

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
DODGE COUNTY)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
MANTORVILLE, MN**

2008-16 C.O.W.

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole September 23, 2008, in the Commissioner's Room at the Dodge County Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 8:45 a.m. CDT. Klaus Alberts opened the meeting at 8:45 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

Chair Alberts asked the County Administrator to add a review of the Minute Man conditional use permit to the agenda.

Campbell Gun Range
Conditional Use
Permit Concerns
Discussed

Mr. McKnight showed how the township conditions were included in the conditions set by the county.

Dale Allen discussed his concerns with the gun range.

It was noted that the Milton Township Board has also discussed concerns raised regarding the gun range and the conditions that were placed on the conditional use permit.

County Administrator David McKnight reported that last week he met with the Sheriff, Chief Deputy, County Attorney and Assistant Zoning Administrator to discuss concerns regarding the gun range.

The Board indicated that they hope this issue gets resolved.

Mr. McKnight reminded the Board that over the past few months they have held meet and confer sessions with the three elected department heads to discuss their 2009 salary requests. The 2008 salaries and 2009 requested salaries are listed as follows:

2009 Elected
Department Head
Salaries Discussion

	2008 Salary	2009 Request
Sheriff	\$75,834.00	\$87,250.00
Attorney	\$39,737.28	\$40,730.71
Recorder	\$55,656.24	\$61,221.86

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The County Administrator placed this item on the agenda to allow the Board time to discuss this issue. Formal action will take place on this item when the Board passes their final budget in December 2008.

Commissioner voiced their opinions of where they believe the elected official's salaries should fall.

Mr. McKnight reminded the Board that there may be adjustments for the non-union pay scale and that some of these salaries could be impacted.

It was the consensus of the Board that they would like to see the 2009 salaries adjusted fairly and provided the County Administrator with some guidance on where to bring these requests back in December.

Added to the agenda was a request to discuss the Derek Finstuen conditional use permit.

Derek Finstuen
Conditional Use
Permit Discussed

The Board approved a conditional use permit for Derek Finstuen to construct a hog feedlot at their August 12, 2008 meeting. A number of conditions were placed on this project including the following:

12. Jeff Green must be present at the time of excavating to monitor whether there is a sink hole present.

The County Administrator received a number of telephone calls on Friday, September 19, 2008 due to the fact that Mr. Finstuen was ready to proceed with this project but Jeff Green was not available last week and would be out of the office this week. In addition, after speaking to Mr. Green he requested that the county check with him in the future before assigning any work to him since this would all need to be cleared with his supervisor.

Mr. Green recommended Steve Lawler of Lawler Environmental as an acceptable substitute to perform the work that was to be supervised by Mr. Green as listed in condition number twelve that the County Board set for this conditional use permit. Mr. McKnight told the applicant and staff that he would check with the County Board to see if this amendment was acceptable to them.

It was the consensus of the Board that condition number twelve of the Finstuen conditional use permit be amended to allow Steve Lawler of Lawler Environmental to be present at the time of excavation as recommended by Jeff Green.

This issue will be added to the County Board agenda to be able to consult with the County Attorney and take any official action that is appropriate.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:11 a.m. CST.

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:

KLAUS ALBERTS
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

DAVID MCKNIGHT
CLERK

DATED: