

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

October 5, 2015

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman, District 1 Commissioner
Terry Niblett, District 2 Commissioner
Karen Cheek, District 4 Commissioner

Also Present: John Harrington, County Attorney
Bobby Peacock, County Manager
Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

Absent: Brian Watkins, District 3 Commissioner

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 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 prayed.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

A. Henry Whitfield – Middle Georgia State University

Henry Whitfield thanked the board for their support of the Air Show held at the Eastman campus on September 12th. He recognized Adam Holloway, Chair of the Flight Department, who passed out commemorative posters to the board members. He informed the board that most of the sponsorship dollars came from outside of Dodge County and were mostly vendors with the MGSU Foundation as the primary sponsor. He said that heavy rains prevented some performances and that estimated attendance was one thousand to fifteen hundred (1000 – 1500) with approximately one hundred volunteers mostly from the university. He announced that next year's show was scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 2016 commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the airport and the twentieth anniversary of the aviation school.

Charles Williams of the Eastman-Dodge Chamber of Commerce was recognized but had nothing to report at this time.

Approval of Minutes

A. September 21, 2015 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie called for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 21, 2015 presented to the board in printed form. A motion

was made by Commissioner Howell to approve seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Old Business

A. Department of Public Health

The county attorney asked that the matter be tabled to allow him to talk with Phillip Cadwell. Chairman McCranie made the motion to table seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

While the board members reviewed the printed Accounts Payable Checklist for the General Fund and the TSPLOST payments, Chairman McCranie asked for any questions or comments. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Niblett. The vote was unanimous to approve the payments.

B. Defined Benefit Plan Resolution

County Manager Peacock explained that the resolution stated the IRS required all retirement plans to be amended and restated and gave the chairman authority to sign all documents including power of attorney. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Howell. All voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Reports

There were no reports from the commissioners.

County Manager Report

The county manager stated he had nothing to report and there were no questions for him.

Public Comments

Edward Cole of 78 WP Lowery Road told the board that there was speeding on his road and there was a stated speed limit of fifteen (15) miles per hour. He asked that speed bumps be installed as the road was used to access Fred Bohannon Road and Lennie Lane. He said the speeding endangered children playing outside.

Edward Robert Cole, Sr. of 81 WP Lowery Road said that he had petitioned the Sheriff Department to help with the situation as the road is a go between to the Soperton Road. He said drivers using the road had no regard for the speed limit and was told the Sheriff Department does not have the manpower to patrol the road. Commissioner Niblett asked if he had spoke with the sheriff and he said four (4) times a deputy was sent out to check. He said the road is narrow with several rental houses with children in addition to his grandchildren who live on the road.

Kenneth Williamson commented on the speeding on the road by his home where there had been several wrecks with two fatalities.

Henry Whitfield of Middle Georgia State University announced there were Town Hall Meetings coming up soon on all five (5) campuses of the school with the Eastman campus meeting to be held on Thursday, November 5, 2015 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Aviation school in the City of Eastman room.

Charles Williams of the Eastman-Dodge Chamber of Commerce thanked County Manager Peacock for his help with clean up for the Mondi visit ten (10) days ago.

Commissioner Cheek asked about possible portable radar with cameras to monitor the speeding situation on WP Lowery Road and asked that cost to rent or lease be looked at.

Adjourn

With no further business to be addressed Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted in favor of adjournment.