

**TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008**

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
DODGE COUNTY)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
MANTORVILLE, MN**

**2008-04 C.O.W.**

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole March 11, 2008, in the Commissioner's Room at the Dodge County Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 8:45 a.m. CDT. Klaus Alberts opened the meeting at 8:45 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  
Becky Lubahn Deputy Clerk  
Guy Kohlnhofer County Engineer

County Administrator David McKnight discussed with the Board options for the Hayfield Highway Department satellite shop.

Hayfield Highway  
Satellite Shop  
Options Discussion

It was noted that on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 the Board toured a number of sites in Hayfield as possible options for a satellite highway shop in the city. These sites included the current facility, the bus barn, the elevator and vacant land in the industrial park.

The County Administrator provided the Board with pictures of the areas that were looked at to help remind the Board of the properties that were toured. The following property values were provided for the sites that were toured:

- ✓ The bus barn property is valued at \$128,900 (\$47,600 land and \$81,300 building)
- ✓ The current highway shop has a value of \$46,900
- ✓ The elevator building has a value of \$22,300
- ✓ The industrial park property is valued at \$44,000 (west) and \$32,200 (east)

Mr. McKnight commented that this item is on the agenda today to provide the Board with an opportunity to discuss this issue and provide staff with direction on how they would like to proceed.

It was Commissioner Gray's opinion that of the options discussed they should prioritize them as follows:

1. Try to negotiate a purchase price for the bus barn.
2. Move the elevator building to a lot.
3. Improve the current building.
4. Update the current building.

Hayfield Highway  
Satellite Shop  
Options Discussion -  
Continued

If an agreement cannot be reached on the bus barn the Board would then look at the next option as listed above.

Commissioner Erickson clarified that the Highway Department is in need of a facility with three bays to house their equipment.

The Board discussed the Highway Departments need for a salt shed as well as the cost associated with building a new facility.

Commissioner Gray commented that he was not in favor of doing any work to the current satellite shop, he felt it was too old.

Commissioners discussed the size of the bus barn and noted that the Highway Department would only need about half of the building. The rest of the building could be used for cold storage. It was noted that there is a need for cold storage space for county offices.

Commissioners discussed the possibility of the township being interested in the current satellite shop.

Commissioner Gray wanted to know what needs to be done to the existing shop.

County Engineer Guy Kohlhofer reported that they need to replace the sill, replace polls, and they would like to see water and sewer installed at the facility if the city did any street work in this area. Mr. Kohlhofer stated that the cost for fixing what needs to be fixed at the current location would be between \$20,000-\$25,000.

It was the consensus of the group that Commissioners Erickson and Gray, the County Administrator and the County Engineer should talk to the bus barn owner and see if there is an interest in selling and the potential cost.

The County Engineer was also asked to determine the cost of upgrading the current facility.

The Board also noted that they should talk to the township and elevator to see if there is any interest in the current facility.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:24 a.m. CST.

Meeting Adjourned

**ATTEST:**

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**KLAUS ALBERTS**  
**CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD**

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

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**DATED:**