

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

August 4, 2014

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, August 4, 2014, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex.

Chairman Dan McCranie called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Commissioner Karen Cheek gave the devotional and prayed.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. Stanley Stephens

EMA Director Stanley Stephens introduced James Pope of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission who presented the new Hazard Mitigation Plan for Dodge County updated from the 2008 approved plan. He said the plans were reviewed and updated every five years and he had been working on the update since October 2012. He said he had received great participation from the cities and agencies involved with the plan and had looked at problems as well as weather data. He said the plan was in compliance with FEMA and grant eligible and asked for approval of the formal resolution. After review and questions Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the resolution and plan seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of approval.

Approval of Minutes

A. July 21, 2014 Regular meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 21, 2014 presented to the board in printed form. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of approval.

B. July 30, 2014 Called Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the called meeting held on July 30, 2014 also presented to the board in printed form. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Old Business

A. Housing Ordinance – Sexual Predator Monitoring

Chairman McCranie asked the county attorney to report on progress with the ordinance. Mr. Harrington informed the board that he had finished with his draft of the ordinance and had sent it to ACCG to be reviewed by their legal counsel. He said he felt there would be other counties with similar problems who might need and want to adopt a similar ordinance and their approval would make for a model that could be used state wide. He said he hoped to have something to present at the next meeting.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Chairman McCranie asked the board members to review the Accounts Payable check list and if there were any questions or comments. Chairman Howell made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of approval.

B. Mosquito Creek Properties

County Attorney Harrington informed the board that Ross Schell, legal representative for Mosquito Creek Properties, would come before the board at another time to ask for abatement of penalties and interest. He said an agreement had been reached between Tax Collector Rob Stanley and Mosquito Creek Properties LLC and asked Stanley to report on the agreement. Stanley told the board that the agreement was for one hundred percent (100%) of the total bill. He said the agreement was compliant with all policies of his office and interest would continue to accrue at one percent (1%) per month until paid. Commissioner Watkins asked what would happen if there was failure to pay as agreed and Stanley replied it would be advertised with a tax sale pending. With no further questions or comments, Stanley asked to be excused to prepare for the tax sale tomorrow that included thirty (30) parcels.

C. Recreation Board Appointment

County Manager Peacock informed the board that Keisha Jones' term expired December 31, 2013 and Recreation Director Travis Niblett had recommended Clifton Gooch to serve in the vacant position. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to nominate Clifton Gooch seconded by Commissioner Howell. Commissioner Howell made a motion to close the nominations seconded by Commissioner Watkins. Commissioners Howell, Watkins, and Cheek voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Niblett abstained from the vote and asked that the records reflect so.

D. City of Eastman Annexation

County Attorney Harrington said the annexation request was for the ten (10) acre parcel where the Aremac Heat Treating Plant would be constructed. Commissioner Watkins as a member of the Development Authority reported the annexation would allow for city water and sewage to service the new business. Harrington said the annexation would not change any taxable values for the county. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the annexation request seconded by Commissioner Howell. All voted in favor of the request.

Commissioner Reports

Chairman McCranie reported that the Vietnam Moving Wall war memorial would be at the VA Medical Center in Dublin from August 14 through August 17.

County Manager Report

The county manager had nothing to report.

Public Comments

Kathy Walker, a Dodge County resident said it was the first meeting she had attended and she had found it very interesting.

Adjourn

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.