

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2009

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
DODGE COUNTY)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
MANTORVILLE, MN**

2009-04 Work Session

The Dodge County Commissioners met in a Work Session June 2, 2009, in the Commissioner's Room at the Dodge County Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 9:00 a.m. CDT. David Hanson opened the meeting at 9:00 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 reviewed the status of the reductions to come from Governor Pawlenty's unallotment. The discussion that took place at the AMC District IX meeting was reviewed and the specific impact on Dodge County was reviewed.

Status of
Governor's
Reductions
Discussed

Human Services Director Jane Hardwick and Fiscal Officer Shelley Koen reviewed the draft Human Services budget. Ms. Hardwick reviewed some of the format changes to the 2010 budget and a number of decisions that will need to be made including:

Human Services
Budget Discussion

1. Should the county spend more on Human Services during an economic down-turn?
2. What Human Services fund balance the county is comfortable spending?
3. What is an appropriate use of the Human Services fund balance?

Commissioners asked a number of specific line item questions of Ms. Hardwick and Ms. Koen. The Human Services Director reviewed draft budget projections for 2011 and 2012. The Board thanked the Human Services staff for their work on the budget.

Drug Court Case Manager Eric Thompson presented the 2010 draft budget. Mr. Thompson spent his time explaining the grant application process that the state has applied for to get federal stimulus funding to fund and maintain drug courts. Commissioners asked a number of questions pertaining to grant funding, drug testing and program staffing levels. Once they receive information on potential grant funding, the Board will discuss this budget again.

Drug Court Budget
Discussion

The County Administrator reviewed the four main areas causing the largest increase in the 2010 tax levy:

Largest Increase in
2010 Tax Levy
Discussed

1. County Program Aid Reductions
2. Human Resource Increases
3. Reduced Fund Balance Spending
4. Increases in Cost to Olmsted Waste to Energy Facility (OWEF)

After lengthy discussion the Board instructed the County Administrator to adjust the Human Services fund balance spending to 2009 levels, leave the county program aid reduction in the 2010 budget at a 43% reduction, and ask the Environmental Quality Director to provide options to deal with the OWEF at the June 16, 2009 work session.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:50 p.m. CDT.

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:

DAVID HANSON
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

DAVID MCKNIGHT
CLERK

DATED: