

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
DODGE COUNTY)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
MANTORVILLE, MN**

2009-02 C.O.W.

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole January 27, 2009, in the Commissioner's Room at the Dodge County Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 9:00 a.m. CDT. David Hanson opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. CDT.

Meeting Convened

The Chair acknowledged those present:

Those Present

Members present: Klaus Alberts District #1
Lyle Tjosaas District #2
David Erickson District #3
Don Gray District #4
David Hanson District #5

Members absent: None

Also present: David McKnight County Administrator

County Administrator David McKnight discussed 2009 budget/state budget shortfall issues with the Board.

2009 Budget/State
Budget Shortfall
Discussion

The following items were discussed:

1. Results of January 22nd Department Head meeting
2. Outside Agency Funding
3. Position Requests
4. Other

County Administrator David McKnight provided the Board with a department head meeting results update.

Department Head
Meeting Results
Update

Mr. McKnight informed the Board that he met with all of the department heads on Thursday, January 22, 2009 to discuss potential options on the state budget shortfall and its impact on the 2009 budget. In general it was a good discussion, with only one or two people having trouble understanding the scope of this problem and the fact that this is not just a one year issue.

The County Administrator reported that he offered the department heads some of the options that he previously discussed with the Board to help deal with this issue and also opened the floor to ideas. The following list represents the options that were discussed at the meeting last week:

1. Hiring Freeze
2. Overtime Freeze
3. Capital Outlay Freeze
4. Early Retirement
5. Voluntary Time Off
6. Agency Funding Freeze
7. Eliminate Extension
8. Determine the Four Seasons Arena Future
9. Fee Review
10. Raise Property Taxes in 2010
11. Consolidations (Departments, Counties)
12. Eliminate Cellular Telephones
13. Review all Contracts for Savings
14. Wage Freeze (Governor Recommended)
15. Analyze Fuel Costs
16. Government Fuel Card for Travel
17. Educate Unions on Our Situations

These were the ideas that came out of the discussion at the meeting. All of the ideas are up for discussion with the County Board. Mr. McKnight is starting to cost out some of these ideas to see the amount of savings that may be generated.

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

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:

DAVID HANSON
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

DAVID MCKNIGHT
CLERK

DATED: