

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
DODGE COUNTY)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
MANTORVILLE, MN**

**2009-17 C.O.W.**

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole September 8, 2009, in the Commissioner's Room at the Dodge County Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 9:00 a.m. CDT. David Hanson, Chair opened the meeting at 9:00 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: David McKnight County Administrator  
Becky Lubahn Deputy County Clerk

The Board held a meet and confer session with Sheriff Jim Trihey on his 2010 salary request.

Meet and Confer  
Session on County  
Sheriff's Salary for  
2010

Sheriff Trihey reported that prior to his appointment as Sheriff they discussed adjusting his salary to bring it more in line with other department heads that are responsible for similar size departments and similar size administrative budgets. Mr. Trihey indicated that he knows the Board has made strides to try to accomplish this and appreciates their efforts. The Sheriff also commented that he has confidence the Board will continue their efforts in the future.

Mr. Trihey informed the Board that he understands the economic crisis the county is facing and declined any increase in his salary for 2010 by offering to remain at the same salary as set for the Sheriff in 2009.

The Board noted that it was very commendable for the Sheriff to take a 0% increase for 2010.

The Sheriff commented that he cannot preach to his employees the importance of taking a 0% increase for 2010 without setting an example himself.

Commissioner Erickson questioned what other county Sheriff's are doing that are facing similar budget issues.

Mr. Trihey reported that he has not had an opportunity to discuss budgets with the other Sheriff's but noted that they will be having a Sixth District Sheriff's meeting this week where this subject will likely be discussed.

The Sheriff stated that he appreciates the Board's support and feels that they have been very open to listening to him and receptive to his input.

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2010 – Continued

Mr. Trihey informed the Board that he has a meeting with the City of Claremont today to discuss what services will and will not be supplied to the city now that they have opted to discontinue their law enforcement contract with the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff noted that his office has had a good working relationship with the city and that he understands the position they are faced with due to budget issues. It was Mr. Trihey's opinion that his office will continue have a good working relationship with the City of Claremont. The Sheriff stated that the City of Claremont will be informed that once the term of the current contract has expired that his deputies will be more spread out in the county and that it will take them longer to respond to issues in Claremont. It was noted that after the expiration of the law enforcement contract with the City of Claremont deputies will not be actively patrolling Claremont. All major issues in the City of Claremont will be addressed by the Sheriff's Office, minor issues will not be addressed. Deputies will still be responsible for enforcing court orders, serving papers and investigating accidents and deaths in the City of Claremont after the law enforcement contract has been terminated.

The Board thanked the Sheriff for the update.

David McKnight provided the Board with a County Administrator update.

County Administrator  
Update

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m. CDT.

Meeting Adjourned

**ATTEST:**

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DAVID HANSON  
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

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BECKY LUBAHN  
DEPUTY CLERK

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