

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009**

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
COUNTY OF DODGE)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
MANTORVILLE, MN**

**2009-05**

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in regular session February 24, 2009, in the Commissioner's Room at the Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 9:30 a.m. CST. David Hanson, Chair called the County Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. CST.

Meeting Convened

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair acknowledged those present and established that there was a quorum:

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:

Becky Lubahn

Deputy County Clerk

Motion by Erickson seconded by Tjosaas to approve and adopt the agenda as amended to include a request from the Dodge Center SnoSeekers Snowmobile Club under the Administration committee report. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

Agenda Approved

Sheriff Gary Thompson introduced Benton Bohle and Matthew Wohlenhaus who are two new on-call deputies in the Sheriff's Office. The Board welcomed the new deputies.

New Employee  
Introductions

County Attorney Paul Kiltinen arrived to the meeting.

County Attorney  
Arrived

John Kvasnicka was unable to meet with the Board to discuss the Wasioja seminary property, he had a schedule conflict.

Wasioja Seminary  
Clean-Up Project  
Approved

Commissioner Hanson presented information on Mr. Kvasnicka's behalf.

John Kvasnicka would like authorization for a group of volunteers to clean up the seminary property by removing a number of dead/dying trees that are located on the property.

In addition, Mr. Kvasnicka requested the additional funding of \$1,000 that the county started to provide to the Historical Society in 2008 for the work that was done to maintain this property.

An e-mail from Mr. Kvasnicka was shared with the Board.

Wasioja Seminary  
Clean-Up Project  
Approved -  
Continued

The e-mail states that the Wasioja Civil War Days Committee has formed their own non profit 501(c)3 status. The new organization will be called "The Friends of Wasioja." The application has been submitted and they should have all the necessary Federal ID numbers and letter of confirmation in about six weeks. The group is excited, as this new organization is an action committee rather than a policy and meeting committee.

Dale Morris, Scott French and Mr. Kvasnicka along with the Kasson/Mantorville Boy Scouts are organizing a clean-up/spruce up committee from The Friends of Wasioja to be responsible for the Wasioja Seminary grounds and upkeep. The Boy Scouts are going to take this project on as one of their Community Pride projects under the guidance of Mr. Kvasnicka. The plan is to schedule three separate work days to get this project done, one in late April or early May, one midsummer and the last in mid fall. The group is planning to take out all of the box elder, and dead/dying evergreens and the ones leaning on the Seminary. They would also like to plant native evergreens to replace the trees that are removed. Native evergreens were selected because this is the same type of tree that was originally planted at the Seminary.

Mr. Kvasnicka wanted to know if they need the County Commissioner's permission or if the Board can come and review their plan and give them the okay?

Since The Friends of Wasioja will be a non profit 501(c)3 organization Mr. Kvasnicka wanted to know if it was possible for them to get the \$1,000 from the County Commissioners instead of the Dodge County Historical Society, he truly believes the Dodge County Historical Society (DCHS) has not maintained good financial records or implemented a budget to track the \$1,000 dollars provided by the county to maintain the one and only county park (Wasioja Seminary). Currently the \$1,000 sent to DCHS is placed in the general budget and it is almost impossible to find where and how the monies were utilized. John Kvasnicka noted that he would guarantee that if The Friends of Wasioja could get the \$1,000 for the Seminary they would be specifically accountable and show physical records where they want to showcase the Seminary as the birth place of the 2nd Minnesota Volunteer Regiment, Company C.

The groups fund raising efforts will include the improvement of the Seminary if they can get the \$1,000 to help offset the cost of maintaining and improving the Seminary.

The plaque at the Seminary says there were 80 young men from the seminary and surrounding area that marched down to the recruiting station to enlist into the Union, which became the 2nd MN Volunteer Regiment, Company C, under Captain Peter Mantor and Colonel James George.

Mr. Kvasnicka would like to find out where the 80 young men come from. He has been to Camp Ripley trying to research the exact names of those first 80 young men to no avail. Mr. Kvasnicka does have a list of all young men from Dodge County that enlisted into the Civil War between 1861-1865, but cannot seem to find the exact names of the 80 men referred to on the plaque. Mr. Kvasnicka wondered how they could find the exact names that are quoted on the plaque, or if they could just refer to all of the Dodge County residents that served in the Civil War. If they are to do a memorial at the Seminary, he would be more inclined to honor all men that served from Dodge County on a memorial.

Wasioja Seminary  
Clean-Up Project  
Approved -  
Continued

Mr. Kvasnicka would like input on this subject from the County Commissioners since they need to start working on this memorial in order to have it completed by June of 2011 for the dedication.

The Board discussed financing and agreed that the financing should go through the Historical Society rather than The Friends of Wasioja.

Motion by Alberts seconded by Tjosaas to authorize The Friends of Wasioja to work with the Dodge County Historical Society for purposes of maintaining, cleaning and upkeep of the Wasioja Seminary grounds. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

It was the consensus of the Board that this item needed more discussion regarding funding and the County Administrator's input. The Board asked that this item be brought back for further discussion at the next meeting.

Commissioner David Erickson discussed with the Board Public Safety Interoperability Communications grant participation. This issue is related to the work Mr. Erickson and county staff members have been performing with the Regional Radio Board in southeast Minnesota.

Public Safety  
Interoperability  
Communications  
Grant Participation  
Approved by  
Resolution #2009-12

A draft resolution was presented for the Board's consideration which enters the county into an agreement with the State of Minnesota, the southeast Minnesota Regional Radio Board and Olmsted County for the administration of the 2007 HSENM public safety interoperability communications grant. As a part of this agreement the county is required to pay matching funds of \$10,804.44 to receive this grant. The County Administrator provided a copy of the Dodge County Sheriff's Office 2009 budget that shows that the county has budgeted \$10,805 for this purpose this year.

Motion by Erickson seconded by Gray to approve and authorize the Chair and Deputy Clerk to sign resolution #2009-12 authorizing participation in the public safety interoperability communications grant:

**WHEREAS**, Dodge County will enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota, SE MN Regional Radio Board, and Olmsted County, fiscal agent for the SEMN RRB for the 2007 HSEM Public Safety Interoperability Communications (PSIC) Grant, effective July 1, 2008 thru September 30, 2010, in which each county or city within the SE MN Regional Radio Board is required to pay matching funds of \$10,804.44 for equipment.

**WHEREAS**, no equipment can be purchased for a specific county or city of the SE MN Regional Radio Board until their match has been received by the fiscal agent, Olmsted County.

Public Safety  
Interoperability  
Communications  
Grant Participation  
Approved by  
Resolution #2009-12  
- Continued

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Dodge County enters into an Agreement with the State of Minnesota, SE MN Regional Radio Board, and Olmsted County, fiscal agent for the SE MN Regional Radio Board for the 2007 HSEM Public Safety Interoperability Communications Grant.  
*Resolution adopted unanimously.*

Human Services Director Jane Hardwick provided the Board with an update on the regional collaboration among Human Services agencies. Ms. Hardwick reminded the Board that the Governor has proposed that counties organize Human Services into a smaller number of regional agencies.

Regional  
Collaboration Among  
Human Services  
Agencies Update

The Minnesota Association of County Social Services Administrators (MACSSA) is working on a response to the Governor’s proposal that aligns with the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) redesign approach around governance, transparency, and flexibility. MACSSA focuses on a State-County Results Accountability Initiative (SCRAI) proposal that would establish pilot projects with individual counties or voluntary multi-county entities to administer human services under a charter that (1) defines respective authority, roles, and responsibilities of the state and participating county or counties; and (2) establishes performance and outcome requirements and holds counties and the state accountable for meeting them.

Ms. Hardwick reported that most Human Services Directors in Region 10 met last week to explore where there may be opportunities for further collaboration. These conversations build on the success of a large number of multi-county collaborations in health and human services in this region, most notably the adult mental health initiative, known as CREST. The directors committed to developing recommendations in areas where it makes sense from a client perspective, for administrative efficiency, increased service capacity, etc. Ms. Hardwick anticipates that she will have something of a draft, beginning framework to discuss further with the Board later in March. Clearly, as directors develop recommendations, the process needs to provide for extensive feedback and direction-setting from each county’s board, as well as input from other partners and stakeholders, including staff.

Commissioners commented that they were impressed with the way the Human Services offices were getting together and trying to work through this process.

Commissioner Hanson thanked the Human Services Director for the update.

Director of Emergency Management Matthew Maas shared with the Board an Emergency Operations Plan revision schedule.

Emergency  
Operations Plan  
Revision Schedule  
Approved

Mr. Maas informed the Board that he is in the process of updating Dodge County’s Emergency Operations Plan. The Director of Emergency Management proposed to the Board of Commissioners three different options for the revision schedule.

Mr. Maas noted that the three options outline the steps to be completed as well as the timeline.

- Option 1: Update existing plan and then write new plan
- Option 2: Write new plan
- Option 3: Update existing plan annually

Emergency  
Operations Plan  
Revision Schedule  
Approved -  
Continued

Motion by Erickson seconded by Alberts to approve and authorize the Director of Emergency Management to proceed with Option 1 and the timeline associated with that revision schedule to update the Emergency Operations Plan. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

Tax Services Director Rose Culbertson reviewed bills with the Board. Motion by Tjosaas seconded by Alberts to approve the bills as discussed in the following amounts from the appropriate funds as determined by Finance:

Bills Approved

01	Revenue Fund	\$ 61,633.90
11	Human Services Fund	\$ 185.27
13	Road and Bridge Fund	\$205,523.06
16	Environmental Quality Fund	\$ 11,778.91
32	County Capital Projects	<u>\$189,388.43</u>
	Total	\$468,509.57

*Motion adopted unanimously.*

Executive Assistant Becky Lubahn presented the Personnel Agenda for the Boards consideration. Motion by Gray seconded by Erickson to approve the following personnel actions:

Personnel Actions  
Approved

**A. Sheriff's Office**

- A.1 Benton Bohle - Deputy Sheriff – On-Call  
 Authorization to hire at C41 Hire step \$18.57 to fill approved vacancy.  
 Effective Date: 2/24/09
- A.2 Matthew Wohlenhaus - Deputy Sheriff – On-Call  
 Authorization to hire at C41 Hire step \$18.57 to fill approved vacancy.  
 Effective Date: 2/24/09

**B. Human Services**

- B.1 Brione Thompson – Social Worker  
 Step increase from C42 step 5 \$21.37 to C42 step 4 \$22.18.  
 Effective Date: 4/11/09

**C. Administration**

- C.1 Jean Allen – Account Technician  
 Step increase from B23 step 2 \$18.69 to B23 step 1 \$19.06.  
 Effective Date: 2/6/09
- C.2 Jacob Heibeler – Custodian/Maintenance  
 Resignation.  
 Effective Date: 2/27/09

**D. Public Health**

- D.1 Angela Emanuel – Family Support Worker  
 Authorization to hire at A13 step 7 \$12.10 to fill approved vacancy.  
 Effective Date: 3/3/09

*Motion adopted unanimously.*

Planning Director Duane Johnson met with the Board to discuss a proposed ARMER tower site in Wasioja Township.

ARMER Tower Site  
in Wasioja Township  
Discussed

Michael Hogan, Communications Planning Director for the Office of Electronic Communications of MnDOT explained the need for a tower on state owned property at the intersection of Highway 56 and 620<sup>th</sup> Street (old Highway 14).

It was noted that Mr. Hogan spoke at a Wasioja Township public informational meeting on December 8, 2008. Property owners within one mile of the proposed tower site received notice of this meeting. Wasioja Township Board members, one member of the public and Mr. Johnson were present to listen to the tower proposal and reason for exemptions to official local controls according to Minnesota Statutes 394.24.

MnDOT proposes to construct a 330-foot self-supporting communications tower at the MnDOT owned maintenance facility located at the junction of old Highway 14 and TH 56 approximately 1.5 miles NW of Dodge Center, MN. Once all approvals are received, the construction should begin during the spring/summer of 2009. The tower would be completed and operational by the fall of 2009. Once operational the tower will provide vital two-way radio communications to the Minnesota State Patrol, MnDOT and DNR. The tower is not only critical to the state agencies noted above, but could also serve as the main transmitter/receiver location for the Dodge County Sheriff's Department and other various public safety agencies that elect to participate on the ARMER system. The Dodge Center tower also serves as a link that interconnects other portions of the ARMER system to the towers located throughout Minnesota.

The tower will be a three-legged self-supporting tower (no guy wires). It will have a galvanized gray color finish. By Federal Aviation Administration rules, the tower will require an aircraft warning light system to be installed on the tower. The lighting system will consist of a medium intensity white strobe light at the top for day-time illumination, and a red flashing beacon at the top for night-time illumination. There are also three small red lights at the mid-point of the tower that are visible at night. At the base of the tower will be a 12'x30' equipment shelter. The shelter is made of concrete and is covered with a brown stone aggregate finish. The entire compound will be enclosed with a 7-foot high chain-link security fence.

Commissioners were informed that there would be a \$25 fee per month for power.

Discussion took place why the tower could not be located on the north side of the proposed property.

Mr. Hogan clarified that the north side of the property is used to store construction material and debris.

This item was presented for informational purposes only and did not require any Board action.

The Planning Director presented for the Board's consideration a final draft of the Wind Energy Conservation Systems (WECS) Ordinance. Also included in the information was an exhibit of a proposed decommissioning rate per mega watt. This cash deposit is proposed in the ordinance as non-refundable.

Wind Energy  
Conservation  
Systems Ordinance  
Final Draft  
Discussion

County Attorney Paul Kiltinen provided his input on the request.

The County Attorney in a letter to the County Board noted that earlier they received correspondence from him regarding wind tower zoning, a proposed copy of a Wind Tower Zoning Ordinance and a final proposed Wind Tower Zoning Ordinance. A review of the preliminary and final ordinance does not appear to reflect any significant changes other than to add additional definition on page three for a permittee. It also appears from a review of the statute and the Public Utilities Commission web site that this would be a sample format for a zoning ordinance.

Mr. Kiltinen believes that once again he needed to point out that Minnesota law has stated that local zoning has been preempted by the State, suggesting that they are interested in uniform siting and regulation for commercial wind to energy conversion systems. This means that anything over 25 megawatts is not subject to county zoning. The only issue that the county would have any jurisdiction would be regarding the construction of roads, or buildings on the respective sites. The county has the right to elect to retain jurisdiction for units of 5-25 megawatts farms. This would be done by establishing a zoning regulation which would be consistent with the requirements of the state and adopt a resolution reflecting that Dodge County is exercising its option to zone. In our case since the ordinance we are looking at is generally a product of the Public Utilities Commission, the County Attorney does not anticipate that the adoption of this would be problematic. The county retains primary jurisdiction of anything smaller than 5 megawatts.

The County Attorney commented that the general size of a wind farm to be commercially feasible, exceeds 25 megawatts and the statement from the individual with primary authority for wind farm licensing, has stated that they intend to be more aggressive during this construction boom than before. Reflecting that the companies will not be able to license individual units in different names to avoid or at least not be subject to state review. The projects proposed currently in Dodge County would exceed the 25 megawatt capacity and as such would be subject to state siting and licensing rather than the county. The state provides for the requirement of providing a decommissioning plan, but does not anticipate any escrow accounts or deposit of funds. Any ordinance that the county adopts for these uses would be governed by the requirement that they not be arbitrary and conform to a power that the Board has for ensuring the health safety and welfare of the people and property in Dodge County, establishing land use rule which help to do so as well.

Wind Energy  
Conservation  
Systems Ordinance  
Final Draft  
Discussion -  
Continued

Mr. Kiltinen noted that it is difficult to render a legal opinion with regard to the proposed Zoning Ordinance, as to some extent it is unclear where the legal recommendations end and policy concerns begin. The ordinance as written appears to reflect a reasoned approach to land use by persons creating towers and smaller wind farms, it reflects that the decisions for future siting should have requirements that appear not to be arbitrary, and if adopted by other counties, would be uniform. The decommissioning language however would provide the greatest likelihood for concern, as it is unclear how the number has been reached and does not appear to conform to the states decommissioning plan. It also poses some concern with regard to whether this is a tax (if we don't have licensing authority how else could we require a payment). Secondly what amount would any fund be worth at the end of 30 years? If you look at a \$4,000.00 payment held in an account bearing 2% after 30 years you would have \$7,200.00 and even if it were to earn interest at 4%, it would be \$12,900.00. To avoid a challenge it would appear that these funds would have to relate to the cost of removal, if the company chose or was unable to do so. It also would provide some question with regard to the counties diligence in investing these funds and their management.

The County Attorney commented that finally, however the question would be whether the county is interested in becoming the guarantor of decommissioning. Currently we do not create an escrow account for any hog confinement in the country, which uses substantial concrete, any other buildings or towers. If the county has a fund however it becomes more attractive to look to the county as the guarantor, so that if the company walks away from these units, or neglects them we become the responsible party. It would be the County Attorney's perception that the process of gaining control, and exercising any authority over the land would be a significant legal experience, and something he would not want to burden future occupants of the County Attorney's office with.

Discussion took place regarding language changes, decommissioning, the use of a County Inspector to conduct on-site inspections and property owner's responsibilities.

Commissioner Alberts stated that he is in favor of having decommissioning expenses assessed back to property owners.

It was the consensus of the Board that they were not ready to make a decision on the Wind Energy Conservation Systems Ordinance yet and that this item should be brought back at a later date with additional information.

Mr. Johnson informed the Board that they have the option of doing something beyond the states requirements or that they can elect to stay within the states requirements.

Commissioner Erickson acknowledged that the Planning Commission made a recommendation to the Board but he preferred to go with the states requirements. Mr. Erickson was also in favor of including language in the ordinance that lets the property owners know that they are responsible for decommissioning.

Existing towers and their decommissioning were discussed.

The Board was in agreement that they need to resolve the decommissioning issue and the inspection issue before the Wind Energy Conservation Systems Ordinance can be approved. The Planning Director was asked to bring this item back for discussion at the March 24, 2009 County Board meeting.

Wind Energy  
Conservation  
Systems Ordinance  
Final Draft  
Discussion -  
Continued

County Attorney Paul Kiltinen provided the Board with a legal update.

Legal Update

Commissioner Erickson provided a summary of the Human Services Committee report and action items.

Human Services  
Committee Report

Commissioner Tjosaas provided a summary of the Public Safety Committee report and action items.

Public Safety  
Committee Report

The Board reviewed the Sheriff's request to approve a GeoComm Maintenance Agreement.

GeoComm  
Maintenance  
Agreement Approved

It was noted that the cost for this service has increased \$50.00 per month for 2009. This is a necessary service and the Sheriff strongly recommends that we continue. The current contract expires at the end of February 2009. The agreement ensures that Dodge County has 24/7 support for our critical dispatch mapping software.

Motion by Tjosaas seconded by Erickson to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the GeoComm Maintenance Agreement as presented. The agreement is effective March 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

The Board discussed the Sheriff's request to accept a \$1,000 donation from the Dodge County United Way. The donation is targeted for the DARE Program in Dodge County Schools.

Dodge County United  
Way DARE Donation  
Approved by  
Resolution #2009-13

Motion by Tjosaas seconded by Erickson to approve and authorize the Chair and Deputy Clerk to sign resolution #2009-13 in support of the Sheriff's Office accepting a donation from the Dodge County United Way for the DARE Program:

**WHEREAS**, the Dodge County Sheriff's Office has received a donation from Dodge County United Way in the amount of \$1,000.00 in the form of cash ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dodge County Sheriff's Office wishes to accept this donation and utilize it for the purpose of continuing the DARE Program; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 465.03, the county shall by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members accept a grant or devise of real or personal property and maintain such property for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dodge County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the donation of \$1,000 from the Dodge County United Way for the purpose of continuing the DARE Program.  
*Resolution adopted unanimously.*

Dodge County United  
Way DARE Donation  
Approved by  
Resolution #2009-13  
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The Board reviewed the Sheriff's request to approve the purchase of an ATV under the DRN Safety Enforcement/Training grant.

Sheriff's Office ATV  
Purchase Approved

Last year the DNR awarded Dodge County an additional grant of \$4,200, bringing the total award to \$8,400 for this current fiscal year. The Sheriff's Office has two certified ATV Safety instructors, Dispatcher Joe Rau and Deputy Rich Allee. Both taught ATV safety in the past and have safety classes scheduled for this spring. The instructors are requesting that the Sheriff's Office be allowed to purchase an ATV with the grant monies.

In the past the Sheriff's Office has used a Honda ATV which they own and have borrowed a second ATV from either AI's Specialty or River Valley Sports for the classes. In addition to safety classes, the Sheriff's Office also anticipates using the ATV for enforcement activities similar to their snowmobile program.

Two ATV quotes were provided for the Board's review. The instructors prefer the 2009 400 Can Am from AI's Specialty.

Motion by Tjosaas seconded by Erickson to approve and authorize the Sheriff's Office to purchase a 2009 400 Can Am from AI's Specialty in the amount of \$5,366 plus tax and registration fees. Also included in the motion was authorization for the Sheriff's Office to purchase a winch for this vehicle at a price of approximately \$370 installed. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

Commissioner Gray provided a summary of the Public Works Committee report and action items.

Public Works  
Committee Report

The Board discussed the County Engineer's proposed resolution listing the routes and segments as they are to be posted for spring load restrictions. Restriction timing is recommended by MnDOT utilizing various methods to monitor thawing index and frost out. Three days advance notice will be given before road restrictions are placed on state roads.

2009 Load Limit  
Restrictions  
Approved by  
Resolution #2009-14

As Dodge County roads are not typically built to the standards of the average state road the Highway Department follows the initiation of load restrictions but then keep theirs on approximately two weeks longer in the spring.

The proposed resolution authorizes the County Engineer to set the timing of the load restrictions as necessary for the season.

It was noted that a section of road was added to the 10 ton route not listed last year. The Highway Department now has a complete loop through Dodge Center utilizing CSAH 7, CSAH 34 and CSAH 25 to serve the McNeilus Truck area. CSAH 9 from CSAH 34 to Wasioja was also increased to 9 tons per axle due to last year's resurfacing project.

Motion by Gray seconded by Alberts to approve and authorize the Chair and Deputy Clerk to sign resolution #2009-14 setting the 2009 load limit restrictions:

2009 Load Limit  
Restrictions  
Approved by  
Resolution #2009-14  
- Continued

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County Board of Commissioners of Dodge County, that due to deteriorations caused by snow, rain and the usual spring climatic conditions, county roads will be seriously damaged unless restrictions are placed on the vehicles operating thereon;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVE**, that no person shall operate any vehicle or combinations of vehicles upon any County State Aid Highway or County Aid Road over the posted weight limit per axles, as defined by Minnesota Statute, Section 169.87 and as amended by the 1981-82 legislature, and not to exceed six tons per axle based on gross weight formulas except on roads restricted by bridges of lesser posted weight and those roads specified as follows:

### **10 TONS PER AXLE**

- C.S.A.H. 1 described as follows:  
Beginning at the junction of T.H. No. 14 and C.S.A.H. No. 1, thence southerly along C.S.A.H. No. 1 to its junction with C.S.A.H. 3 (Front Street), thence easterly along C.S.A.H.3 (Front Street), to its junction with Claremont's East Street, as designated on the original plat, and there terminating.
- C.S.A.H. 7 from T.H. 14 to C.S.A.H. 34 (old T.H. 14)  
C.S.A.H. 13 from T.H. 14 to 3,450 feet Southeast  
C.S.A.H. 25 from T.H. 14 to C.S.A.H. 34 (Old T.H. 14)  
C.S.A.H. 34 from T.H. 56 to C.S.A.H. 25

### **9 TONS PER AXLE**

- C.S.A.H. 1 from T.H. 14 to C.S.A.H. 24  
C.S.A.H. 2 from the West County Line to C.S.A.H. 5  
C.S.A.H. 3 from T.H. 30 to T.H. 14  
C.S.A.H. 3 from East Street to 130th Ave  
C.S.A.H. 5 from C.S.A.H. 2 to T.H. 30  
C.S.A.H. 7 from C.S.A.H. 34 (Old T.H. 14) to the North County Line  
C.S.A.H. 9 from C.S.A.H. 34 to C.S.A.H. 22  
C.S.A.H. 11 from C.S.A.H. 16 to C.S.A.H. 22 West  
C.S.A.H. 12 from C.S.A.H. 21 to T.H. 57  
C.S.A.H. 13 from T.H. 30 to 3,450 feet Southeast of T.H. 14  
C.S.A.H. 15 from T.H. 30 to C.S.A.H. 34  
C.S.A.H. 16 from T.H. 56 to the East County Line  
C.S.A.H. 17 from C.S.A.H. 16 to C.S.A.H. 22  
C.S.A.H. 19 from 240th Ave to the East County Line  
C.S.A.H. 20 from C.S.A.H. 1 to T.H. 56  
C.S.A.H. 21 from C.S.A.H. 34 to C.S.A.H. 12  
C.S.A.H. 22 from C.S.A.H. 9 to T.H. 57  
C.S.A.H. 22 from C.S.A.H. 11 to the East County Line  
C.S.A.H. 24 from the West County Line to T.H. 56  
C.S.A.H. 34 from 900 feet west of C.S.A.H. 25 to the East County Line  
C.A.R. "N" (Industrial Park Blvd.) from T.H. 56 to C.A.R. "T"  
C.A.R. "L" from T.H. 30 to 1.5 miles North

**7 TONS PER AXLE**

C.S.A.H. 1	from the West County Line to C.S.A.H. 3 (Front Street in Claremont)
C.S.A.H. 4	from T.H. 56 to the East County Line
C.S.A.H. 5	from C.S.A.H. 24 to the North County Line
C.S.A.H. 5	from T.H. 30 to T.H. 14
C.S.A.H. 9	from the South County Line to C.S.A.H. 34 (Old T.H. 14)
C.S.A.H. 10	from C.S.A.H. 5 to T.H. 56
C.S.A.H. 11	from C.S.A.H. 22 West to the North County Line
C.S.A.H. 12	from C.S.A.H. 9 to C.S.A.H. 21
C.S.A.H. 15	from C.S.A.H. 34 to T.H. 57
C.S.A.H. 18	from C.S.A.H. 11 to the East County Line
C.S.A.H. 20	from the West County Line to C.S.A.H. 1
C.S.A.H. 22	from C.S.A.H. 24 to C.S.A.H. 9
C.S.A.H. 22	from T.H. 57 to C.S.A.H. 11
C.S.A.H. 24	from T.H. 56 to the East County Line
C.A.R. "G"	from the West County Line to C.S.A.H. 1

2009 Load Limit Restrictions  
Approved by Resolution #2009-14  
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Emergency vehicles of the public utilities used incidental to making repairs to its plant and equipment or fire apparatus vehicles shall be exempt from the provisions of this resolution.

The County Board authorizes the County Engineer to determine the effective date for road postings as he sees the need.

*Resolution adopted unanimously.*

Commissioner Hanson presented a summary of the Administration Committee report and action items.

Administration Committee Report

Motion by Tjosaas seconded by Gray to approve and authorize the February 10, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

02/10/09 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes Approved

Motion by Alberts seconded by Erickson to approve and authorize the February 10, 2009 meeting minutes as presented. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

02/10/09 Meeting Minutes Approved

Discussion took place regarding the appointment of members to the Southeast Minnesota Association of Regional Trails (SMART).

SMART Members Appointment for 2009  
Approved by Resolution #2009-15

Each year the county is asked to appoint members to SMART. In addition to this membership this year Dodge County is being asked to contribute a minimum of \$25 to belong to this organization.

In 2008 Dodge County appointed Dick Leonard and Terry Sell as our representatives to SMART and Duane Johnson as our alternate member. The County Administrator believes reappointment of these same members for 2009 would be a benefit to Dodge County.

Motion by Erickson seconded by Tjosaas to approve and authorize the Chair and Deputy Clerk to sign resolution #2009-15 appointing Dodge County representatives to SMART for 2009:

SMART Members  
Appointment for 2009  
Approved by  
Resolution #2009-15  
- Continued

**WHEREAS**, the Southeastern Minnesota Association of Regional Trails is seeking nominations for two voting members and one alternate member per county.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dodge County Board of Commissioners name the following individuals to represent Dodge County on the SMART Board:

Member One:	Dick Leonard
Member Two:	Terry Sell
Alternate:	Duane Johnson

Also included in the motion was authorization to contribute \$25 to belong to this organization. *Resolution adopted unanimously.*

The Board reviewed a request to accept a Drug Court donation.

Drug Court Donation  
Accepted by  
Resolution #2009-16

Motion by Alberts seconded by Tjosaas to approve and authorize the Chair and Deputy Clerk to sign resolution #2009-16 to accept a Drug Court donation:

**WHEREAS**, the Drug Court receives donations from time to time from individuals and/or organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Drug Court wishes to accept this donation and utilize it for the purpose graduation incentives; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 465.03, the county shall by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members accept a grant or devise of real or personal property and maintain such property for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dodge County Board of Commissioners hereby accept the following donations to be used for Drug Court program incentives:

1. **Hubble House** - Six \$25 gift certificates.

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, that county staff will express our appreciation for this generous donation on behalf of the Dodge County Board.  
*Resolution adopted unanimously.*

Commissioner Erickson reported that the Dodge Center SnoSeekers are applying for a grant through the DRN Capital Improvement Program. Trail Administrator Mitch Hallaway has talked to Sheriff Gary Thompson and Mr. Thompson has offered to write a letter of support for this grant request. It was noted that Senator Dave Senjem has also written a letter of support. The SnowSeekers are asking the DNR for help fund a new Tucker Terra groomer to groom their 78 miles of trails. The groomer lists for \$173,500. The Dodge Center SnoSeekers maintain 78 miles of trail in the county, in the fall they put the trail signs in, they groom the trails weekly (when weather allows), in the spring they take the trail signs out. All of this is done with volunteer help. The only person paid is the groomer operator. With the cost of a new groomer it is almost impossible to make the payments without some sort of funding help. The Dodge Center SnoSeekers would appreciate a letter of support from Dodge County.

Dodge Center  
SnoSeekers Grant  
Application Letter of  
Support Approved

Motion by Erickson seconded by Gray to approve and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign a letter of support for the Dodge Center SnoSeekers Capital Improvement Program grant. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

Commissioners provided their agency reports. Commissioner Hanson attended an EMS Joint Powers meeting, a Fairview Care Center meeting, a NIMS meeting, a Water County Plan meeting and a Land Use Policy meeting. Commissioner Alberts attended a Fairview Care Center meeting, a NIMS training, a work session and an awards banquet. Commissioner Gray attended a NIMS meeting, a Care Center meeting, a work session and an awards banquet. Commissioner Erickson attended an EDA/HRA meeting, a Fairview Care Center meeting, a continuation of the County Board meeting, a budget work session, an employee recognition program, a Regional Radio Board meeting, an MCIT work session on land use decisions, an SCHA Executive Committee meeting, a NIMS training session and a Dodge County Community Corrections Task Force meeting. Commissioner Tjosaas attended an EDA meeting, a Care Center meeting, an awards banquet, a work session and a NIMS session.

Agency Reports

Commissioner Alberts briefly shared with the Board concerns expressed by Jim Paulson regarding the recent gravel tax increase and asked that this item be put on the next meeting agenda for discussion.

Gravel Tax Concerns  
Voiced

Motion by Gray seconded by Alberts to adjourn the meeting at 11:49 a.m. CST. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

Meeting Adjourned

The next regular meeting of the Dodge County Board of Commissioners will be held on March 10, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. CST.

Next Regular  
Meeting

**ATTEST:**

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**DAVID HANSON**  
**CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD**

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**BECKY LUBAHN**  
**DEPUTY CLERK**

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**DATED:**