

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2010

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
DODGE COUNTY)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
MANTORVILLE, MN**

2010-01 Work Session

The Dodge County Commissioners met in a Work Session April 20, 2010, in the Fairview Care Center conference room, Dodge Center, MN, at 10:25 a.m. CST. David Hanson opened the meeting at 10:25 a.m. CST.

Meeting Convened

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: Jim Elmquist County Administrator

The Commissioners had a general discussion regarding the 2011 budget with the County Administrator. The Board's overall concern was where state forecasts will be in upcoming years and mechanisms they will have for financing local government in the future.

2011 Budget
Discussion

Questions were raised as to how long-term cost savings can be achieved and what means the county will have to go forward for budgeting options.

The County Administrator stated that recent messages from the state indicated that the budget outlook for upcoming years are even more bleak than recent years so difficult budgeting decisions will need to be made.

Commissioners stated that ideas for the best cost saving measures will likely be found with each individual department head determining how their department can best absorb cuts but with the understanding that some cuts may be difficult.

Mr. Elmquist reported that capital improvement request forms have been distributed to department heads and another budget meeting will be scheduled in May.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m. CST.

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:

LYLE TJOSAAS
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

JIM ELMQUIST
CLERK

DATED: