

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
DODGE COUNTY)**

**FAIRVIEW CARE CENTER
DODGE CENTER, MN**

2009-11 Work Session

The Dodge County Commissioners met in a Work Session September 15, 2009, in the conference room at the Fairview Care Center, Dodge Center, MN, at 9:35 a.m. CDT. David Hanson opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. CDT.

Meeting Convened

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
Mark Gamm Environmental Services Director
Guy Kohlnhofer County Engineer

Environmental Services Director Mark Gamm discussed with the Board organized collection. Mr. Gamm informed the Board that a few of the cities in the county have asked if the county was interested in leading an organized collection discussion. It was the consensus of the Board to let the cities handle this issue.

Organized
Collection
Discussed

The County Administrator informed the Board that they need to start making decisions on a number of items in the budget for 2010. Mr. McKnight asked County Engineer Guy Kohlnhofer to attend the work session in order to give him some guidance on how to spend some of the dollars that are in his budget. The County Administrator reminded the Board that the Highway Department has \$200,000 in its budget to purchase a tandem truck that Mr. Kohlnhofer can wait at least a year to purchase, there is \$100,000 for a pole shed that did not appear to have too much support from the Board and \$35,000 for a replacement vehicle. Due to the already reduced Highway Department levy for next year the County Administrator was not looking to cut these dollars.

2010 Budget
Discussion

The 2010 highway budgets were discussed. The County Administration and Mr. Kohlnhofer talked about dollars in the 2010 budget that could be used for 2010/2011 projects. The consensus of the Board was to move \$335,000 from 2010 capital outlay budget to cover the CSAH 5 extension project (\$220,000) in 2010 and CSAH 22 project (\$140,000) in 2011. The Board was willing to look at this because the highway levy was already reduced significantly for 2010. The CSAH 22 project will require additional funding beyond the \$140,000 and staff was directed to work on this issue.

The County Administrator discussed with the Board the Seminary property. Mr. McKnight reported that the Dodge County Historical Society has created a committee called the Wasioja Restoration Committee to deal with a number of properties in Wasioja that they maintain and/or own. The Historical Society has for many years taken care of the Seminary property that the county owns. The County Administrator stated that he believes a majority of the work that has taken place is the care and mowing of the lawn. In the past year there have been additional improvements made with removal of trees, etc.

Seminary Property Discussion

The Historical Society is asking the county for some guidance on what they are expecting in terms of care of the property and any guidelines the Board may have on use of the property in the future. The Board concurred that the Friends of Wasioja should be directed to continue to maintain the seminary property through 2011.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m. CDT.

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:

DAVID HANSON
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

DAVID MCKNIGHT
CLERK

DATED: