

**TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2012**

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD  
WITH CITIES OF DODGE COUNTY AND SEMMCHRA**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
COUNTY OF DODGE)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
MANTORVILLE, MN**

**2012-02 Special**

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a special meeting with the cities of Dodge County and Southeastern Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (SEMMCHRA) on May 9, 2012, in the Commissioner's Room at the Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 6:30 p.m. CDT. Meeting Convened

SEMMCHRA Executive Director Joseph Wheeler began his presentation at 6:35 p.m. CDT.

The Chair acknowledged those present and established that there was a quorum: Those Present

Members present: Jane Olive District #1  
Lyle Tjosaas District #2  
David Erickson District #3  
Don Gray District #4  
David Hanson District #5

Members absent:

None

Also present:

Jim Elmquist County Administrator  
Guy Kohlhofer County Engineer  
Cami Reber Mantorville City Clerk  
Bill Ketchum Dodge Center Mayor  
Lee Mattson Dodge Center City Administrator  
Doug Klevos Private Citizen - West Concord  
Ginny Busch Claremont Mayor  
Joseph Wheeler SEMMCHRA Executive Director  
Karen DuCharme SEMMCHRA Administrative Assistant  
Henry Blair City of Mantorville Council Member  
Chris Giesen CEDA  
Amy Van Raam Dodge Center  
David Subbert Hayfield

SEMMCHRA Executive Director Joe Wheeler presented a PowerPoint presentation to the audience which reviewed the overall services of SEMMCHRA. Mr. Wheeler referenced the member Counties as Goodhue, Wabasha, Dodge, and Winona and other counties who receive services would be Fillmore and Houston. He discussed services which include the statutory powers of an HRA: Public Housing, Section 8 Rental Assistance, Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS), Low to Moderate Income (LMI) Housing, Small Cities Development Program (SCDP) Rural Development, and FEMA Disaster Relief. Mr. Wheeler reviewed the statutory powers of the HRA and how funding can be provided, its overall powers, and purpose.

SEMMCHRA  
Presentation

Mr. Wheeler presented what has been provided for Dodge County which includes: vouchers for housing (29 vouchers in Dodge County with a waiting list of 30), public housing (3 units), Low to Moderate Income Housing (Hayfield), and a number of services for Dodge County Cities relative to HRA projects. Mr. Wheeler also discussed how the agency sponsored a housing study in Dodge County triggering eligible grants in the area benefitting the county.

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Commissioner Olive asked about how many families were impacted by services and how much money was invested. Mr. Wheeler stated he would have to get the information to her at a later date

Mr. Subbert from Hayfield stated that the city has been satisfied with SEMMCHRA's services and without the staff to take on those duties that SEMCCHRA now provides, it would be difficult for the city to perform these tasks. Ginny Busch from Claremont agreed with the statement and stated that without someone to provide this, individual cities in Dodge County would be negatively impacted.

A question was asked as to what SEMMCHRA was looking for as to a contribution from the County. The overall levy for 2012 was approximately \$60,000 but the county did not agree to participate. The cost overruns relative to Section 8 vouchers that SEMCCHRA is asking for reimbursement for was \$2,037. Mr. Wheeler stated the amount they are requesting from Dodge County at this time is \$2,037.

Other questions included the representation makeup of the SEMMCHRA Board, what occurred with Dodge and SEMMCHRA over the last 20 years, costs of administration at SEMMCHRA, Dodge County's failure to provide for HRA programs, the FSS Program, how vouchers are being held by SEMMCHRA for Dodge and SEMMCHRA's refusal to allocate those if Dodge were to elect not to pay the \$2,037 for administration of those vouchers, and how HUD has no future vouchers.

There was consensus that another meeting would take place to discuss HRA functions further in Dodge County and SEMMCHRA would not be asked to attend as its now understandable the services the agency provides.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m. CDT.

Meeting Adjourned

**ATTEST:**

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DON GRAY  
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

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JIM ELMQUIST  
CLERK

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DATED: