

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2014

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
DODGE COUNTY)**

**FAIRVIEW CARE CENTER
DODGE CENTER, MN**

2014-02 Special

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in special session April 15, 2014, at the Fairview Care Center, Dodge Center, MN, at 9:30 a.m. CDT. Rodney Peterson, Chair called the County Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 9:30 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. Agenda Approved
Motion adopted unanimously.

The Board was advised that in order to move into a closed session, they would be obligated to consider offering a proposal to sell the ice arena to the City of Kasson since Kasson did not counteroffer Dodge County's original proposition. The opportunity to close the meeting was afforded to the Board if they wanted to consider such an action; however, if not, the meeting would need to stay open. Ice Arena Discussion

The County Board elected not to move into a closed session.

A question was posed to County Attorney, Paul Kiltinen as to if state statute says that all buildings on the fairgrounds are to be made available to the Agricultural Society during the county fair, shouldn't the arena be obligated to close during that time?

Mr. Kiltinen said that while stated in statute he believes it is suitably vague and either position could potentially be argued successfully as to interpretation.

Several of the Commissioners had received calls from Hockey Association parents asking to not impact the facility as to its future use as an ice arena. The Board discussed options going forward and stated that it will continue with the agreement but will still work towards having it available for the Agricultural Society during the Fair. The Board felt it could adequately be worked through by the committee meetings both the City of Kasson and Dodge County agreed to hold throughout the year. It was understood the agreement between the City of Kasson and Dodge County automatically renews if not determined otherwise by the end of August of each year. The Board will discuss this issue again to determine the status of the agreement prior to that date.

The Board also believed it was imperative for someone to inspect the arena to determine overall maintenance and capital needs going into the future. The Board asked the Administrator to coordinate that effort.

Ice Arena
Discussion -
Continued

Motion by Tjosaas seconded by Gray to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 a.m. CDT.
Motion adopted unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:

RODNEY PETERSON
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

JIM ELMQUIST
CLERK

DATED: