

**Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Dodge County Board of Commissioners**

**March 10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Present:**

Conner Bearden, County Manager  
Sharon Cobb Flanagan, District 1 Commissioner  
Brian Watkins, District 3 Commissioner  
Tom Cranford, Magistrate Judge  
Allen Mills, Code Enforcement  
John Harrington, County Attorney

**Also Present:**

Spence Barron, City of Eastman Manager  
Wade Hall, Stuckey Timberland  
Ken Eason, Stuckey Timberland

The Dodge County Ordinance Committee held a scheduled meeting at the Dodge County Pearl Bates Courthouse Annex at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, 2021. County Manager Bearden called the meeting to order.

**Timber:**

County Manager Bearden presented the ACCG model Timber Ordinance draft for discussion. This would raise the surety bond needed to \$5000.00 and the noncompliance fine to \$1500.00. Currently they are \$1500.00 and \$500.00 respectively. County Attorney requested to add "*by parcel number or land lot*" as identifiers to the notifications. This is to be done by County Manager Bearden. County Attorney Harrington will review against state laws, in order to be presented for vote on 3/15/2021 by the Board of Commissioners.

**Litter:**

The unanimous decision was made to proceed with sending these violations to magistrate court. Judge Cranford asked for time to review the ordinance and detail and will present his recommendations for updates at the next meeting.

**Animal Control:**

The committee reviewed the previously presented ordinance for nuisance animal provided by County Attorney Harrington. County Clerk Parkerson found in previous minute books where the ordinance was ratified. County Manager Bearden provided an example ordinance from Bleckley County. The decision was made for County Manager Bearden to combine the two animal ordinances in Dodge County and

present at the next meeting. City of Eastman Manager Barron suggested that the City of Eastman is willing to work for a permanent solution to this problem.

**Roads:**

The speed limit ordinance for state routes was deemed unnecessary based on research by County Manager Bearden. The decision was made to strike this ordinance.

County Manager Bearden brought forward the previously discussed ordinance for road abandonment, road acceptance. The decision was made to draft this and to include a subsection for road closure, driveway notification and underground utilities.

**Recreation:**

Ordinance referencing no alcohol and times was not found in the 2019 minute book. County Attorney Harrington was asked to produce a copy at the next meeting. The Recreation Department does have no alcohol allowed in the rental agreements as stated by County Manager Bearden.

**Building Permit:**

No change recommended

**Flood Prevention:**

No change recommended

**Soil and Erosion:**

No change recommended

**Biomedical Waste:**

No change recommended

**Beer and Wine:**

The decision was made to combine this ordinance with the Brown Bagging to have a consistent time of sale as currently they do not. The time recommended by the committee is 12am-10am. Two amendments followed and were deemed to be struck from the record. The license procedure is to be modified in the following:

Step 4- Application to be delivered to Commissioners Office

Step 5-Board consisting of county manager, sheriff, and probate judge will meet and rule on issuance of license.

Step 6- County Manager will sign license if approved.

License fees will be updated in conjunction with the City of Eastman. City Manager Barron will update the committee.

**Underground Utilities:**

County Manager Bearden presented the committee with an example of White County's ordinance. The committee was also given the reasoning for such as road maintenance is disturbing these utilities. The decision was made for Manager Bearden to contact White County to request information related to enforcement of such.

**Special Tax District:**

County Manager Bearden presented an example of Bleckley County's ordinance for consideration of funding a Dodge County Fire Department.

County Manager Bearden will advise and publish the next meeting.

**Adjourn**