

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2006**

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
DODGE COUNTY)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
MANTORVILLE, MN**

**2006-16 C.O.W.**

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole August 22, 2006, in the Commissioner's Room at the Dodge County Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 9:00 a.m. CDT. David Erickson 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  
Paul Kiltinen County Attorney  
Duane Johnson Planning Director

County Administrator David McKnight reviewed a summary completed by Jay Squires of potential conflicts between the county zoning ordinance and the individual township zoning ordinances that are in place in Dodge County. Mr. McKnight was looking for direction from the County Board on how to proceed.

2007 Budget Update

Commissioner Erickson reviewed potential options on how to proceed on getting ordinances in line and who will enforce ordinances and who will pay for this work in the future.

Commissioner Tjosaas thought we should meet with each township to work on the differences issue.

Commissioner Hanson wants to look at the big picture.

Planning Director Duane Johnson suggested discussing this issue with the Olmsted County Board to see what their experience has been.

Mr. Johnson stated that some counties enforce state mandates and let townships administer everything else. There are a number of options.

Commissioner Tjosaas commented that it is a two step process. They should address differences first and then enforcement and funding.

Commissioner Gray noted that he is not in favor of enforcing township ordinances.

Commissioner Alberts agreed with Commissioner Gray.

Commissioner Hanson stated that we need to inform them of the differences. Mr. Hanson would like to know their interests first. Commissioner Hanson is in-between at this point.

Commissioner Erickson commented that it sounds like we all want to meet. Our legal counsel has pointed out differences. Commissioner Erickson inquired if the County Attorney would attend and explain the differences? County Attorney Paul Kiltinen stated that he can attend the meetings.

Duane Johnson stated that the legal aspect of this needs to be clear. Legal opinions vary. Mr. Johnson reminded the board of the Washington County approach of dual involvement.

The County Attorney suggested that the board should decide on an approach before we talk to the townships.

The direction to staff was to notify townships and set meetings.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m. CDT.

Meeting Adjourned

**ATTEST:**

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DAVID ERICKSON  
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

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DAVID MCKNIGHT  
CLERK

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DATED: