

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013**

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
DODGE COUNTY)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
MANTORVILLE, MN**

**2013-08 C.O.W.**

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole April 23, 2013, in the Commissioner's Room at the Dodge County Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 9:00 a.m. CDT. Chair Lyle Tjosaas opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. CDT.

Meeting Convened

The Chair acknowledged those present:

Those Present

Members present: John Allen District #1  
Lyle Tjosaas District #2  
Rodney Peterson District #3  
David Erickson District #4  
Steven Gray District #5

Members absent: None

Also present: Jim Elmquist County Administrator  
Becky Lubahn Deputy County Clerk  
Peggy Espey Public Health  
Ruth Greenslade Health Educator

Public Health Director Peggy Espey and Health Educator Ruth Greenslade provided the Board with an update on county health rankings and a tobacco update.

County Health  
Rankings  
Information Shared/  
Tobacco Update

Ms. Espey reported that the county health rankings have been released again this year and her office has had an opportunity to review the data presented. Public Health is very proud to be ranked 4th out of 87 Minnesota counties in Health Outcomes and 40th out of the 87 Minnesota counties in Health Factors. Public Health has recently released these results to the community through the local media.

It was pointed out that Dodge County's Health Outcomes has never been this high.

Health Educator, Ruth Greenslade updated the Board on the most recent efforts toward addressing tobacco issues.

Ms. Espey and Ms. Greenslade identified the county's health ranking strengths, areas of concern and Public Health's efforts to address these areas.

It was reported that additional detailed information about county health rankings can be found on the following web page: [www.countyhealthrankings.org](http://www.countyhealthrankings.org).

The Health Educator briefly discussed smoke-free housing.

The Board thanked Ms. Espey and Ms. Greenslade for the update.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m. CDT.

Meeting Adjourned

**ATTEST:**

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**LYLE TJOSAAS**  
**CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD**

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**BECKY LUBAHN**  
**DEPUTY CLERK**

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**DATED:**