

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL SESSION HELD**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
DODGE COUNTY)**

**FAIRVIEW CARE CENTER
DODGE CENTER, MN**

2014-01 Special

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in special session March 18, 2014, at the Fairview Care Center, Dodge Center, MN, at 9:24 a.m. CDT. Rodney Peterson, Chair called the County Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 9:24 a.m. CDT.

Meeting Convened

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

Those Present

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

Members absent: None

Also present: Jim Elmquist County Administrator

Motion by Erickson seconded by Tjosaas to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion adopted unanimously.

Agenda Approved

County Administrator Jim Elmquist discussed with the Board a proposed Community Corrections study.

Joint Study for CCA
Formation with
Steele County and
Waseca County
Approved

Mr. Elmquist explained that Dodge County had been contacted by Waseca and Steele Counties to pursue the possible future formation of a Community Corrections Agency (CCA), a probationary services model. The County Administrator pointed out that Dodge County has been a long-standing member in DFO (Dodge-Fillmore-Olmsted), a current CCA organization. A CCA is a local control probationary organization where its functions are directed by a joint powers agreement as stipulated by the participating local county boards. Alternatively, there are two other models for a county to consider which are Department of Corrections (DOC) agencies - both are considered state-run systems.

A few years ago, commissioners asked the Administrator to investigate other opportunities for probationary services as Dodge's financial obligation in DFO increased by more than 100%. Because a CCA has to include a total population of more than 30,000 people or be collaborative with organizations contiguous with a county's boundaries, Dodge had only a few opportunities with other agencies: Goodhue, Mower, Rice and Steele. With Goodhue and Mower being DOC agencies with no interest in moving towards a CCA, those organizations could not be considered. The Administrator had contacted Steele who was also a DOC agency but at the time, could not explore the opportunity but they have since indicated interest in pursuing the possibility. Rice had no interest in expanding at the time and has not shown interest going forward.

With Steele and Waseca currently DOC organizations and Dodge County being a CCA, one step that would need to take place in pursuing this effort would be to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of collaboration factoring in the organizational steps for the two DOC agencies to move to a CCA, state subsidy considerations, and for Dodge to investigate the financial and service feasibility to move to another organization.

Joint Study for CCA Formation with Steele County and Waseca County Approved - Continued

David Unmacht, who was the facilitator for Dodge’s 2011 strategic plan, was recommended by an AMC representative for this study due to the fact that he served as County Administrator for Scott County and has a significant background in this area. Mr. Unmacht drafted a proposal for Dodge, Steele, and Waseca’s consideration which included a total cost of \$18,000. The cost would be split between the three counties interested in the study.

Mr. Elmquist reported that a decision to move ahead with the formation of a CCA would need to take place by June 30, 2014, thus this study would need to be completed prior to that date.

Commissioners Erickson offered some historical information regarding Dodge’s history with the formation of the original CCA and what transpired in years past.

Commissioner Gray stated that Olmsted is aware of this study as well.

Motion by Allen seconded by Erickson to move forward with a joint study for CCA formation with Steele and Waseca Counties. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

Motion by Erickson seconded by Tjosaas to close the meeting at 9:52 a.m. CDT to develop an offer for the potential sale of the Dodge County Ice Arena. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

Meeting Closed to the Public

Motion by Erickson seconded by Gray to open the meeting to the public at 10:46 a.m. CDT. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

Meeting Opened to the Public

The Board stated it was not ready to make an offer at this time and would be need to contact the City of Kasson for more information as to future capital projects the arena will need to undergo over the next five or more years.

Motion by Gray seconded by Tjosaas to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. CDT. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:

DAVID ERICKSON
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

JIM ELMQUIST
CLERK

DATED: