

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2008

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
DODGE COUNTY)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
MANTORVILLE, MN**

2008-21 C.O.W.

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole December 23, 2008, in the Commissioner's Room at the Dodge County Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 9:00 a.m. CDT. Klaus Alberts 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
Steve Howarth Four Seasons Arena Manager

Four Seasons Arena Manager Steve Howarth met with the Board to discuss a proposed lighting program for the ice arena.

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Mr. Howarth reported that the Four Seasons Arena Joint Powers Board recommends that the Four Seasons Arena take advantage of the Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) offered by the City of Kasson by replacing the 400 watt metal halide lights in the arena with an energy efficient fluorescent fixture and bulbs.

The cost of the project is estimated to be approximately \$15,920.15.

The City of Kasson will to supply 30% of the funds (\$4,776.00) through the CIP.

The Four Seasons Arena Manager believes replacing the lights could save the Four Seasons Arena almost \$2,000 per year. This would also show that the arena and its members are helping to promote environmental quality upgrades.

Mr. Howarth proposed that the project be funded by using \$6,000 from the 2008 capital improvement fund. Although the county is under a tight time line the Four Seasons Arena Manager believes the county can move the money to the City of Kasson (credit for the project) and they will use it to pay for the project, per Kasson City Administrator Randy Lenth. The other possibility would be to carry over the money in the capital improvement fund from 2008 to 2009 and use it for this project.

The Dodge County Youth Hockey Association has set aside \$1,000 for capital improvements to the building.

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The difference that needs to be funded is \$4,144.15. If this is part of the shortfall it will be divided up to the members of the Joint Powers (Dodge County 50%, Kasson 35%, Dodge Center 11% and Mantorville 4%.)

Mr. Howarth informed the Board that he would like to be allowed time to talk to the cities involved about funding the project and seek out donations.

The Four Seasons Arena Joint Powers Board met last week and recommends that the Four Seasons Arena take advantage of the program.

Discussion took place regarding the fact that the City of Dodge Center would like to opt out of the joint powers agreement since they feel that they do not directly benefit from the ice arena. The Board noted that the city is still responsible for their portion until they are released from the agreement.

It was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Howarth be allowed two months to talk to the cities about options for the lighting upgrade at the Four Seasons Arena and then come back with a recommendation.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m. CST.

ATTEST:

KLAUS ALBERTS
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

BECKY LUBAHN
DEPUTY CLERK

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Meeting Adjourned