing Co., Inc. Commissioner Watkins made the second and all voted yes to the motion.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the commissioners.

County Manager Report

The county manager had nothing to report and there were no questions for him.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Executive Session

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to move into the executive session to discuss legal matters. Commissioner Watkins made the second and the motion passed.

Return to Regular Meeting

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to end the executive session and return to the regular meeting. The second to his motion came from Commissioner Cheek and all voted yes.

Adjourn

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Watkins making the second. The vote was unanimous to adjourn

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

May 7, 2018

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Jr., 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, May 7, 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 prayed.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. Raymond Mullis – City of Eastman
Mr. Mullis was not present.

B. Sharon Cobb Flanagan – Dodge County Farmers Market
Flanagan told the board the market had a successful two year celebration on April 28th with approximately six hundred (600) people attending and festivities included a pound cake contest with nineteen (19) entries.

C. Charles Williams – Dodge County Eastman Development Authority
Williams invited the board to attend the grand opening of the new Child Support Services Center on Wednesday at 11 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

A. April 16, 2018 Regular Meeting
Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 16, 2018. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes with Commissioner Watkins making the second. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the Accounts Payable checklist. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the payments and the second came from Commissioner Niblett. All voted to approve the payments.

B. Department of Family and Children Services Board Appointment

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any nominations to fill the vacancy on the DFACS board. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to table the appointment until the next meeting. Commissioner Watkins made the second and all voted yes to the motion.

C. Jesse Bearden – City of Eastman Engineer

Bearden gave a handout to all the board members and explained the situation with constructing the wash down pad at the county barn for the county trash trucks. He also elaborated on the EPD guidelines and the most economical way to handle the project.

D. Joint Development Authority Board Appointment

Charles Williams informed the board that Larry Stevenson wants to come off the Bleckley Dodge Joint Development Authority Board that governs the two dorms constructed in Eastman and Cochran for Middle Georgia State University. He said that Allen Long was willing to fill the vacancy and had been a visitor at the last meeting. Commissioner Niblett nominated Allen Long to the board with Commissioner Cheek making the second. All voted in the affirmation to appoint Long to the Bleckley Dodge Joint Development Authority.

E. Joint Development Authority Dorm Refinancing

Charles Williams told the board that Bond Attorney Kevin Brown would be available at the June 4th Meeting to explain the proposal to refinance the dorms and it would save an enormous amount of money. He said copies of the bonds would be available at that time.

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.

Executive Session

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Return to Regular Meeting

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

Adjourn

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any motions from the board and Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Cheek made the second and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

May 14, 2018

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

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

Absent: Brian Watkins, District 3 Commissioner

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a called meeting on Monday, May 14, 2018, at 2:00 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. Commissioner Cheek prayed.

Business

A. Mike Pearson of Pearson & Company

Mike Pearson of Pearson & Company of Tifton gave the board a synopsis of the healthcare market. He said that presently Dodge County employees are insured with Blue Cross Blue Shield through the ACCG pool and receive huge protection from the pool. He passed out information to the board that showed the county's loss ratios from last year and increase in renewal premiums for current plans of 18.93%. He also told the board that he had solicited bids for the county coverage from other companies included Aetna, Cigna and Humana who declined to issue quotes. He reminded the board that if they leave the ACCG group for another company that should they wish to go back to ACCG there would be a two (2) year waiting period to rejoin the pool. He also told the board that the ACA employer mandate was still in effect with the employee mandate being eliminated in January 2019. He presented alternate options to the board for renewal including plans with Blue Cross Blue Shield with higher annual deductibles, co-pays and drug costs. After questions from the board and the county manager, a committee consisting of Commissioners Karen Cheek and Junior Howell and the county manager was appointed to review all the options and report to the board.

Adjourn

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to adjourn the called meeting with Commissioner Cheek making the second. All voted in favor of adjournment.

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

May 21, 2018

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Jr., 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, May 21, 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 prayed.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. Raymond Mullis – City of Eastman

Mullis told the board he was making a request as a citizen of Eastman for a donation to help with the annual fireworks. Commissioner Howell asked what the previous year donation was and the answer was three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00). Commissioner Niblett made a motion to make the same donation for the fireworks. Commissioner Howell made the second and all voted in favor of the motion.

B. Charles Williams – Dodge County Eastman Development Authority

Williams thanked the board for their attendance at the CSS grand opening. He said the authority was using the monies supplied by the county to refurbish the DFACS building and the FSA building. He praised the DCHS HUNCH program and their achievements in competitions on the national level.

Approval of Minutes

A. May 7, 2018 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 7, 2018. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes with Commissioner Howell making the second. All voted in favor of the motion.

B. May 14, 2018 Called Meeting

Chairman McCranie also asked for corrections or deletions to the minutes of the called meeting held on May 14, 2018. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the minutes and the second was made by Commissioners Niblett and Cheek. The vote was taken and the minutes approved.

Old Business

A. DFACS Board Appointment

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any nominations for the vacancy on the local board for the Department of Family and Children Services. Commissioner Niblett said he had spoken with Mike McClinton and he was both interested and willing to serve and he would like to nominate him. Commissioner Cheek seconded the nomination. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close the nominations seconded by Commissioner Howell. All voted in the affirmative and McClinton was appointed by acclamation.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any questions concerning the listing of Account Payables for approval. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the payments with Commissioners Watkins and Niblett making the second. Vote was taken and the motion passed.

B. Approval of Striping Contract

County Manager Peacock referred to a list of roads for a grant submitted to GDOT in the amount of ninety-five thousand dollars (\$95,000.00) to restripe roads. He said the cost to restripe the roads would be one hundred three thousand dollars (\$103,000.00) and the grant required a local match of ten percent (10%). Commissioner Cheek asked if the county match could be paid from TSPLOST funds and the reply was yes. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve with the second by Commissioner Watkins. All voted to approve the contract.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Cheek reported that the entire board had met with Mike Pearson of Pearson and Company on May 14th to consider options for employee healthcare renewals. She said the same plan that employees currently have would have an increase of eighteen point nine three percent (18.93%) or two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) annually. She said a committee of Commissioners Howell and Cheek along with County Manager Peacock was appointed at that meeting to review the proposals. She said the primary difference in the present plan and the recommended plan was an increase in deductible of one thousand dollars from the present one thousand five hundred (\$1,500) to two thousand five hundred (\$2,500) with a net increase in cost of eight percent (8%). Cheek then made a motion to approve Blue Cross Blue Shield plan GAP52K20KE for employee healthcare insurance and the keep in place the refund of five

hundred dollars (\$500) for employees who meet the deductible. Commissioner Howell made the second and all voted yes.

County Manager Report

Peacock said he had nothing to report and there were no questions.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Niblett seconded his motion and all voted in favor of adjournment.

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

June 4, 2018

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman & District 1 Commissioner
Terry L. Niblett, District 2 Commissioner

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

Absent: Brian Watkins, District 3 Commissioner
Karen Cheek, District 4 Commissioner
John Harrington, County Attorney

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 4, 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 Howell prayed.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Sharon Cobb Flanagan – Dodge County Farmers Market Authority
Flanagan reported to the board that the attendance at the local market was steady with EBT activity growing and gave a handout to the board members.

Sharon Cobb Flanagan – Litter Free Dodge
Flanagan reported the committee was exploring ways to utilize the Keep American Beautiful grant funds secured from an initiative by Jimmy Pruett. She highlighted several ideas being considered.

Approval of Minutes

A. May 21, 2018 Regular Meeting
Chairman McCranie asked for any additions or changes to the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 21, 2018. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes with the second coming from Commissioner Howell. All voted in favor of approval.

Old Business

Attorney Kevin Brown of Macon asked the board to approve a resolution for the refinancing of residential bonds for residential facilities at Middle Georgia State University a part of the University System of Georgia. After answering questions from the board about the financial

responsibility for the county, the resolution was read by Brown. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the resolution pending review by the county attorney. Commissioner Howell made the second and the motion passed.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to look over the list of accounts payable payments for questions or comments. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the payments with Commissioner Niblett making the second. The vote was unanimous to approve.

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 Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Niblett made the second and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

June 18, 2018

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Jr., 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, June 18, 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 followed by the devotional by Commissioner Cheek. Commissioner Watkins prayed.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. Sharon Cobb Flanagan

Sharon Cobb Flanagan requested the board pay for the installation of a new meter box at an approximate cost of \$850.00 along with the monthly bill for water estimated at a minimum of \$25.00 per month. She said the meter box would be an improvement to county property and was necessary for a beautification project planned with Keep America Beautiful grant funds. After members of the board asked if the improvements qualified as those approved for SPLOST funds, the county attorney answered yes. He said the funds could be used for capital improvements to county property. Commissioner Cheek made a motion to use the SPLOST funds to fund the meter box. Commissioner Howell made the second and all voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of Minutes

A. June 4, 2018 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 4, 2018. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes with Commissioner Watkins making the second. Vote was taken and the motion passed.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to review the checklist of Accounts Payable payments for questions or comments. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the payments with the second coming from Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of approval.

B. Magistrate Car

County Manager Peacock asked for approval from the board to advertise for bids on the 2010 Dodge formerly used by the Magistrate Constable. Commissioner Niblett asked if the vehicle was surplus county property and the reply was yes. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to advertise for bids on the vehicle. Commissioner Watkins made the second and the motion passed.

C. Janice Bryan

Mrs. Bryan told the board that there is a situation where her neighbor has fourteen (14) dogs and they had recently attacked her grandson and his father. She showed pictures of the injuries from the dogs and said both she and her neighbor are outside the city limits of Chester. She said she had contacted Representative Jimmy Pruett and Phillip Cadwell of the local health department for help with the problem. She said the neighbor had been cited fourteen (14) times by the deputies and she was pleading for the board to do something to help. The county attorney asked her to give him her name and address after the meeting and he would follow up with the local deputies.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Howell stated the board had recently made changes to the employee health insurance coverage with Blue Cross Blue Shield with an approximate ten percent (10%) increase in premiums. He said the increase would have been twenty-two percent (22%) before the changes based on the losses incurred by the company last year. He said the broker had said that some companies will entice their Medicare-eligible employees with incentives to make Medicare their primary coverage with the incentive going toward a Medicare supplement plan. He then made a motion to pay seventy-five percent (75%) of the county portion of the health insurance premium to those employees who were eligible for Medicare and chose to enroll in a Medicare supplement instead of the county sponsored health insurance. Commissioner Niblett stated that this would be optional for the eligible employees and he seconded the motion. Commissioner Watkins said that it was the choice of the employee and Commissioner Cheek said that she had looked into the supplemental plans and the medical was good but there were some drawbacks to the drug plans. All voted in favor of the motion and it passed.

Public Comments

John Battle questioned the board about the contract for the courthouse grounds. The county manager said there was no contract and was paid per cutting on an as needed basis. He also said it was paid with general funds as a budget item.

Cindy Eckles of the Dodge County News questioned the board about whether or not Dodge County was involved in the opioid law suit. Chairman McCranie said that the county had been approached by several law firms but had determined the benefit to the county was questionable. He said it was a class action suit with the attorneys getting the majority and the board was still considering it. Commissioner Cheek commented that she did not think it was worth doing it and the county may not get enough to buy Narcan. Commissioner Watkins said the board had been approached by more than one attorney but he felt the benefit to the county was questionable.

Adjourn

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Watkins made the second and all voted in favor of adjournment.

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.

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.

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.

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

August 20, 2018

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Vice-Chairman & District 1 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: Terry L. Niblett, District 2 Commissioner

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 20, 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 Watkins prayed.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

There were no elected officials or department heads present.

Approval of Minutes

A. August 6, 2018 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 6, 2018. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Watkins made the second. All voted in favor of approval.

Old Business

Chairman McCranie asked the county attorney for an update on the road closing request. Attorney Harrington reported that he had spoken with both parties and asked them to modify their request and was under the impression they would be present for tonight's meeting. He asked the board to move forward with the agenda and revisit if the parties arrived.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to look over the listing of Accounts Payable payments for questions or comments. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve, Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve the payments.

B. Frank Erwin CPA – 2017 Audit Report

Erwin addressed the board to present the completed audit with a good clean opinion for this year. He said he would be glad to answer any questions and Commissioner Cheek referred to pages 54-55 and asked him to explain the Sheriff's Commissary Account. He answered it was a special revenue account maintained by the Sheriff and was separate from the general fund account. A motion to approve the audit was made by Commissioner Howell and the second came from Commissioner Cheek. All voted in the affirmative.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the board.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock informed the board that the past legislature passed HB751 and changed the E-911 revenue fund and required new resolutions from the board. He said there were no differences in land lines and cell phone collections but prepaid was increased to \$1.50. The county attorney commented that Wilcox County would also have to adopt the resolution since the E-911 was a joint agency for both counties. Peacock said that Wilcox County received the same information as Dodge County and he would follow up with the county manager. A motion to adopt the resolutions was made by Commissioner Howell and seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Chairman McCranie noted that no one had come in to address the road closing request. Commissioner Watkins moved to table the request, Commissioner Howell made the second and all voted in favor of the motion.

Adjourn

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

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 Check, 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 Check.

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 20th 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 6th 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.

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

September 17, 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, September 17, 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 add Item A: English Crossing Road closing under Old Business. Commissioner Watkins made the motion with the second coming from Commissioner Niblett. All voted yes and the agenda was amended. Next Chairman McCranie led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag followed by the devotional and prayer given by Commissioner Cheek.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Charles Williams of the Dodge County-Eastman Development Authority thanked those who attended the Eastman-Dodge County Chamber of Commerce welcome event last week and added that the chamber is planning the Music on Main event to be held downtown on October 20th and the Farmers Market will be joining them downtown that Saturday. Finally he invited the board to visit and critique the new chamber website at www.eastman-georgia.com.

Approval of Minutes

A. September 4, 2018 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the September 4, 2018, regular meeting. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Old Business

A. English Crossing/ Jay Bird Road Closing

Cecil Veal, spokesman for the community delivered a petition signed by forty (40) persons in the community stating they are opposed to changes of the road name and closing the road. He cited reasons such as the Dodge County school bus and local mail carriers have established routes on

the road and residents on the road do not want it closed. Jim O'Connor, who made the original request, presented a written request to the board and asked the chairman to read it. After his proposal was read, County Attorney John Harrington said that the road closing and road name change were two separate issues and the process for each was different. He said the closing of the road would require advertisement in the legal organ with the place certain for the road to be closed and a hearing would be held. He said there was no prescribed procedure for the road name change. Cecil Veal asked to address the name change issue and said that there were only two or three McMillans buried in the cemetery and felt the name change was not warranted. Rita Edge stated her objections to the name change because deeds, checks, and mail would all have to be changed. Jim O'Connor said the road closure, though a major inconvenience was a safety issue. Chairman McCranie thanked all for their comments.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to look over the list of Accounts Payable payments for any questions or comments. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the payments with Commissioner Howell making the second. All voted in the affirmative.

B. Jennifer LeCates – LRAD

Jennifer LeCates representing LRAD, Long Range Acoustic Device, told the board that her company was offering the mobile app Genesis at zero cost to Dodge County as a Beta project. She said they proposed to start with a group demonstration and the app would work with every agency in the area using pre-set lists and would be pass code specific. Commissioner Niblett asked if the system was already working in any counties and the response was not in the US. She asked the board to give consideration for a group assessment and Commissioner Watkins asked to have the contract reviewed by the county attorney.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Niblett informed the board that the Airport Authority needed a local match to purchase a FAA Localizer. The total match needed was \$55,300 and he asked for the county to furnish one-half of that amount or \$27,650.00. He said the City of Eastman would be asked to furnish the remainder. He made a motion to give \$27,650.00 to the Airport Authority with the condition that the City of Eastman also furnish that amount. Commissioner Cheek made the second, the vote was taken and the motion passed.

County Manager Report

The county manager had nothing to report and there were no questions for him.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Executive Session

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to go into executive session seconded by Commissioner Howell. All voted yes and the motion passed.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to end the executive session and return to the regular meeting. Commissioner Cheek made the second and all voted yes.

Chairman McCranie made a motion to advertise two consecutive weeks in the local paper to accept resumes for the position of county manager through September 28, 2018 at 12 noon. Commissioner Howell made the second and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Adjourn

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

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

October 1, 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 1, 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 Watkins prayed.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. Judge Mike Johnson – Drug Accountability Court
Judge Johnson was not present.

Approval of Minutes

A. September 17, 2018

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 17, 2018. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes with Commissioner Howell making the second. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to review the list of Accounts Payable payments for any questions or comments. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the payments with the second coming from Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of approval.

B. Golf Course Road

County Manager Peacock told the board that there were problems on Golf Course Road with asphalt deterioration. He said the road was patched in 2013 and soon after the holes started reappearing. He said he had asked an engineer used for the LMIG to inspect the road and he said the base was not what it should be. He said a second engineer from Preston Geotechnical Consultants concurred that the base was not holding up. He presented the board with two estimates to make the repairs at a sizable cost. Commissioner Cheek asked how deep is the base and Peacock replied that one proposal was to dig down twelve inches (12”) and the second proposal was to dig twenty-four inches (24”). Commissioner Watkins added that a road in his area had been done with little success and made a motion to table the matter for further information and consideration. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and all voted yes.

C. Ron Daniels – Opioid Litigation

Daniels told the board he appreciated the opportunity to speak again on the same matter he had presented a couple of months ago regarding the opioid law suit. He said that three counties and municipalities including Wilcox County had joined their group in the litigation and a bellwether trial was forthcoming. He said his firm was located at 620 Oak Street in Eastman and had three (3) law clerks that could minimize time and resources for the county by assisting with the twenty (20) page questionnaire and gathering information. He urged the board to make a decision on joining the law suit.

D. Transit 5311 Authorizing Resolution

County Manager Peacock told the board an Authorizing Resolution for the Transit 5311 grant application needed approval by the board. He said it must be approved to apply for the 2020 grant funds to operate the transit system. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve. Commissioner Watkins made the second and the motion passed.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the board.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock told the board he had received two (2) bids on the 2011 Dodge Charger advertised for sale. Chairman McCranie opened the two bids as follows:

- Davy Hulett \$102.97
- Ryan Goodermote \$1,000.00

Commissioner Howell made a motion to accept the high bid. Commissioners Cheek and Watkins seconded the motion and all voted in the affirmative.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Executive Session

Chairman McCranie asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters. Commissioner Niblett made the motion with Commissioner Howell making the second. All voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to end the executive session and return to the regular meeting. Commissioner Niblett made the second and all voted yes.

Chairman McCranie appointed Commissioners Howell and Watkins to form a search committee for the county manager position.

Adjourn

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

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.

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

November 5, 2018

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

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

Absent: Karen Cheek, District 4 Commissioner

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 5, 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. Chairman McCranie noted that Commissioner Cheek was absent due to having oral surgery and there would be no devotional. Commissioner Niblett prayed.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Sharon Cobb Flanagan – Dodge County Farmers Market

Ms. Flanagan gave handouts to the board of a summary of statistics for the local market and explained the EBT card/ tokens procedures. She said the market was submitting a financial support request for 2019.

Approval of Minutes

A. October 15, 2018 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions, corrections, to the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 15, 2018. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes with Commissioner Watkins making the second. The vote was unanimous to approve 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 listing of Accounts Payable payments for any questions or comments. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the payments and Commissioner Niblett made the second. All voted in favor of approval.

B. Wendell Lowery – Property Tax Matter

Mr. Lowery said he was referred to the board by the Tax Commissioner, Kay Graham. He said he missed paying some property tax bills that did not get picked up when he paid his taxes last year. He said he was subsequently charged a penalty totaling approximately one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Chairman McCranie asked how many parcels were involved and Lowery replied two to three (2-3). Commissioner Watkins asked if he received the tax bills in the mail and he said the tax bills went to his deceased mother's mailbox. He said the property is involved in a family dispute but he was trying to keep the property taxes current. Chairman McCranie asked if he could meet with Mr. Harrington about the specifics of the tax bills and come back in two weeks with the findings. Mr. Lowery agreed to meet with the county attorney at his office and the county attorney said he was not involved in the family dispute case and could meet with the Lowery's about the tax matter.

C. LMIG Project

County Manager Peacock said Dodge County had been awarded eight hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$830,000.00) for 2019 LMIG projects to resurface nine point five (9.5) miles of county roads. He asked the board to refer to the proposed list of roads to be resurfaced. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the list and Commissioner Niblett made the second. All voted to approve the LMIG project and the road list and a copy is attached to these minutes.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the board.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock told the board that all offices in and at the Courthouse would be closed Tuesday, November 6th for the general election except the Board of Commissioner's office. He further stated that during the recent hurricane that the Courthouse closed on Thursday and Friday with the Board of Commissioner's office being open on Friday after the storm. He also said that the Courthouse offices close one-half day before holidays. Commissioner Watkins said that Rhett Walker called him on Thursday night after the storm to say that the Courthouse offices would not be open on Friday due to employees not having electricity and asked who determines when offices are open and closed. Attorney Harrington said the offices are required to stay open eight (8) hours per day by state law. Commissioner Howell asked how to enforce the law and have all the offices on the same page. The county attorney said he would meet with the

Constitutional officers and report back to the board. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to close the Board of Commissioners office on Tuesday, November 6th. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The county manager asked the board to appoint Commissioner Brian Watkins and Commissioner Terry Niblett to the Budget Committee for 2019. Both agreed to serve and were appointed.

Public Comments

Sharon Cobb Flanagan reported for the Litter-Free Dodge committee that they would be putting up the roadside no littering signs and if there were any issues to please let her know.

Susan Coffee told the board that at present the early voting hours were 9a.m. to 12p.m. and 1p.m. to 5 p.m. being closed from 12 to 1 for lunch. She said her brother had driven from Macon to vote at 8:30a.m. and was told that voting did not start until 9a.m. She said that her employees could not vote on their lunch hour because the poll was closed. She said the early voting hours for the general public were not convenient or helpful.

Jack Jones told the board the Jim Young road had not been re-opened and he was asking again that it be opened. Chairman McCranie replied the EPD had not given permission to open it.

Executive Session

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to move into an executive session to discuss legal matters. Commissioner Howell made the second and all voted affirmative.

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to end the executive session and return to the regular meeting. Commissioner Watkins made the second and the motion passed.

Adjourn

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Howell made the second and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

November 19, 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, November 19, 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 followed by the devotional and prayer by Commissioner Cheek.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Travis Niblett – Dodge County Recreation Department

Travis Niblett of the Dodge County Recreation Department thanked the board for the opportunity to speak and gave an update announcing two local football teams are headed to state tournaments. He said during the week of Thanksgiving he was thankful for the community support for recreation and introduced Steve Card of the Georgia Recreation & Parks Association.

Card told the board that he had the unique responsibility to travel the state and he had learned the backbone of recreation was the volunteers. He said the volunteers display loyalty, passion and pride in where they live. He said he was in Eastman to award a local volunteer who was selfless, had a servant's heart, and after having a massive heart attack was back in two days to coach. He said he had volunteered for thirty plus years as a coach, assistant, grounds keeping, cleaning and maintenance. He said this volunteer was instrumental in starting the soccer program in Dodge County and had coached all stars, all levels, and all sports. He said Coach Shane Mangham was the 2018 GRPA Volunteer of the Year. Coach Shane Mangham was present to receive the award and pictures were taken by the local news media. Chairman McCranie congratulated Mangham on behalf of the board and thanked Card for coming to present the award.

Approval of Minutes

A. November 5, 2018 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 5, 2018. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the minutes with Commissioner Niblett making the second. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Old Business

A. Wendell Lowery – Property Tax Matter

County Attorney Harrington said he had met with Lowery and checked into the situation and there is no dispute that the bill went out but the taxes paid by Lowery were for property titled in his mother, Hazel Lowery's name who is deceased. He said the property with the penalty and interest due is titled in his father, Pershing Lowery's name who is also deceased. He said there will be a hearing in January or February to resolve family business concerning the property and he would suggest that the matter be tabled until after the hearing. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to table the matter with Commissioner Cheek making the second. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any questions from the board concerning the listing of Accounts Payable payments. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the payments. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the commissioners.

County Manager Report

The county manager had nothing to report and there were no questions for him.

Public Comments

Sharon Cobb Flanagan told the board that twenty-six (26) no littering signs had been put up throughout the county and the beautification project was still in process.

Reverend Lonnie Lewis asked the board for help with the Free Gift Church Road, a dirt road that he lives on in a house built in 2014. He asked that the road be paved but would appreciate any help for improvement. Commissioner Cheek asked how many people lived on the road and he answered not too many but the section near his home was the worst on the road.

Cindy Eckles asked about plans for offices to be closed on Wednesday through Friday for Thanksgiving holidays. Commissioner Niblett replied that holidays and office hours had already been set by the Board of Commissioners. She also gave an update on Tax Commissioner Kay Graham who is hospitalized in Macon.

Executive Session

Chairman McCranie asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal matters and land acquisition and explained that no vote could be held on anything discussed until the regular meeting resumed. Commissioner Niblett made the motion and Commissioner Watkins made the second. All voted in the affirmative.

At the end of the executive session Commissioner Watkins made a motion to return to the regular meeting. Commissioner Niblett made the second and all voted yes.

Adjourn

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Watkins made the second and the motion passed.

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

December 3, 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, December 3, 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 followed by the devotional and prayer by Commissioner Cheek.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. County Attorney John Harrington

County Attorney Harrington reported that he had secured documentation from Tax Commissioner Kay Graham appointing Jackie Smith as Deputy Tax Commissioner while she is absent. He said it was a matter of convenience enabling the office to receive tax collections and disburse them.

Cindy Eckles informed the board that she had spoken with Durwood Graham before the meeting and he said that Kay had walked on her own during the day with plans being made for her to be moved to Fairview Park Hospital in Dublin for physical therapy within forty-eight (48) hours.

B. Charles Williams – Dodge County Eastman Development Authority

Williams introduced George Smith to the board and said he would be working with the local Development Authority. He said Smith approached him seeking to find things to do in the community. Smith told the board he was excited about the opportunity and had a passion for our city and county and wanted to work to make things happen.

Approval of Minutes

A. November 19, 2018 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 19, 2018. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioners Howell and Watkins. All voted in favor of approval.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked for any questions or comments concerning the check listing of Accounts Payable payments. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the payments with the second to his motion coming from Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to approve the payments.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the board.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock reported the Milan Volunteer Fire Department had received a 2018 AFG grant in the amount of \$106,885.00 and was required to provide a five percent (5%) match in the amount of \$5,089.00. He said there were SPLOST funds available to them to grant the request. Commissioner Howell made a motion to grant the request with Commissioners Cheek and Niblett making the second. Commissioners Howell, Niblett and Cheek voted in the affirmative with Commissioner Watkins abstaining from the vote. The motion passed.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Niblett made the second and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

December 17, 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, December 17, 2018, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex. Chairman McCranie had called the county manager to say he was running late and Vice-Chairman Howell called the meeting to order and welcomed the Recreation Department Ten and Under football team along with their coaches and parents to the meeting. He led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Commissioner Cheek gave the devotional and prayer.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. Recreation Department – The vice-chairman read a proclamation in recognition of the 10 & Under state champion football team. Coach Jessie Mincey read the names of the players and the coaching staff was also recognized. Local media took pictures of the team with the board members.

B. Jeff Creech – EMS Director

Creech told the board that the Georgia Trauma Commission had awarded a grant to the local EMS to purchase a CPR mechanical device to deliver consistent CPR to patients while in transport on the ambulance. He said he could order the device at the 2018 price of \$7,500.00 if the county would agree to pay the difference of \$3,057.72. Commissioner Cheek made a motion to grant the request with Commissioner Watkins making the second. All voted to approve the request.

Approval of Minutes

A. December 3, 2018 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 3, 2018. Commissioner Watkins made the second and vote was taken and the motion passed.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Vice-Chairman Howell asked the board to take a minute to review the check listing of Accounts Payable payments for questions or comments. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the payments with the second coming from Commissioner Cheek. Vote was taken and motion carried.

B. Crossroad Fire Department Request

County Manager Peacock presented a request from Crossroad Fire Department for \$1,812.00 to purchase six (6) jet style fire fighting helmets. He said the fire department had SPLOST funds available for the request. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to grant the request with the second coming from Commissioner Watkins. All voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.

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

Sharon Cobb Flanagan questioned the process for scheduling the 2019 budget hearing and called meeting to approve the budget. The county attorney said the public hearing had been advertised in the local newspaper for Thursday, December 20th at 2:00 p.m. along with the proposed budget. It was determined that the called meeting to approve the 2019 budget would be held December 31st at 2:00 p.m. and notice of the meeting would be advertised in the next edition of the local newspaper.

Chairman McCranie who had joined the meeting asked the board for a decision on the New Year holiday for county employees. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to grant the holiday to employees and Commissioner Cheek made the second. All voted yes and the motion passed. Chairman McCranie said the remainder of the 2019 holiday schedule would be addressed at the first meeting in January.

Adjourn

Commissioner Cheek made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Niblett made the second. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

Called Meeting

December 31, 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
Spencer Barron, County Manager
Bobby Peacock, Interim County Manager
Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a special called meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31, 2018. Chairman Dan McCranie called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Commissioner Cheek prayed.

Business

A. Approve and Adopt 2019 Budget

Chairman McCranie stated the purpose for the called meeting was to approve the 2019 budget and that was the only business to be discussed. Commissioner Cheek made a motion to add \$1,500.00 to the budget for the Dodge County Farmers Market for 2019. The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the 2019 budget as presented seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted yes to approve the budget.

Adjourn

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Howell made the second and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.