

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2008

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING HELD**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA) COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
DODGE COUNTY) MANTORVILLE, MN**

2008-01

The Dodge County Board of Commissioners met in a Truth in Taxation hearing December 4, 2008, in the Commissioner's Room at the Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 6:30 p.m. CST. David Hanson, Vice Chair called the Truth in Taxation Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. CST.

Meeting Convened

The Vice 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
	David Hanson	District #5
Members absent:	Don Gray	District #4
Also present:	David McKnight	County Administrator
	Wendell Engelstad	County Assessor
	Lisa Kramer	Finance Director

The Chair turned the meeting over to County Administrator David McKnight.

2009 Proposed
Budget and Property
Tax Levy Discussion

The County Administrator presented the proposed 2009 Dodge County budget and tax levy. The proposed budget for 2009 is \$21,594,296 and the proposed tax levy is \$9,616,471, a 4.75% increase over 2008.

The main reasons for the proposed tax increase include a balloon payment on the courthouse annex bonds, increased fuel prices, increased human resources costs including health insurance and retirement increases.

Mr. McKnight reviewed the county's position compared to other southeast Minnesota counties in terms of preliminary tax increases and a number of other budget related items.

There were no questions related to the 2009 budget and tax levy from the public.

The County Administrator informed the audience that the County Board would consider adopting the 2009 budget and tax levy on December 11, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion by Tjosaas seconded by Hanson to adjourn the public hearing at 6:47 p.m. CST.

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:

KLAUS ALBERTS
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

DAVID MCKNIGHT
CLERK

DATED: