

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2009

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF DODGE)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
MANTORVILLE, MN**

2009-16

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in regular session August 25, 2009, in the Commissioner's Room at the Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 9:30 a.m. CDT. David Hanson, Chair called the County Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. CDT.

Meeting Convened

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Pledge of Allegiance

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
Becky Lubahn	Deputy County Clerk
Paul Kiltinen	County Attorney

Motion by Tjosaas seconded by Erickson to approve and adopt the agenda as amended to include the addition of a wind development moratorium request at 10:00 a.m. CDT. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

Agenda Approved

Human Services Director Jane Hardwick met with the Board to discuss Human Services expenditures. Ms. Hardwick elaborated on total funding sources, program funding and administration funding sources for Human Services. Also discussed were state/federal funds and fees and levy and state aid and fees.

Human Services
Expenditure Report

The Board thanked Ms. Hardwick for the update.

Court Administrator Annette Hodge provided the Board with a Court Administration update.

Court Administration
Update

Ms. Hodge shared with the Board what is being done in her office on Friday mornings when their window is closed. Last fiscal year, because of layoffs, voluntary separations, voluntary salary savings and resignations, staff shortage problems became apparent amongst those hit hardest with the actions listed above. The alternative was work sharing amongst the eleven counties in the Third Judicial District which commenced in July 2008. A hiring freeze was also commenced at that time and those positions that were lost were abolished.

Thinking that the courts were going to get a 5% cut this fiscal year, voluntary separation was offered again along with voluntary salary savings. Once again, due to the voluntary separation offer, those positions were abolished.

The courts ended up with less than 1% cut this fiscal year, but positions are gone, staff is continuing to take voluntary salary savings resulting in staff shortages, and once again affecting some counties more than others. Since July 2008, Dodge County Court Administration has entered 7,230 citations for Olmsted County and other counties are doing a multitude of other court processing for other counties.

Court Administration Update - Continued

Ms. Hodge briefly discussed the following changes coming to the court systems:

1. Auto Assess
2. Centralized Payables
3. E-Citations, E-Complaint, and E-Charging
4. IVR/IWR Phone and Web Payments
5. Auto Referral Directly to Collections

The Board thanked Ms. Hodge for the update.

County Attorney Paul Kiltinen provided the Board with a legal update.

Legal Update

Zoning Administrator Melissa DeVetter met with the Board to request approval of a wind development moratorium for Dodge County.

Wind Development Moratorium Approved by Resolution #2009-38

As discussed at the August 11, 2009, County Board meeting, the Planning Department is requesting that the County Board adopt a moratorium on wind development applications pending completion and adoption of the new Section 21 of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to Wind Energy Conversion Systems.

The department is currently in the process of revising Section 21 and has held one public hearing on the draft wind regulations. This new section of the ordinance regulating Wind Energy Conversion Systems less than 5 mW is proposed to go before the Planning Commission at the October 7, 2009 meeting.

The department is asking that the County Board approve the moratorium to allow this new section addressing WECS under 5 mW to be finalized and completed.

Ms. DeVetter reported that if the Planning Commission approves the draft section pertaining to WECS, it will come before the County Board at its meeting on October 12, 2009.

Chair Hanson asked for comments from the public. No one wished to speak on the subject.

Motion by Gray seconded by Tjosaas to approve and authorize the Chair and Deputy Clerk to sign resolution #2009-38 adopting a moratorium on the review and permitting of all Wind Energy Conversion Systems:

WHEREAS, the Dodge County Board of Commissioners adopted Section 21 of the Dodge County Zoning Ordinance, with an effective date of May 13, 2003 to set forth a process for permitting wind energy conversions systems with a rated capacity of 250 kW or more; and

Wind Development
Moratorium Approved
by Resolution
#2009-38 -
Continued

WHEREAS, Dodge County does not have the authority to permit or regulate wind energy conversion system with a rated capacity of 5 mW or more without assuming delegation; and

WHEREAS, the Dodge County Zoning Ordinance currently does not regulate or have performance standards for Wind Energy Conversion Systems less than 250 kW; and

WHEREAS, since the Dodge County Zoning Ordinance became effective, a number of issues in the ordinance have been identified by staff, the public and the Dodge County Board of Commissioners which require further study and refinement; and

WHEREAS, the Dodge County Board of Commissioners is concerned that the current language of the Dodge County Zoning Ordinance as it relates to Wind Energy Conversion Systems may not adequately address concerns over public health, safety and welfare or provide adequate setbacks from adjoining land uses; and

WHEREAS, Dodge County has already held a public hearing on a proposed draft ordinance amendment addressing Wind Energy Conversion Systems; and

WHEREAS, Dodge County is in the process of finalizing a draft ordinance amendment pertaining to Wind Energy Conversion Systems with the intent on adopting such revisions before December 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 394.34 enables a county to adopt a temporary moratorium for the purpose of protecting the public health, safety and general welfare when the county is, in good faith, conducting studies and has held or is holding a hearing for the purpose of considering an amendment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dodge County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts a moratorium on the review and permitting of all Wind Energy Conversion Systems. This moratorium shall be effective for a period of six months from the date of adoption of this resolution, or until the Dodge County Board of Commissioners adopts language changes to the sections of the Dodge County Zoning Ordinance pertaining to Wind Energy Conversion systems, whichever occurs first.

Resolution adopted unanimously.

County Administrator David McKnight provided the Board with a parking lot project update.

Parking Lot Project
Update

The Mantorville Planning Commission recommended against the county's conditional use permit request to place a parking lot on the property we own at the corner of Seventh and Blanch streets in Mantorville.

Parking Lot Project
Update - Continued

Mr. McKnight stated that as the Board may recall the Mantorville City Council sent this issue back to the Planning Commission after their first denial and asked them for more defined reasons for their denial. There was a motion to reverse the previous denial but that failed for a lack of a second.

Mr. McKnight reported that the Mantorville City Council once again tabled the county's conditional use permit request last night and will discuss the request again in three weeks.

The County Administrator requested input from the commissioners on whether or not he should proceed with demolition of the house located on this property since the City of Mantorville has not approved the county's request to install a parking lot on the property. After a brief discussion it was the consensus of the group that Mr. McKnight should proceed with obtaining quotes to demolish the house as directed on July 28, 2009.

The County Administrator informed the Board that he will keep them updated on any action that the Mantorville City Council takes regarding the parking lot request.

Sheriff Jim Trihey requested authorization to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from the Dodge County United Way to help support the continuation of the D.A.R.E. Program.

D.A.R.E. Donation
Accepted by
Resolution #2009-39

Motion by Erickson seconded by Alberts to approve and authorize the Chair and Deputy Clerk to sign resolution #2009-39 accepting the Dodge County United Way donation to the D.A.R.E. Program:

WHEREAS, the Dodge County Sheriff's Office has received a donation from Dodge County United Way in the amount of \$1,000.00 in the form of cash ; and

WHEREAS, the Dodge County Sheriff's Office wishes to accept this donation and utilize it for the purpose of continuing the D.A.R.E. Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 465.03, the county shall by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members accept a grant or devise of real or personal property and maintain such property for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dodge County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the donation of \$1,000 from the Dodge County United Way for the purpose of continuing the DARE Program.

Resolution adopted unanimously.

Mr. Trihey presented for the Board's consideration a resolution to accept an Off Highway Vehicle Enforcement grant.

Off Highway Vehicle Grant Approved by Resolution #2009-40

Deputy Rich Allee has applied for and received a grant from the State of Minnesota for August 15, 2009 through June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$8,822 for overtime patrol hours for off highway vehicle enforcement and holding youth safety training classes.

Motion by Alberts seconded by Gray to approve and authorize the Chair and Deputy Clerk to sign resolution #2009-40 accepting an Off Highway Vehicle Enforcement grant:

WHEREAS, the Dodge County Sheriff's Office has received a grant from the State of Minnesota in the amount of \$8,822; and

WHEREAS, the Dodge County Sheriff's Office wishes to accept this grant and utilize it for the purpose of law enforcement of off highway vehicles; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 465.03, the county shall by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members accept a grant or devise of real or personal property and maintain such property for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dodge County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Sheriff's Office to accept a grant in the amount of \$8,822 from the State of Minnesota for the purpose of enforcement of laws pertaining to all off highway vehicles.

Resolution adopted unanimously.

The Sheriff requested authorization for the Sheriff's Office to accept a Safe & Sober grant in the amount of \$14,500.

Safe & Sober Grant Accepted by Resolution #2009-41

Deputy Mark Dyshaw applied for and has received a grant in the amount of \$14,500 for overtime patrols. Safe & Sober overtime patrols are reimbursed at 100% of wages including fringe benefits for full time officers. Part time officers will continue to be reimbursed only for hourly wages.

Mr. Trihey reported that the Kasson Police Department and West Concord Police Department are again partnered with the county for enforcement.

It was noted that the county's matching funds come in the way of fuel and miles driven.

Motion by Gray seconded by Tjosaas to approve and authorize the Chair and Deputy Clerk to sign resolution #2009-41 accepting an Safe & Sober grant:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dodge County Sheriff’s Office enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety for the project entitled SAFE & SOBER during the period from October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010. The Sheriff of Dodge County is hereby authorized to execute such agreements and amendments as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of Dodge County Sheriff’s Office and to be the fiscal agent and administer the grant.

Safe & Sober Grant
Accepted by
Resolution #2009-41
- Continued

Resolution adopted unanimously.

Mr. Trihey presented for the Board’s consideration an Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws 2009 Alcohol Compliance Checks grant request.

Alcohol Compliance
Check Grant
Program Approved

Captain Loring Guenther has applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$1,800 to conduct random alcohol compliance checks for the enforcement of underage drinking laws within Dodge County.

The grant is effective from August 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010.

Motion by Erickson seconded by Alberts to approve and authorize the Sheriff to sign a grant contract in the amount of \$1,800 with the Minnesota Institute of Public Health for the Alcohol Compliance Check. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

The Sheriff informed the Board that his office will be presenting an ordinance in the near future that clearly defines the consequences for businesses that continued to sell alcohol to minors.

Emergency Management Director Matt Maas requested authorization to accept an Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG).

EMPG Acceptance
Approved

Motion by Alberts seconded by Gray to approve and authorize the Chair and County Administrator to sign an Emergency Management Performance Grant with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$16,839.00. The grant is effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

Taxpayer Services Director Rose Culbertson reviewed bills with the Board. Motion by Tjosaas seconded by Erickson to approve the bills as discussed in the following amounts from the appropriate funds as determined by Finance:

Bills Approved

01	Revenue Fund	\$ 55,922.52
11	Human Services Fund	\$ 248.83
13	Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 83,727.43
16	Environmental Quality Fund	\$ 65,644.86
32	County Capital Projects	<u>\$ 35,769.50</u>
	Total	\$241,313.14

Motion adopted unanimously.

Employee Relations Director Lisa Hager presented the personnel agenda for the Boards consideration. Motion by Gray seconded by Alberts to approve the following personnel actions:

Personnel Actions
Approved

A. Highway

- A.1 Operator III
Authorization to post and fill vacancy created by status change.
Effective Date: 8/25/09

B. Environmental Services

- B.1 Robert Naatz – Sorter/Processor
Annual review.
Effective Date: 7/1/09

C. Sheriff's Office

- C.1 Ben Bohle – On-Call Deputy Sheriff
Status change from On-Call to FT (temporary) to fill Deputy Sheriff
Temporary FT position (estimated 4 months).
Effective Date: 8/28/09 – 10/14/09
- C.2 Tanya Wunderlich – On-Call Dispatcher
Employ at B22 step 11 \$13.80 to fill approved vacancy.
Effective Date: 8/25/09
- C.3 Kristina Hotopp – On-Call Dispatcher
Employ at B22 step 11 \$13.80 to fill approved vacancy.
Effective Date: 8/25/09

D. Public Health

- D.1 Non-Emergency and Dodge County Medical Reserves Corps (Emergency
Public Health Services)
Wanda Samuelson - Volunteer
David Samuelson – Volunteer
Judy Reitmeyer-Hunt - Volunteer
Sandy Goodman – Volunteer
Debra Alberts - Volunteer
Nicole Callahan - Volunteer
Darleen Gillard - Volunteer
Marilyn Lermon - Volunteer
Heather Larson - Volunteer
Cori Jennings - Volunteer
Request authorization to allow to volunteer for Public Health
Effective Date: 7/29/09

Motion adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Alberts presented a summary of the Public Health Committee report and action items.

Public Health
Committee Report

Public Health requested authorization to accept a donation from Sam's Club Foundation for the Family Connections Program.

Family Connections
Program Donation
Accepted by
Resolution #2009-42

Motion by Alberts seconded by Gray to approve and authorize the Chair and Deputy Clerk to sign resolution #2009-42 accepting an a donation to the Family Connections Program from Sam's Club Foundation:

Family Connections
Program Donation
Accepted by
Resolution #2009-42
- Continued

WHEREAS, the Dodge County Public Health Department has received a donation from Sam’s Club Foundation, Rochester, MN; and

WHEREAS, the Dodge County Public Health Department wishes to accept this donation and utilize it for the purpose of the Family Connections Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 465.03, the county shall by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members accept a grant or devise of real or personal property and maintain such property for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dodge County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the following donation to be used for the Family Connections Program:

Sam’s Club Foundation, Rochester, MN \$500.00 (Check)

Resolution adopted unanimously.

Environmental Services Director Mark Gamm discussed with the Board his request to approve a waste to energy service fee and preferred collection methods.

Waste to Energy
Service Fee
Discussion

At the July 21, 2009 Board work session, Environmental Services agreed to discuss with their licensed trash haulers two options for collecting a Waste to Energy Service Fee:

1. A fee based on the size of a customer’s garbage container and the frequency of collection.
2. A fee based on a percentage of the hauler’s bill to their customer.

Result of hauler’s meeting and other research:

1. Hauler’s prefer the fee to be a percentage of the customer’s bill because:
 - a. They already collect fees and taxes this way.
 - b. It maintains flexibility for hauler to adjust a customer’s cost with knowledge of type, volume and weight of customer’s waste.
 - c. A container fee will lead to customers over filling containers, compacting waste and putting garbage in recycling container.
2. Research by county staff:
 - a. A container-based fee is more difficult and costly to administer and audit.
 - b. The county cannot assure citizens and businesses that the tax savings provided by a container-based fee would be passed on to them.
 - c. A reduced tipping fee will lead to delivery of out-of-county waste for which costs will be difficult to recover.

It was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Gamm move forward with the Waste to Energy Service Fee proposal that would be collected by the following methods as recommended by Environmental Services:

Waste to Energy
Service Fee
Discussion -
Continued

1. For customers that haul their own waste, a container-based fee or weight-based fee will provide the lowest cost option.
2. For customers using a licensed hauler, a fee based on a percentage of the hauler's bill will provide an assurance of fair pricing, allow them to negotiate price with their hauler, and will avoid payment of additional state tax.

Using the methods described above, the Environmental Services Director estimates that the Waste to Energy Service Fee will increase our customer's cost by 15%.

Mr. Gamm provided for the Board's consideration an Electronics Recycling Agreement.

Electronics Recycling
Agreement Approved

State law prohibits disposal of electronic equipment such as televisions and computer monitors. Over the past several years Environmental Services has hired a company named CRT Processing to transport and recycle electronics collected at the Recycling Center. This year, because of market instability, CRT Processing is requesting a written agreement to continue their relationship.

The Environmental Services Director presented the following summary of the agreement:

1. Residential Electronics: \$0.0 for first 100,000 pounds (Dodge County recycled 108,000 lbs. in 2008) then \$0.16 to \$0.18 per pound thereafter.
2. Commercial Electronics: \$0.16 to \$0.18 per pound.
3. Term of Agreement is two years but either party can terminate with 60 day written notice.

Mr. Gamm informed the Board that he and Solid Waste Facility Manager Terry Seltun have reviewed the agreement and find that it provides the lowest cost option for recycling electronics. In fact, they know that Dodge receives preferential pricing because of their long standing and honest relationship with CRT. Few other counties are receiving similar pricing. Therefore, Environmental Services recommends that the Board vote in favor of approving an agreement with CRT Processing and authorize the Environmental Service Director to sign the agreement.

Motion by Gray seconded by Erickson to approve and authorize the Environmental Services Director to sign an Electronics Recycling Agreement with CRT Processing to transport and recycle electronics collected at the Recycling Center. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

The Environmental Services Director discussed with the Board a proposed amendment to the Dodge/Olmsted Solid Waste Management Agreement.

Dodge/Olmsted Solid Waste Management Joint Powers Agreement Amendment Discussion

Mr. Gamm reported that the cost increase related to Olmsted Waste to Energy Facility (OWEF) Unit 3 debt has prompted a review of our existing Joint Powers Agreement by Dodge and Olmsted staff. After many discussions, staff from both parties recognized the need to amend the Joint Powers Agreement to clarify the intent and improve administration. The primary points of clarification are:

1. Combine the Bypass Landfill Tipping Fee and the OWEF Tipping Fee into one “Dodge Tipping Fee”. This allows Dodge and Olmsted to more accurately budget and also reduces accounting difficulties related to Dodge’s discretionary routing of waste to either facility. The amended Joint Powers Board language provides the option to go back to a split fee when the OWEF reaches capacity.
2. Set clear framework and schedule for setting Dodge Tipping Fee:
 - A. Fee is based on annual budgets. There is no reconciliation of budgeted cost vs. actual costs (although they will be reported annually) because the Dodge Tipping Fee includes the use of Olmsted cash reserves. The rationale is that Dodge is paying tipping fees that help create the reserves and therefore will be credited for use of reserves in the tip fee formula. This point is not new, but is not clearly noted in the existing agreement.
 - B. Olmsted will propose changes in the tipping fee by January 15 of each year. Dodge will have 30 days to review and question the proposed fee. The effective date for any fee changes will be July 1. The 2009 Dodge Tipping Fee will be effective October 1, 2009. Olmsted’s projected fee for processing Dodge waste over the next five years is as follows:

Existing Fee	\$ 73/ton
Fee Effective Oct 1, 2009	\$ 93/ton
Fee Effective July 1, 2010	\$107/ton
Fee Effective July 1, 2011	\$104/ton
Fee Effective July 1, 2012	\$107/ton
Fee Effective July 1, 2013	\$106/ton

The Environment Services Director informed the Board that the Joint Powers Board (JPB) met in May and discussed the issues identified by staff. The JPB did not provide a recommendation regarding the proposed amendment. However, staff from Dodge and Olmsted counties believes the proposed amendments simply improve the administration and clarify the intent of the JPB Agreement.

The County Administrator suggested that Mr. Gamm contact Olmsted County and ask that they delay billing Dodge County until January 1, 2010 in order to allow the county time to begin collecting a tipping fee which will in turn provide the them with the necessary money to pay Olmsted County the increased tipping fee.

Mr. McKnight noted that today's meeting will be recessed until Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. CDT in order to allow the Environmental Services Director time to talk to Olmsted County about delaying billing until January 1, 2010.

Dodge/Olmsted Solid
Waste Management
Joint Powers
Agreement
Amendment
Discussion -
Continued

County Engineer Guy Kohlhofer met with the Board to discuss a trail engineering agreement.

Stagecoach Trail
Engineering
Agreement Approved
by Resolution
#2009-43

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has contacted the Highway Department requesting that they volunteer to survey and design the Stagecoach Trail. This initial agreement is to conduct a profile survey and develop a conceptual corridor design.

It is expected that the Highway Department will be performing the field work during late fall with the office work scheduled for poor weather months. The Highway Department has the personnel and the equipment for the task and this will help their budget by increasing their unexpected revenue.

Mr. Kohlhofer provided the Board with an estimate for performing the work. The DNR will be reimbursing the county for work performed at the rates indicated on the estimate.

Terry Sell informed the Board that they are very close to having the land acquisition and would like to start construction on the trail in the summer of 2010.

Bonding was discussed. It was noted that bonding for the trail was received in 2008 and is available until 2013.

It was reported that the trails group has been working closely with the DNR on this project.

Commissioner Gray expressed concern regarding the trails project taking precedence over other Highway Department projects. It was Mr. Gray's opinion that the highway projects were a bigger priority than the trails project.

The County Engineer commented that the workload fluctuates depending on what projects they have going on at the time. Mr. Kohlhofer stated that they happened to be at a point in the year that they are able to accommodate the DNR's request without neglecting any of their other projects. The County Engineer also pointed out that this project will generate additional revenue for the Highway Department that they had not anticipated.

Motion by Alberts seconded by Tjosaas to approve and authorize the Chair and Deputy Clerk to sign resolution #2009-43 in support of a Cooperative Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and State of Minnesota to allow the Highway Department to survey and design the Stagecoach Trail.

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wishes to cooperate closely with Dodge County to coordinate the design and construction of the Stage Coach Trail through Dodge County; and

Stagecoach Trail
Engineering
Agreement Approved
by Resolution
#2009-43 -
Continued

WHEREAS, the DNR and local governments are authorized by Minnesota Statute section 471.59 to undertake collaborative agreements and contracts; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to work cooperatively to design and construct a trail within Dodge County using the Dodge County Highway Department as the lead agency in the survey and design of the selected trail route; and

WHEREAS, the DNR has agreed to reimburse the Dodge County Highway Department for costs associated with work performed under cooperative agreement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator and County Engineer are hereby authorized to execute such agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the performance of work associated with the survey and design of a conceptual trail alignment.

Resolution adopted Alberts, Erickson, Tjosaas, Hanson aye, Gray nay.

Commissioner Hanson presented a summary of the Administration Committee report and action items.

Administration
Committee Report

Motion by Erickson seconded by Alberts to approve and authorize the August 11, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

08/11/09 Committee
of the Whole Meeting
Minutes Approved

Motion by Tjosaas seconded by Erickson to approve and authorize the August 11, 2009 meeting minutes as presented. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

08/11/09 Meeting
Minutes Approved

Motion by Alberts seconded by Gray to approve and authorize the August 11, 2009 work session meeting minutes as presented. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

08/11/09 Work
Session Meeting
Minutes Approved

The County Administrator presented for the Board's consideration a State Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The joint powers agreement is for Dodge County's participation in the Cooperative Purchasing program run by the State of Minnesota. This program allows Dodge County and other local governments to purchase items off of the state bid without going out for bid or quote on these items. Dodge County has participated in this program for many years.

State Cooperative
Purchasing
Agreement Renewal
Approved

Mr. McKnight noted that our most recent five year agreement with the state is expiring and they are requesting that we approve another five year agreement. There is no cost to Dodge County for participating in this program.

Motion by Gray seconded by Tjosaas to approve and authorize the County Board Chair to sign the joint powers agreement between the State of Minnesota and Dodge County for participation in the Cooperative Purchasing program. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

Commissioners provided their agency reports. Commissioner Hanson attended a Dodge County Township Officers meeting, two trails meetings, a rail meeting, a W.D.I. meeting, a manure meeting, a radio meeting and a Fair Board meeting. Commissioner Alberts attended a Fairview meeting, a manure handling demo, a Rail Authority meeting and a Township Officers meeting. Commissioner Gray attended a Fairview Care Center meeting, a radio meeting and a Regional Rail Authority meeting. Commissioner Erickson attended a work session, a Dodge County Township Officers meeting, a Regional Rail Authority meeting, a Manure Application Day meeting, a Fairview Care Center meeting, a DFO Advisory Board meeting and a SCHA Executive Board meeting. Commissioner Tjosaas attended a Township Officers meeting, a Rail Road meeting, a Care Center meeting, a radio meeting and an Extension meeting.

Agency Reports

The Chair recessed the meeting at 11:26 a.m. CDT until Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. CDT to continue discussion on the proposed amendment to the Dodge/Olmsted Joint Solid Waste Management Agreement.

Meeting Recessed

The Chair reconvened the meeting on September 1, 2009, in the Commissioner's Room at the Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 8:30 a.m. CDT.

Meeting Reconvened

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

Those Present

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

Environmental Services Director Mark Gamm discussed with the Board a proposed amendment to the Dodge/Olmsted Solid Waste Management joint powers agreement.

Dodge/Olmsted Solid
Waste Management
Joint Powers
Agreement
Amendment
Discussion

Commissioners discussed the terms of the agreement, termination options, the fact that the 17% increase pays for the OWEF unit #3, amended fees and split fees.

Mr. Gamm informed the Board that after his August 25, 2009 meeting with them he immediately contacted Olmsted County Solid Waste staff members requesting that they approach their board to consider delaying Dodge County's billing for 2009 tipping fees until January 1, 2010. Olmsted County commissioners were also meeting that same day but the Olmsted County Solid Waste staff did not relay the message on behalf of Dodge County and the Olmsted County Board of Commissioners approved the Dodge/Olmsted Solid Waste Management joint powers agreement as presented under their consent calendar.

The County Administrator and Environmental Services Director both expressed their frustration with Olmsted County Solid Waste staff members and the fact that we are partners with Olmsted County but are not treated as partners.

Commissioner Gray arrived at the meeting at 8:44 a.m. CDT.

Commissioner Gray Arrived at Meeting

Mr. Gamm reported that Olmsted County also intends to charge Dodge County 6% interest for deferring tipping fee costs until next year.

Dodge/Olmsted Solid Waste Management Joint Powers

Commissioner Erickson suggested that the County Administrator and Environmental Services Director draft a letter to the Olmsted County Board expressing Dodge County’s frustration with Olmsted County.

Agreement Amendment Discussion - Continued

Commissioner Erickson wanted to know if the County Attorney has had a chance to review the proposed Solid Waste Management joint powers agreement.

The Environmental Services Director reported that Mr. Kiltinen has not reviewed the policy yet.

Commissioner Alberts arrived at the meeting at 8:49 a.m. CDT.

Commissioner Alberts Arrived at Meeting

It was the consensus of the Board that the County Attorney needed to review the Solid Waste Management joint powers agreement before they were comfortable approving the amended agreement.

Dodge/Olmsted Solid Waste Management Joint Powers

The County Administrator stated that the Dodge/Olmsted Solid Waste Management Joint Powers agreement amendment request will be placed on the next County Board agenda for action.

Agreement Amendment Discussion - Continued

Motion by Tjosaas seconded by Erickson to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m. CDT. *Motion adopted unanimously.*

Meeting Adjourned

The next regular meeting of the Dodge County Board of Commissioners will be held on September 8, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. CDT.

Next Regular Meeting

ATTEST:

DAVID HANSON
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

BECKY LUBAHN
DEPUTY CLERK

DATED: