

## **Minutes**

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

**December 3, 2012**

**Present:** Dan McCranie, Chairman  
William T. Howell, Jr., Vice-Chairman, Comm. Dist. 1  
Terry Niblett, Comm. Dist. 2  
Brian Watkins, Comm. Dist. 3  
Karen Cheek, Comm. Dist. 4

**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, December 3, 2012, in Suite 101 of the Dodge County Courthouse Annex.

Chairman Dan McCranie called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the pledge to the American flag. Commissioner Karen Cheek opened the meeting with prayer.

#### **Elected Officials & Department Heads:**

None noted as present.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Commissioner William Howell to approve the minutes as presented of the regular meeting held on November 19, 2012. Commissioner Terry Niblett seconded the motion, vote was unanimous and minutes were approved.

#### **Old Business:**

##### A. ODTF Policy Approvals

County Attorney John Harrington informed the commissioners that a change made to the Limited English Proficiency policy with the adoption of the policy by the commissioners at the November 19, 2012 regular meeting was not acceptable to meet the criteria required for federal grants. He presented the commissioners with an updated version of the policy that would meet the requirements. After discussion of the changes Commissioner Terry Niblett made a motion to approve the policy as presented. Commissioner Brian Watkins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the policy was approved.

## B. LMIG

County Manager Bobby Peacock informed the board members he would be attending a meeting with the other counties to talk about costs involved with the LMIG. He had asked the County Road Superintendent to compile a list of the neediest roads in the county. The total mileage of the list submitted was approximately 7.70 miles. The LMIG grant would be approximately \$545,000 with a required ten percent (10%) or match by the county. The cost for road paving is approximately \$100,000 per mile and to pave the entire 7.70 miles would cost approximately \$770,000. Commissioner Brian Watkins made a motion to approve all 7.70 miles of the list with the additional funding of the overage after the LMIG grant and the county match coming from the T-SPLOST discretionary funds. Commissioner Karen Cheek seconded the motion and all voted in favor of the motion.

### **New Business:**

#### A. Approval of Accounts Payable

Commissioner Brian Watkins asked about check 11447 to Southern Linc for \$89.55 and was told it was a cost recovery charge for E-911. Commissioner Howell remarked the cost was for the third quarter and not per month. Commissioner Terry Niblett asked about check 11414 to Advanced Environmental Management for \$6,510.00. County Manager Peacock replied it was for required monitoring of the landfill for the second half of the year and that amount was payable twice annually. Commissioner Karen Cheek asked about check 11448 to Tractor & Equipment Company and if that amount was for parts. The county manager replied that the parts were required to make repairs to a tractor with a bush cutter at the road department that was not in use and convert it to a mower tractor to replace the one that burned. Commissioner William Howell made a motion to approve the account payable list. Commissioner Brian Watkins seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and motion was approved.

#### B. Registrar Office Bids

County Manager Bobby Peacock told the board members that he had submitted information furnished by Registrar Selma Grimes to the local papers for bids on computer equipment to improve the process of registering voters and communicating with the Secretary of State in Atlanta. Billy Edenfield of BFE Technologies, Inc. who had bid on the equipment addressed the board members on information he had received from the Secretary of State. He told the board he had installed the same equipment for several surrounding counties and knew what the state recommends for computers, scanners, and label printers. With the implementation deadline of December 31, 2012, it was decided there was not enough time to rebid the equipment with the new specifications. Commissioner Watkins asked if Commissioners Howell and Niblett would serve on a committee to analyze the bids and report to the board at a special called meeting. They agreed and the special called meeting was set for Friday, December 7, 2012 at 8 a.m. The bids received were as follows:

- BFE Technologies                      \$5,263.00
- Plenus Systems                         \$3,291.89
- Ricoh                                        \$6,303.00

C. EMS Bids

County Manager Bobby Peacock presented bids to improve the radios in the EMS ambulances. Bids were received from Sonic Systems of Norcross, Georgia for \$20,232 and RCE of Macon, Georgia for \$16,550. Both bids were for Kenwood equipment. It was decided more information was needed from Annette Huff, EMS Director, on upcoming changes concerning digital and analog radios and what will be compatible with the other emergency agencies in the county before making a decision on the radios. William Howell made a motion to table the matter until the next meeting. Terry Niblett seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

D. Recreation Department

County Manager Peacock presented bids to coat the floor of the Alcoa building at the Recreation Department. The low bid was for \$3,854 plus \$331 totaling \$4,185. Brian Watkins stated that this would come from their portion of the SPLOST. William Howell made a motion to accept the low bid. Terry Niblett seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and motion carried.

**County Manager Report:**

County Manager Peacock stated that he is presently serving on the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission as representative of the business community with his term expiring at the end of the year. He wanted to make the board aware of the upcoming appointment.

**Public Comments:**

Billy Steele stated that the commissioners were not legally locked into taking the lowest bid and it appeared BFE had gone the extra mile and was owned by an honorable person and could speak for the quality of his work.

Milton Johnson stated he was employed in IT with the state and supported BFE. He also commented on digital walkie talkie and repeater as an employee of the Eastman YDC.

Faye Jessup asked if the Recreation Department request for a well had been withdrawn. She also asked how many ambulances the Dodge County EMS owned. She said she knew of cases where Cochran was used to transport out of town because Dodge County was not available.

Chairman Dan McCranie stated he hoped the EMS could improve on the number of transports.

**Adjourn:**

Commissioner Brian Watkins made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Terry Niblett. Vote was unanimous and meeting was adjourned.