

TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2010

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
DODGE COUNTY)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
MANTORVILLE, MN**

2010-12 C.O.W.

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole June 22, 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

Members absent: David Hanson District #5

Also present: Jim Elmquist County Administrator
Becky Lubahn Deputy County Clerk

Building Operations Supervisor Roger Friedt briefly met with the Board to discuss the Building Evaluation change order request that will be acted on during the full Board meeting.

Annex/Courthouse
Building Evaluation
Change Order
Discussion

Mr. Friedt reminded the Board that at the May 15, 2010 County Board meeting, the County Board was updated as to the progress of the evaluation project by the Yaggy Colby Associates Engineer performing the evaluation. The Engineer indicated that there will be additional expenses associated with the project because extra paperwork needs to be completed in order to put together the Xcel Energy study application, providing calculations in Xcel's format for rebate considerations and adding this information to the existing evaluation report. The additional expense for this service is \$3,250.00.

The necessity for the additional work was discussed.

The Building Operations Supervisor shared the following figures with the Board:

\$17,250	Total Cost of Project Including Change Order
<u>\$ 8,575</u>	Projected Grant Amount County will Receive from Excel Energy
\$ 8,675	Anticipated Total Cost to County for Project

It was the general consensus of the Board that they were in favor of the change order because without it the county would not have the information available to apply for the \$8,575 grant from Excel Energy.

Mr. Friedt was thanked for the change order explanation.

County Engineer Guy Kohlnhofer discussed with the Board possible options for turning county roads over to townships.

County/Township
Road Discussion

Mr. Kohlnhofer provided the Board with county maps that showed trunk highways, county roads, paved trunk highways, paved county roads and aggregate county roads.

The County Engineer commented that county roads such as P, K, W and Y would be roads that the Board may want to consider turning over to the townships.

Commissioner Gray questioned what benefit the townships would get out of taking over the roads.

Mr. Kohlnhofer reported that the townships would be eligible to receive approximately \$200/mile per year if these roads were turned over to them and that the county gets nothing for these roads since they are not classified as state aid roads and must be funded with tax levy dollars only.

Commissioner Alberts suggested that the county consider taking over 16th Street NE in Kasson. It was Mr. Alberts' opinion that paving this road out to County Road 15 would help traffic flow in the area around the schools.

The County Engineer stated that the best chance 16th Street NE in Kasson has for getting reconstructed is through federal funding. Mr. Kohlnhofer recently had this road classified as a "local collector" making it eligible for federal funds. Mr. Kohlnhofer commented that maybe in the next ten to fifteen years the township may be successful in getting federal funds to have this portion of road reconstructed.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m. CDT.

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:

LYLE TJOSAAS
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

BECKY LUBAHN
DEPUTY CLERK

DATED: