

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2014

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
DODGE COUNTY)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
MANTORVILLE, MN**

2014-16 C.O.W.

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole August 26, 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
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
Becky Lubahn Deputy Clerk
Dean Schrandt Water Program Manager
Dale Setterholm Associate Director of MN
Geological Survey

Water Program Manager Dean Schrandt and Associate Director of MN Geological Survey Dale Setterholm met with the Board to discuss creating a Geologic Atlas for Dodge County.

Geologic Atlas for
Dodge County
Discussion

Mr. Schrandt reported that for many years the Environmental Services Department has been seeking the completion of a geologic atlas for Dodge County to improve the management of the county's natural resources and protect the drinking water aquifers. Such an atlas provides detailed maps of the hydrogeologic conditions present in our county, which are very useful for zoning, waste management, land use planning, facility siting, and water supply protection.

Mr. Setterholm informed the Board that the MN Geological Survey (MGS) has provided this service for many of Dodge County's neighboring counties in the past. It was noted that to successfully complete the atlas, MGS requires accurate locations of the drilled wells in the county, an activity that has been a consistent part of Environmental Services work for the past 20 years. Therefore, Mr. Setterholm felt there would be very little additional labor required of county staff. Also pointed out was that there is no financial obligation on the part of Dodge County to complete the atlas.

It was reported that the atlas is typically composed of a geologic portion, completed by MGS, and a hydrogeologic analysis conducted by the DNR. Mr. Setterholm informed the Board that it may take up to seven years to complete fully, though; work can begin almost immediately since Dodge County's well locations are already known.

Commissioner Gray wanted to know how the geologic atlas work will tie into the previous geologic work.

Geologic Atlas for
Dodge County
Discussion -
Continued

Mr. Setterholm reported that the geologic atlas information will enhance the previously collected geologic information.

The Board thanked Mr. Setterholm for the information.

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

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:

RODNEY PETERSON
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

BECKY LUBAHN
DEPUTY CLERK

DATED: