

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

November 17, 2014

Present: Dan McCranie, Chairman
William T. Howell, Jr., 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, November 17, 2014, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex.

Chairman McCranie called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include an Executive Session for personnel and legal matters. Commissioner Howell made the motion seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted to approve the addition.

Chairman McCranie then led in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag and prayed.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

EMA Director Stanley Stephens asked for the board's approval in a written letter for a grant for upgrades to Dodge County's Emergency Disaster Program. He said the grant was submitted and approved pending the letter of approval from the board. Commissioner Howell made a motion for approval of the grant and sending the letter seconded by Commissioner Niblett. Commissioners Howell, Niblett and Watkins voted to approve the request.

Approval of Minutes

A. November 4, 2014 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes of the November 4, 2014 regular meeting presented to the board in printed form. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Howell. All voted in favor of the motion.

Old Business

A. City of Eastman

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to work with the City of Eastman to haul furniture picked up in the city to the landfill station in exchange for utilities at the National Guard Armory building. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, the vote was taken and the motion passed.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the accounts payable checklist seconded by Commissioner Howell. All voted in favor of the motion.

B. Cindy Collins-Air Evac Lifeteam

Ms. Collins explained to the board members that Air Evac Lifeteam was a medical helicopter based in Dublin used for transport to a higher level of care at the closest Level One facility. She wanted to offer membership to Dodge County employees at a reduced rate of \$55 annually with a payroll deduction and if fifty plus employees signed up the rate to enroll would drop to \$50. The county manager asked if she could offer to the employees without payroll deduction and the reply was yes. The county attorney said the contract stated membership starts after the final payment. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to allow Ms. Collins to have an open enrollment period for Air Evac Lifeteam to be worked out with the county manager and to allow employees to enroll but with no payroll deduction and all fees would have to be paid by the employees at the time of enrollment. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and the motion passed.

C. EMS

The county manager stated EMS Director Rickie Coleman had requested funds to purchase a twelve lead heart monitor and had acquired two bids for the monitor. The bids were for \$10,995 from Integris Equipment and \$11,250 from DRE. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to purchase the monitor at the low bid and use funds from the 2008 SPLOST. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to purchase the monitor.

D. Registrar

The county manager also presented a request from the registrar to purchase the Easy Vote Enterprise program at a cost of \$3,749 which includes installation, training and maintenance. The registrar said the purchase would reduce one poll worker during elections. The county manager said he had talked with elections officials in Bleckley and Laurens counties and they recommended the program. Commissioner Howell commented that the registrar had informed him she had money in her budget this year for the purchase and made a motion to purchase the program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Watkins and passed when voted on.

E. Holidays

County Manager Peacock asked the board to consider a revision of the 2014 holiday schedule. The schedule currently calls for employees to receive Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as holidays. With Christmas falling on Thursday this year and minimal activity expected on Friday he asked that employees work until noon on Christmas Eve and have Christmas Day and the day after Christmas as holidays. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the request seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of the motion.

Cindy Eckles of the Dodge County News asked if the courthouse offices would be open all day on Wednesday, November 26th with early voting scheduled for that day. Commissioner Niblett said that day was not a recognized holiday and all offices should be open.

Commissioner Reports

Chairman McCranie asked that Commissioners Niblett and Watkins serve on the budget committee, they agreed and were appointed.

County Manager Report

The county manager had nothing to report.

Public Comments

Wendell Oxley expressed appreciation for work done on the Oxley Garrett and the Bill Mullis Roads and asked that improvements continue and also consideration for the road to be paved.

Susan Coffee commented on early voting.

Kenneth Williamson asked if full time and part time employees would be offered the Air Evac Lifeteam enrollment and the answer was all employees could participate since it was self pay.

Cindy Eckles asked for an update on the boat landing and County Manager Peacock replied it was almost complete.

Executive Session

Commissioner Howell made a motion to move into Executive Session. Commissioner Niblett seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to return to the regular meeting at the conclusion of the Executive Session. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and all voted in favor of the motion.

Adjourn

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Niblett. All voted to adjourn.