

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2014

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
DODGE COUNTY)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
MANTORVILLE, MN**

2014-14 C.O.W.

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole July 22, 2014, in the Commissioner's Room at the Dodge County Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 9:00 a.m. CDT. Chair Rodney Peterson opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. CDT.

Meeting Convened

The Chair acknowledged those present:

Those Present

Members present:	John Allen	District #1
	Rodney Peterson	District #3
	David Erickson	District #4
	Steven Gray	District #5
Members absent:	Tim Tjosaas	District #2
Also present:	Jim Elmquist	County Administrator
	Guy Kohlnhofer	County Engineer

County Engineer Guy Kohlnhofer and Highway Accountant Jamie Finne presented the Dodge County Highway Department Annual Report. The report lists detail of assets, liabilities, and the status of its fund balance for 2013. The annual report also reflects the allocation of the Special Use Fuel Tax which was in total \$218,442.00 as of December 31, 2013.

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Commissioner Erickson asked if there was a need for a replacement of the Dodge County Highway Building in Hayfield. Mr. Erickson stated he hopes the department would look at the Hayfield Lumber Building in the City of Hayfield if this is a need.

The County Engineer noted that he would be amenable to looking at any alternatives at this point.

Mr. Kohlnhofer stated this annual report is presented each year and is sent to the state for review by its Auditors.

Commissioner Gray asked about bridge bonding and its status with the State of Minnesota.

Mr. Kohlnhofer reported that it is funded through the latest bonding but most of the money is earmarked to a few projects in the cities. The County Engineer noted that bridge bond funds are not easily available for local projects in Dodge at this time.

Commissioner Peterson asked what damage the county sustained from a road and bridge standpoint with the latest floods.

Mr. Kohlhofer state that on County Road 4 they lost a culvert and had a damaged culvert on County Road 16. The County Engineer reported that there were gravel losses and a significant undertaking of ditch cleanup.

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Commissioner Gray asked Mr. Kohlhofer to differentiate for newer Commissioners the definitions of a state road versus other local road designations.

Mr. Kohlhofer stated a State road is for travel from county to county, county roads are for travel through a county, and local roads are to feed individual properties.

The Board thanked Mr. Kohlhofer and Ms. Finne for their presentation.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m. CDT.

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:

RODNEY PETERSON
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

JIM ELMQUIST
CLERK

DATED: