

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

February 1, 2016

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman and 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, February 1, 2016, 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 followed by prayer from Commissioner Niblett.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Raymond Mullis, City of Eastman Council Chairman, informed the board that the city council voted the past Thursday night to donate \$2,500 to fund the fireworks show for July 2016. He said last year's show was the biggest and best attended yet and the cost this year would be \$10,500. He asked that the county match the city in funding the fireworks with a \$2,500 donation. A motion was made by Commissioner Howell to pay \$2,500 toward the fireworks show with a second to his motion coming from Commissioner Cheek. The vote was unanimous to approve the motion. Mullis said he would continue to solicit donations from area businesses and organizations to complete the funding.

Charles Williams, representing the Eastman Dodge Chamber of Commerce presented two payments from Mondi totaling \$4,000. He also reported that Georgia Military College Board of Trustees voted on January 11, 2016 to move forward with securing a campus location in Eastman. He said the process had begun for agreements to be drawn between the city and county to be signed shortly. He also reported that the Airport Authority spec building had been rented for one (1) year and would add fifteen (15) jobs. He said he was still getting calls and questions concerning the XYZ Project and it seemed to be narrowed between Georgia and one other state. Chairman McCranie asked about the heat treat plant and Williams replied that all certifications were in place as of February 1st.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 19, 2016. Printed copies of the minutes were previously distributed to all board members for review. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of approval.

Old Business

A. Board of Health Appointment

Chairman McCranie informed the board that he had talked with Mike Grenade who was presently serving as a Board of Health member and advocate for the elderly and needy. He said Mike had agreed to serve again if reappointed and Mr. Davis of the District Health Department had confirmed his regular attendance at the meetings. Chairman McCranie made a motion to reappoint Mike Grenade to the Board of Health with Commissioner Niblett making the second. All voted in favor of the chairman's motion.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board to review their copy of the printed Accounts Payable checklist for any questions or comments concerning the payments for the Dodge County general fund and the TSPLOST fund. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve with the second made by Commissioner Howell. The vote was unanimous to approve the checklists.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Niblett reported that he along with Commissioner Howell and County Manager Peacock attended the ground breaking ceremony for the new Gresston Fire Department facility on Saturday, January 23rd. He said Alcoa had contributed to the facility costs and he wanted to thank them for all they do in our community.

County Manager Report

County Manager Peacock said he had nothing to report and there were no questions for him.

Public Comments

Charles Williams asked the board members if they knew what the up and down speeds were on their internet service. He said recent reports showed the local area to be woefully deficient and Mediacom and AT&T had been asked to see what improvements could be made. He also told the board how to check the speed on their home computers with a Google speed test.

Michael Graham of W P Lowery road addressed the board about the dog issue in their neighborhood. He reported he had to call the Dodge County Sheriff Department Saturday afternoon but the deputy explained there was no dog or animal ordinance in place and was

unable to help or do anything about the situation. The county attorney asked Graham to talk to him after the meeting and he would offer some suggestions on the matter.

Adjourn

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