

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2010

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
DODGE COUNTY)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
MANTORVILLE, MN**

2010-11 C.O.W.

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole June 8, 2010, in the Commissioner's Room at the Dodge County Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 9:00 a.m. CDT. Lyle Tjosaas opened the meeting at 9:02 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:	Jim Elmquist	County Administrator
	Becky Lubahn	Deputy County Clerk

Kasson Public Library Director Bonnie Adams provided the Board with a 2009 annual report.

Kasson Public
Library 2009
Annual Report

Kasson Public Library Chair Lori Hopkins and Secretary Earlene King were available to comment.

The following library facts were shared:

- 73,403 checkouts – up 9% from 2008
- 31,473 people came through their doors
- 24,659 items in their collection
- 9,887 items requested from other libraries
- 4,291 registered borrowers
- 3,239 used two public computers
- 298 WiFi users
- 220 programs for all ages
- 5,787 attendance at programs

Ms. Adams shared the following additional facts:

- Over 2,600 people use the library each month
- 41% of the K-M service area have library cards
- Around eight (8) people use the library computers daily
- There has been a 46% increase in wireless access
- New items were added at a rate of 36 per week
- About nine (9) library cards are issued weekly
- Approximately seventeen (17) items were checked out per borrower this past year
- Roughly 96 items were requested weekly from other libraries and 190 items were lent out weekly.

The Library Director discussed the following library statistic information with the Board:

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- Circulation
- Library Collection
- Library Cards
- Internet Usage
- Wireless Access
- Summer Reading Program (SRP)
- Outreach Programs

Grant and partnership opportunities were discussed.

Earlene King discussed the impact the economy has had on library usage. Ms. King informed the Board that when times are hard, people come to the library and check out more items than when the economy is thriving.

Commissioner Erickson wanted to know if any local high schools provide summer reading programs.

Ms. Adams reported that while some schools previously offered summer reading programs, this service is no longer being offered by the schools.

Commissioner Hanson wanted to know if funding for libraries is coming from a special tax.

The Library Director confirmed that funding for libraries does come from special taxes.

The Board thanked the group for the update.

County Administrator Jim Elmquist provided the Board with a brief parking lot project update.

Parking Lot Project
Update

At the May 18, 2010 work session the Board discussed the proposed parking lot project at 20 7th Street East, Mantorville, MN. The Board asked the County Administrator to revisit this issue and report back to them.

Mr. Elmquist provided the Board with a copy of a letter from the City of Mantorville which indicated that the parking lot issue was discussed with the city on September 14, 2009. The Council voted to deny the county a Conditional Use permit which would allow a residentially zoned lot to be used as a parking lot.

According to the city's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 150.110, Section (E), Subs. (5), Item (f), "No application of a property owner for a conditional use permit shall be considered by the city within a one (1) year period following a denial for the request unless, in the opinion of the Council, new evidence or a change in circumstances warrant it."

Based on this data, the Planning & Zoning Commission could hold a public hearing on Monday, September 20th, 2010 and make a recommendation to the Council at the Council's September 27th, 2010 meeting.

Commissioners discussed an issue with a boulevard tree on the property designated for the parking lot project.

Parking Lot Project
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It was the consensus of the Board that they would like to see the City of Mantorville address the boulevard tree issue on this property.

The Board also agreed that they were not opposed to waiting until September to re-address the parking lot issue with the city.

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

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:

LYLE TJOSAAS
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

BECKY LUBAHN
DEPUTY CLERK

DATED: