

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2009

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
DODGE COUNTY)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
MANTORVILLE, MN**

2009-06 Work Session

The Dodge County Commissioners met in a Work Session June 30, 2009, in Conference Room A at the Dodge County Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 12:30 p.m. CDT. David Hanson opened the meeting at 12:30 p.m. CDT.

Meeting Convened

The Chair acknowledged those present and established that there was a quorum:

Those Present

Members present: Lyle Tjosaas District #2
David Erickson District #3
Don Gray District #4
David Hanson District #5
Members absent: Klaus Alberts District #1
Also present: David McKnight County Administrator

County Administrator David McKnight discussed the projected versus actual reductions to County Program Aid (CPA) that Dodge County will incur in 2009. Earlier this year the Board approved a plan to cover \$255,444 in CPA reductions. The actual CPA reductions in 2009 due to Governor Pawlenty's unallotment will be \$125,756. This leaves \$129,688 for the County Board to either put back into the 2009 budget or use to address 2010 budget issues.

2009/2010 Budget
Discussion

Mr. McKnight recommended the following options:

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| 1. Restore County Commissioner Budget Reductions | \$ 54,293 |
| 2. Restore Central Services Van Reduction | \$ 20,000 |
| 3. Restore Assessor Vehicle Reduction | \$ 16,000 |
| 4. Add Central Services 2010 Vehicle | \$ 21,000 |
| 5. Restore Highway Diesel Fuel Reduction | <u>\$ 18,688</u> |
| | \$129,688 |

County Board members discussed a number of options and agreed that the three vehicle purchase (items 2-4) should occur in 2009. Commissioners discussed a number of options on the use of CPA funds to cover outside agency funding in 2009, 2010 and beyond. Discussion also took place about the use of \$18,395 recommended to the Highway Department. A number of other uses including potential purchase of a Jerome Meter in the Planning Department and use of these funds to cover a portion of a very large inmate medical bill were discussed. Commissioners will continue discussions on the use of the \$54,293 and \$18,395 pots of money as a part of the 2010 budget.

The County Administrator reviewed draft two of the 2010 county budget and changes that were made and/or recommended. Draft two of the budget included a tax levy increase of 14.26%. The changes that were reviewed were in the Commissioners, Drug Court, Central Services, Assessor, Building Operations, Other General Government, Sheriff, Coroner, DFO, Extension, Environmental Quality, Highway and Four Seasons budgets. The changes recommended bring the levy increase down to approximately 10.17%. Commissioners supported most of the proposed changes but asked for additional discussions on the Extension and Four Seasons budgets.

2009/2010 Budget Discussion - Continued

Mr. McKnight reviewed the current budget to the target budget and estimated there is still approximately \$690,000 in reductions that are needed to get to the tax levy goal. Additional items for potential reductions included summer positions, overtime, non-mandated services and more. The County Administrator was directed to bring back options including reductions in human resource costs.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m. CDT so commissioners could attend the retirement reception for Sheriff Gary Thompson.

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:

DAVID HANSON
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

DAVID MCKNIGHT
CLERK

DATED: