

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2009

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
DODGE COUNTY)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
MANTORVILLE, MN**

2009-23 C.O.W.

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole December 10, 2009, in the Commissioner's Room at the Dodge County Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 5:30 p.m. CDT. David Hanson, Chair opened the meeting at 5:33 p.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: Becky Lubahn Deputy Clerk

The Board discussed correspondence from Southeastern Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (SEMMCHRA).

EDA/HRA Discussion

SEMMCHRA met with all the cities in Dodge County during the months of October and November. They plan to hold a meeting in Dodge County in the month of January to review the overall housing and community development needs in Dodge County.

In order to start this process, SEMMCHRA requested that the county fill out a questionnaire regarding the needs of Dodge County in relation to the following subjects: rental housing development, renovation, development, fist time home buyers programs, infrastructure improvements, studies and other concerns. The results of the questionnaire will then be summarized and discussed at the meeting to be held in January.

SEMMCHRA is requesting that two representatives from each city and the county be at the meeting in January.

It was Commissioner Erickson's opinion that the cities should respond to the letter from SEMMCHRA and that Dodge County should continue to encourage SEMMCHRA to work with the cities.

Commissioner Gray informed the Board that he knows the cities of Claremont and West Concord are working with SEMMCHRA and that things are going well between these entities.

It was the consensus of the Board that the Chair send a letter to SEMMCHRA stating that Dodge County's position on working with them was the same, however the Board encouraged them to continue to work with the cities in Dodge County. Commissioner Tjosaas noted that SEMCAC also works with some of the same programs that SEMMCHRA does.

EDA/HRA Discussion
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The Board briefly discussed the status of one day a week EDA services that will be provided by Southeast Minnesota Development Corporation (SEMDC).

EDA Services Update

Commissioner Gray reported that it was suggested at the AMC Conference that each County Board appoint a commissioner to serve as a liaison/representative of the Veteran Services Office if they don't have a representative already. The Deputy Clerk was asked to add to the annual committee assignments list which will be approved in January the appointment of a commissioner to the Veteran Services committee.

Veteran Services Representation Discussion

The Board discussed the need to replace a couple of individuals that were appointed to the Planning Commission and EDA/HRA boards. Commissioner Erickson was asked to find a replacement for the Planning Commission to represent the Ripley/Westfield area. Environmental Services will be contact to confirm whether or not Ron Durst is intending to resign from the EDA/HRA board at the end of this year.

Boards & Commissions Appointments Discussed

The Board reviewed a request from the Dodge County Trails Association to appoint Dick Leonard and Terry Sell as voting members and Lori Kryzer as an alternate for 2010 to the Southeastern Minnesota Association of Regional Trails. Ms. Kryzer will be replacing Duane Johnson who retired earlier this year.

SE MN Association of Regional Trails Appointments Discussed

The Board discussed a letter Klaus Alberts received from Earlene King requesting to be appointed to the SELCO Board of Directors. It was unclear as to whether or not there was an opening on the Board. The Deputy Clerk was asked to find out if Fran Johnson, Dodge County's representative, was stepping down from the SELCO Board of Directors and report back at a later date.

SELCO Appointment Request Discussed

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m. CDT.

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:

DAVID HANSON
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

BECKY LUBAHN
DEPUTY CLERK

DATED: