

## **Minutes**

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

**July 20, 2015**

**Present:** Dan McCranie, Chairman  
William T. Howell, Vice-Chairman, District 1 Commissioner  
Terry 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, July 20, 2015, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex. Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and led in the pledge to the American flag. Commissioner Niblett led in prayer.

#### **Elected Officials/ Department Heads**

Chairman McCranie recognized Charles Williams, Interim President of the Eastman/ Dodge County Chamber of Commerce, who gave a brief update on the project to purchase the Mercer Annex. He reported that the Eastman City Council have voted unanimously at their last meeting to participate with the county and Development Authority to purchase the building. He said the attorney was working on a Memorandum of Understanding for all parties to approve. There were no questions from the board.

Mrs. Anne Bowen was recognized and thanked the board for what they were doing on behalf of the library.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

A. July 6, 2015 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 6, 2015, and presented to the board in printed form. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve as presented seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The board voted unanimously to approve.

## **Old Business**

### A. Hospital Board Appointments

Chairman McCranie made a motion to table appointments to the Dodge County Hospital board until the next meeting. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to table.

### B. HOG ARC Aging Advisory Committee Appointments

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any nominations for the two positions. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to reappoint both Calvin Yawn and Prentis Thomas to the board. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

### C. Family & Children Services Board Appointment

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to reappoint Robin Peacock based on the recommendation of the letter from the director. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Commissioner Howell then made a motion to close the nominations seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of the motion and Peacock was reappointed by acclamation.

## **New Business**

### A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked if there were any questions concerning the Accounts Payable check listing presented to the board in printed form. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Howell. The vote was unanimous to approve the listing.

### B. Boat Landing Name

Commissioner Niblett said he had spoken with Kevin Mullis and he had recommended “Ochise Bubbling Waters Landing” for the name of the boat landing. He further commented that Ochise was the Indian name for the Ocmulgee River. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and all voted in favor of the motion.

### C. John Battle

Mr. Battle was not present.

## **Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Niblett reported that progress was continuing on the roof project at the Department of Labor building owned by the library. He said they were not quite through with the roof and had some electrical work to complete as well. He thanked Representative Jimmy Pruett for his help with the project.

Chairman McCranie said he was pleased that the Development Authority was looking at other things for the Mercer Annex building.

### **County Manager Report**

County Manager Peacock told the board that Jim Young had closed one (1) mile of Hobbs Road with no conversation with the Board of Commissioners or the EPD. He said a new road was constructed by Young. He said there had been soil disturbance and when checked out does not comply with EPD requirements and there are wetlands involved. He had sent a letter to Jim Young but as the matter stands nothing has been done. He said EPD regulations state the drainage needs improving. County Attorney Harrington said that he had a conversation with Young about the road but has not heard from him since then. He said there were no houses on either end of the road and the matter was at an imprecise point and his recommendation to the county was do not touch the road. Commissioner Niblett said that local land owners told him they have objections to the new road with one owner stating his property would be land locked.

Commissioner Niblett asked if the mileage was to be set by August 1. Peacock said that the date had been extended to September 1 by a new law.

### **Public Comments**

Jimmy Joines of the Eastman Examiner asked if the boat ramp was open. Commissioner Watkins said it was not open yet and were waiting for the river to get low enough to check the whole landing.

### **Adjourn**

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