

**TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010**

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
DODGE COUNTY)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
MANTORVILLE, MN**

**2010-07 C.O.W.**

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole April 13, 2010, in the Commissioner's Room at the Dodge County Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 9:00 a.m. CST. Lyle Tjosaas opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. CST.

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:	Jim Elmquist	County Administrator
	Becky Lubahn	Deputy County Clerk
	Sue Alberts	County Recorder
	Jeff Mieras	IS Specialist

County Recorder Sue Alberts provided the Board with a parcel based mapping project update.

Parcel Based  
Mapping Project  
Update

Ms. Alberts reported that although the committee had initially decided to locate all of the government corners not already on record in the county, they have discovered that the process is becoming more involved.

The County Recorder informed the Board that two local surveyors provided the committee with quotes to locate the remaining government corners. One of the quotes came back at over \$300,000. The committee anticipated that the cost for locating government corners would be between \$100,000-\$150,000. Ms. Alberts commented that the proposals from surveyors Fangman and Massey are not manageable as far as the total cost of the project is concerned; therefore the committee would like to put out another request for proposals to several area surveyors. Ms. Alberts stated hopefully the results of this request will make the financial aspect more manageable.

Discussion took place on the process for locating government corners.

The County Recorder stated that the committee is in the process of drawing up another request for quotes and noted that they will be asking for quotes from several local surveyors who may be more familiar with the bidding process; therefore they may receive more competitive quotes.

Ms. Alberts commented that in an effort to control expenses associated with locating government corners, they are considering locating 100 government corners per year until all corners have been recorded.

Commissioner Erickson wanted to know if the county can continue with the parcel based mapping without locating all of the government corners.

The County Recorder indicated that they can continue with parcel based mapping without all of the corners being located.

Ms. Alberts informed the Board that she has been working with Roger Brand who has very specific standards for locating government corners and noted that he will be assisting them with writing the specifications for the next proposal request.

County Engineer Guy Kohlnhofer and IS Specialist Jeff Mieras were available to comment on the project.

The County Recorder informed the Board that the plan is to locate corners one township at a time until the project is complete.

Ms. Alberts also noted that the process of locating all of the government corners could take up to three years depending on the expense associated with locating the corners.

The County Recorder stated that it will be a big benefit to the Surveyors, Realtors and Highway Department to have all of the government corners located.

Ms. Alberts informed the Board that the committee is requesting authorization to go out for new quotes to locate the remainder of the missing government corners.

The County Recorder reported that she was hopeful that they would have the new quotes available for review towards the end of May. The survey companies will be asked to submit quotes for what it will cost per corner to locate a government corner. The committee will then decide how many government corners they can afford to locate each year.

The Board thanked Sue Alberts, Jeff Mieras and Guy Kohlnhofer for the information.

Friends of Wasioja Spokesman Tom Gall met with the Board to request authorization to place a monument on the Seminary property. The Friends of Wasioja would also like an in-kind contribution from the county which would allow the Highway Department to remove tree stumps at the Seminary property and prepare the area for placement of the new monument.

It was noted that Commissioner Hanson has discussed this request with the County Engineer and the County Administrator and has asked that Guy Kohlnhofer review the Wasioja Seminary land to determine if the work could be contributed in preparation for the Civil War re-enactment next year. The County Engineer has stated it would be fine to perform this work.

The proximity of the monument was discussed.

Commissioner Erickson wanted to know if there would be a problem with removing the remaining base from the old memorial and suggested that the Dodge County Historical Society be contacted to discuss plans to remove the old memorial base.

Tom Gall reported that the Friends of Wasioja would like to place the new memorial in what they believe was the officer's tree ring.

Mr. Gall reiterated that the group is requesting that the Highway Department be allowed to remove the tree stumps at the Seminary property.

County Engineer Guy Kohlnhofer reported that he and Maintenance Superintendent Dallas Ness have been out to the site and believe they could use a backhoe to remove the stumps.

Tom Gall informed the Board that the Friends of Wasioja group is doing fundraising for the monument and plan to unveil the memorial next year.

Commissioner Erickson asked for clarification on whether or not the memorial would represent all Dodge County soldiers and not just the Wasioja soldiers.

Mr. Gall stated that the memorial will represent all Dodge County soldiers.

The Board did not have any objects to the monument being placed on the Seminary property or the in-kind contribution of Highway Department equipment and staff time to remove stumps and prep the area for placement of the new monument.

The Chair thanked the Friends of Wasioja group for attending the meeting.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m. CST.

Meeting Adjourned

**ATTEST:**

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LYLE TJOSAAS  
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

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BECKY LUBAHN  
DEPUTY CLERK

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DATED: