

**TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2007**

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
DODGE COUNTY)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
MANTORVILLE, MN**

**2007-11 C.O.W.**

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole June 12, 2007, in the Commissioner's Room at the Dodge County Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 9:00 a.m. CDT. Don Gray 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

Chief Deputy Jim Trihey met with the Board to discuss a request to hire another on-call part-time Court Security Deputy.

On-Call Part-Time  
Court Security  
Deputy Position  
Discussion

The Sheriff's Office currently has one part-time on-call Court Security Deputy. The Deputy is allowed to work 520 hours every six months. The Sheriff's Office has monitored these hours closely due to the need for a Court Security Deputy at the first of two homicide trials. As of June 1, 2007 the current Deputy has worked 588.5 hours.

Mr. Trihey stated that because the trial was held in another county, the Sheriff's Office was forced to fill the void in Dodge County with either road Deputies, if not busy, or with an overtime Deputy.

It was the Chief Deputies opinion that there is definitely the need for a Court Security Deputy whenever court is in session.

Mr. Trihey reported that Court Administration has requested and is in support of having a Deputy available when court is in session. There is growing concern due to the events that have occurred around the country in the past and because of the increased activity in Dodge County court system.

County Administrator David McKnight informed the Board that he has looked at the Sheriff's Office budget and noted that the money for this position would have to come out of the fund balance for the remainder of this year. Mr. McKnight commented that 2006 expenses billed by Steele County in 2007 have also impacted the 2007 budget.

Commissioner Gray stated that he does not think the county has a choice, another Court Security Deputy is needed.

On-Call Part-Time  
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Discussion -  
Continued

Commissioner Erickson agreed with Mr. Gray's statement.

It was the consensus of the group that the county would save money by hiring another on-call part-time Court Security Deputy instead of paying a Deputy overtime.

The Board directed the Sheriff's Office to work with the Employee Relations Director to move forward with posting the Court Security Deputy position.

Mr. McKnight reported that the Court Security Deputy position is in the budget for 2008.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m. CDT.

Meeting Adjourned

**ATTEST:**

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DON GRAY  
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

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BECKY LUBAHN  
DEPUTY CLERK

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DATED: