

## **Minutes**

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

**January 5, 2015**

**Present:** Dan McCranie, Chairman  
William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman, District 1 Commissioner  
Terry 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, January 5, 2015, 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**

Chairman McCranie said he was glad Commissioner Cheek was back after having some health issues.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

##### **A. December 15, 2014 Regular Meeting**

Chairman McCranie called for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the December 15, 2014 regular meeting presented to the board in printed form. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of the motion to approve.

##### **B. December 31, 2014 Called meeting with budget hearing**

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the December 31, 2014 budget hearing and called meeting for budget approval. These minutes were also presented in printed form to the board.

#### **Old Business**

##### **A. Library Board Roofing Request**

Commissioner Watkins said he had talked with Representative Jimmy Pruett about the roofing funds and he was searching for state money to help with the repairs. Commissioner Watkins

made a motion to let bids for a pitched metal roof for the library building used by the Department of Labor. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and all voted in favor of the motion.

### **New Business**

#### **A. Approval of Accounts Payable**

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any questions concerning the Accounts Payable check list. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the check list seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The vote was unanimous for approval.

#### **B.1 Appoint Vice-Chairman**

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to nominate William Howell, Jr. for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close nominations seconded by Commissioner Niblett. Commissioner Howell was appointed by acclamation.

#### **B.2 Appoint County Attorney**

Commissioner Watkins nominated John Harrington for County Attorney. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close nominations seconded by Commissioner Howell. Attorney Harrington was appointed by acclamation and he thanked the board.

#### **B.3 Appoint County Clerk**

Commissioner Howell nominated Gail Rogers seconded by Commissioner Niblett. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to close nominations seconded by Commissioner Howell. All voted in favor of the nomination.

#### **C. 2015 Holiday Schedule**

Chairman McCranie asked the board members for any discussion or changes to the proposed holidays for 2015. Commissioner Cheek asked if the next meeting date would change since it was on the MLK holiday. The response was that it could be changed once the holidays were approved. Commissioner Cheek asked if Veteran's Day was observed by the county last year. The reply was that it was added as a legal holiday for 2014. Commissioner Cheek made a motion to approve the proposed holiday schedule with the addition of Veteran's Day on November 11. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Howell and the holiday schedule was unanimously approved.

#### **D. Recreation Board Appointment**

Commissioner Niblett asked the chairman to read the letter received from Jeffrey Underwood. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to table the appointment and put on the agenda for the next meeting. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

### **Commissioner Reports**

Chairman McCranie said he would like for the coroner to come to the next meeting and discuss with the board unusually high number of cases sent to the state crime lab from Dodge County.

### **County Manager Report**

The county manager asked for permission to advertise for bids for the 2015 Operating Line of Credit in the amount of \$2,750,000. Commissioner Howell made a motion to seek bids for the line of credit seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of the motion.

### **Public Comments**

Brian Mullis Dodge County appointee to the Ocmulgee Water Trail Partnership gave the board an update on OWTP activity. He said that Jimmy Joines had been replaced as secretary by Mary Brooks of Bleckley County. He said he had taken pictures of the signs placed in Dodge County and the McCranie landing sign was misspelled. He said Dodge County had received six hundred (600) brochures publicizing the Ocmulgee River. He said two hundred (200) had been left at the Chamber of Commerce, another two hundred (200) left at the local library and five (5) given to the Board of Commissioners. He said the county would be receiving a bill around April 1<sup>st</sup> for the annual dues of \$200 due on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Chairman McCranie commented on the brochure and said it would be a great aid in publicizing the river.

### **Adjourn**

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

## **Called Meeting**

**January 5, 2015**

It was noted immediately following adjournment that the meeting date for the next meeting had not been officially changed from the Martin Luther King holiday. Since the local newspaper publisher was present and notified, Chairman McCranie called a special called meeting to order for the purpose of the date change. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to change the next meeting date to Tuesday, January 20, 2015, following the Martin Luther King holiday. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Niblett and all voted in favor of the change.

Commissioner Niblett then made a motion to adjourn the called meeting seconded by Commissioner Cheek. All voted in favor of the motion to adjourn.

