

Minutes

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

December 1, 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: Bobby Peacock, County Manager
Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

Absent: John Harrington, County Attorney

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 1, 2014, 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 Commissioner Watkins led in prayer.

Elected Officials/ Department Heads

Mrs. Anne Bowen representing the Library Board made a request for funds to roof the building owned by the Library Board and currently occupied by the Department of Labor. She said the agreement brokered prior to her term as director allowed the Department of Labor to use the building rent free and since July 1, 2012 the state has paid for no maintenance on the building except the HVAC system. She said the expenses for maintenance on the building and grounds has drained the library funds and the library cannot afford to repair the roof. She said she had two bids for the new roof as follows:

- \$25,000 to add a pitched roof to the building comparable to Eastman City Hall
- \$15,000 to replace the existing flat roof

She had also been told that if the existing flat roof is replaced that the same problems with leaking will occur within three to five years of replacement. Mrs. Bowen said she had applied for numerous grants but did not qualify because the library is no longer housed in this building. Commissioner Cheek asked if the agreement could be renegotiated or if the building could be sold. Commissioner Niblett asked who the contractor was that bid on the repairs and the reply

was Rand Moore. Commissioner Watkins asked that the request be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Next Travis Niblett of the Recreation Department informed the board members that the annual Turkey Bowl was held November 22 through November 24 at the local complex. He said there were five hundred (500) participants with two thousand (2000) spectators in attendance. He said the incident that occurred was regrettable but proper safety protocol and procedures were followed. He invited everyone to visit and come see what going on at the recreation department.

Approval of Minutes

A. November 17, 2014 Regular Meeting

Chairman McCranie asked for any additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 17, 2014 presented to the board in printed form.

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

Old Business

There was no old business brought before the board.

New Business

A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable check listing as presented. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion and all voted in favor of approval.

B. Dodge County Transit Title VI Plan

County Manager Peacock presented the Dodge County Transit Title VI Plan to the board for approval. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the plan seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of the motion and the plan was approved.

C. Heart of Georgia Regional Commission Appointment

County Manager Peacock said he had received a letter from Brett Manning of the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission asking for an appointment for 2015 to fill one seat currently held by Peacock. Peacock said he would continue to serve at the pleasure of the board if they desired. Commissioner Howell made a motion to reappoint Peacock to the board seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted in favor of the motion.

D. LMIG

County Manager Peacock presented a list of roads to be resurfaced using the 2015 LMIG funds. He stated the county would receive \$606,000 that required a ten percent (10%) match from Dodge County of \$60,600. Commissioner Niblett made a motion to approve the list of road projects. Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Niblett reported that he and Commissioner Watkins of the budget committee had met with the county manager and would be working with department heads finalizing the 2015 budget.

County Manager Report

The county manager informed the board of a request from Danny Brown, Mrs. Mollie Sue Parkerson's son-in-law, for a letter from Dodge County stating no objection to a solar farm in the county. Commissioner Watkins asked if the farm was to be located on private property and the reply was yes. Commissioner Watkins asked if transmission lines would be required and the county manager said there was no zoning in the county. Commissioner Watkins said the county needed to be certain it would not interfere with anything already in place.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

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

Signed:

Nancy Gail Rogers, County Clerk

Approved:

Dan McCranie, Chairman
Board of Commissioners