

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2016**

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
DODGE COUNTY)**

**FAIRVIEW CARE CENTER  
DODGE CENTER, MN**

**2016-06 Special**

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in special session December 20, 2016, at the Fairview Care Center, Dodge Center, MN at 10:14 a.m. CST. Chair Steve Gray called the County Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 10:14 a.m. CST.

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

Also present: Jim Elmquist County Administrator  
Duke Harbaugh Facilities and Fleet Manager

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

Agenda Approved

County Administrator Jim Elmquist met with the Board to discuss the 2017 budget.

2017 Draft Budget  
Discussion

The Board discussed the fleet aspects to the 2017 budget which included the Sheriff's vehicles within the budget and the Emergency Management vehicle. The cost was discussed along with what options would need to be considered if the vehicles would be taken out as the Emergency Manager's current vehicle is likely needing replacement. Mr. Harbaugh also discussed how he envisions a centralized fleet management move would look going forward, how the county would move forward with future vehicle replacement, how vehicle purchases would be handled, how repairs would be made, and how replacements would be addressed. It was the Board's opinion this was a movement the county needs to take in the near future. It was also stated that while there were concerns on whether or not certain departments were in need of 4-wheel drive vehicles or not, which are an added cost, with the budget being at 3.3%, the county can move forward with allowing the vehicles to remain in the budget.

Mr. Elmquist discussed with the Board 2017 elected officials salaries.

2017 Elected  
Officials Salaries  
Discussed

The Board agreed that a 3% increase to 2016 salaries was an appropriate amount for all elected officials.

The County Administrator reviewed with the Board the proposed 2017 fee schedule.

2017 Fee Schedule  
Reviewed

The Board had an opportunity to review the 2017 fee schedule and believe it is acceptable. One item they saw as an amendment was the Highway Fee (HWY 31) which they felt should be changed to read "Cost or otherwise Determined by the County Board". This will be communicated to the Highway Engineer and changed.

Motion by Peterson seconded by Tjosaas to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. CST. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

*Meeting Adjourned*

**ATTEST:**

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TIM TJOSAAS  
VICE CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

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JIM ELMQUIST  
CLERK

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DATED: