

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
DODGE COUNTY)**

**FAIRVIEW CARE CENTER
DODGE CENTER, MN**

2009-01 Work Session

The Dodge County Commissioners met in a Work Session April 21, 2009, in the Conference Room at the Fairview Care Center, Dodge Center, MN, at 9:30 a.m. CDT. David Hanson opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. CDT.

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: David McKnight County Administrator

County Administrator David McKnight discussed with the Board the Sheriff vacancy.

Sheriff Vacancy
Discussion

The Board discussed the vacancy that will occur in the office of Sheriff with Gary Thompson's retirement effective June 30, 2009. The Board has the option of selecting someone to appoint or posting the position and reviewing applications. The consensus of the County Board was for the Chair, Vice Chair and County Administrator to negotiate with Chief Deputy Jim Trihey.

The County Administrator provided an update on a number of issues.

County
Administrator
Update

Commissioner Gray left the meeting at 10:10 a.m. CDT.

Commissioner
Gray Left Meeting

Environmental Quality Director Mark Gamm met with the Board to continue the discussion of departmental reorganization that was started at the last meeting. The proposed reorganization was discussed and a number of questions were asked by commissioners. The Board asked for additional information and to bring this issue back at the next meeting.

Environmental
Quality Department
Reorganization
Discussion

Human Services Director Jane Hardwick provided the Board with an update on departmental issues. Ms. Hardwick and Financial Assistance Supervisor Cathy Skogen presented their case on replacing a vacant Financial Worker position with a Financial Assistance Specialist. Staff showed comparisons of the cost between the two positions and their reasoning behind needing a more experienced person/position. The consensus of the Board was to move forward with the Financial Assistance Specialist position.

Human Services
Financial
Assistance
Replacement
Discussion

The Board left Fairview Care Center to tour the Dodge County Service Center facility.

Service Center
Facility Tour

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. CDT.

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:

DAVID HANSON
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

DAVID MCKNIGHT
CLERK

DATED: