

**TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2013**

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
DODGE COUNTY)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
MANTORVILLE, MN**

**2013-09 C.O.W.**

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole May 14, 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  
Clint Patterson Dodge County SELCO Representative

Dodge County Southeastern Libraries Cooperating (SELCO) Representative Clint Patterson provided the Board with a SELCO update.

SELCO Update

Mr. Patterson informed the Board that he was appointed by the Dodge County Board of Commissioners back in 2010 to represent Dodge County on the SELCO Board. Since then he has been active in attending the SELCO Board meetings and their committee meetings. In addition to serving on their complete Board, Mr. Patterson is on their Legacy Grant Committee, their Hospitality Committee and their Nominating Committee. Mr. Patterson reported that he continues to learn more about the work of SELCO and finds their work interesting and important.

Clint Patterson stated that he has had a lifelong involvement with libraries. Since moving to Dodge County in 2001, he has been the Secretary and served two terms as President of the Friends of the Kasson Public Library. Since completing his second term as Friends President in Kasson, he has branched out to get acquainted with the libraries in Dodge Center and West Concord. Mr. Patterson is currently helping with the Friends of the Dodge Center Library.

Mr. Patterson noted that the work of SELCO includes helping their member libraries with funding, distribution of books, tapes, videos, etc., plus developing the electronic age of library work. The work of libraries remains the distribution of information. The sharing of books, audio tapes, periodicals and newspapers, plus movies on VCR and DVD is ongoing. The new age of library work includes computers that can be used by the citizens for online communication plus electronic books. SELCO helps local libraries which in turn helps the citizens find information. SELCO also provides guest speakers to visit the libraries on a wide variety of programs.

Clint Patterson noted that this is just a sample of the work of SELCO.

SELCO Update -  
Continued

Mr. Patterson stated that it has been an honor to represent Dodge County for this first three year term. His term is up the end of June 2013 and he is interested in serving a second term if the Board is willing to appoint him for a second term.

Clint Patterson informed the Board that the SELCO Nominating Committee has asked him to serve on the Executive Committee beginning in July. Mr. Patterson is willing to serve on the Executive Committee if the county reappoints him. Also noted was that Mr. Patterson feels it's an honor to be asked to serve on this committee.

Mr. Patterson commented that SELCO is such a big operation that it takes time to learn about it and get involved; so a second term would make use of his experience and personal connections.

Commissioner Erickson stated that Hayfield and Claremont are not part of SELCO. Mr. Erickson noted that it was the City of Hayfield's choice not to be a member of SELCO. Also noted was that the residents of Hayfield have access to the Hayfield School District's library.

Mr. Patterson reported that citizens from Hayfield and Claremont can go to any of the other surrounding libraries to check items out.

Brief discussion took place regarding whether or not school libraries are tied to other libraries or SELCO. Mr. Patterson reported that they are starting to merge some of these libraries.

Commissioner Erickson wanted to know if there was a way that SELCO could work with the Hayfield to service them better. Mr. Erickson reported that the SELCO Bookmobile was heavily used by the residents of Hayfield until SELCO decided to drop that service.

Mr. Patterson stated that he will check into what services are available to these towns.

Commissioner Gray wanted to know if the Rochester Library is part of SELCO.

Mr. Patterson reported that Rochester's Library is big enough that they are a private library; however, they are a member library.

It was noted that the City of Mantorville also does not have its own library and that Mr. Patterson should look at what services SELCO could provide to the cities of Claremont, Hayfield and Mantorville.

County Administrator Jim Elmquist informed the Board that the reappointment of Clint Patterson as the county's SELCO representative would be addressed at the next County Board meeting under the consent agenda items.

The Board thanked Mr. Patterson for the update.

County Administrator Jim Elmquist and Taxpayer Services Director Rose Culbertson provided the Board with a first quarter financial report.

First Quarter  
Financials Update

Mr. Elmquist reported that the report indicates a trend towards annual expectations. Items of note for the Board’s review included:

Expenditures:

Fund 37 (bottom of page) - The debt payments indicate 88% of the budget encumbered. Principal and six-months interest were paid in January. Another six-month interest payment will come later in the year and will be within the budgeted amount.

Fund 105 – The final payment for the 4th quarter of last year’s Surveyor and GIS services were paid in 2013 to Goodhue County.

Revenue:

149- The county has not received a tax settlement from the state which will come in July.

The Board thanked Mr. Elmquist and Ms. Culbertson for the update.

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

Meeting Adjourned

**ATTEST:**

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DAVID ERICKSON  
VICE CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

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BECKY LUBAHN  
DEPUTY CLERK

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DATED: