

**DAKOTA COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE/POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2009

Administration Center, Government Center, Conference Room 3A, Hastings, Minnesota

1. **Call To Order And Roll Call.** Commissioner Thomas A. Egan, Chair of the Administration/Finance/Policy (AFP) Committee of the Whole, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll was noted with the following members present:

Commissioner Joseph A. Harris, District 1
Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord, District 2
Commissioner Thomas A. Egan, District 3
Commissioner Nancy Schouweiler, District 4
Commissioner Liz Workman, District 5
Commissioner Paul J. Krause, District 6
Commissioner Willis E. Branning, District 7

Others present included:

Brandt Richardson, County Administrator Kelly Olson, Sr. Administrative Coordinator
Karen Schaffer, County Attorney's Office

2. **Audience.** Commissioner Egan asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address the Committee of the Whole on an issue not on the agenda or to discuss an item on the consent agenda. No one appeared.
3. **Approval Of Agenda.** On a motion by Commissioner Krause, seconded by Commissioner Schouweiler, the agenda was approved.
4. **Introduction Of New Employees.** Chief Deputy Sheriff Dave Bellows introduced Commander John Grant, who was recently promoted to the position of Commander.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Workman, seconded by Commissioner Schouweiler, the consent agenda was unanimously approved as follows:

5. **Approval Of Minutes** of meeting held on June 2, 2009.
- 6.1 **Adoption Of Revision To Aggregate Tax Policy.**

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of maintaining aggregate resources for the general economy of the county; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County approved retention of a 5% of total aggregate tax collected administrative fee; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County distributes the balance of tax collected, after retention of a 5% administrative fee, to the general fund of the city or township in which the mine is located, to the county road and bridge fund, and to other county unmet reclamation, conservation or other environmental need; and

WHEREAS, changes in the statute and future production increases will require increased education and oversight; and

WHEREAS, based on 2008 production levels, aggregate tax collected would increase to \$1,091,044.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the revised Aggregate Tax Policy, as submitted to the Administration/Finance/Policy Committee of the Whole on July 7, 2009, is hereby adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby rescinds Dakota County Board Resolutions No. 01-481 and No. 08-323.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 7.1 Quarterly Update On 2009 Annual Board Goals.** This Item was introduced by Assistant to the County Administrator Lisa Henning. Updates on various goals were provided by the following staff: Physical Development Director Lynn Thompson, Operations, Management and Budget Director Jack Ditmore, Community Services Director David Rooney, Financial Services Director Matt Smith, Communications Director Gail Plewacki, Commander John Grant, and Employer Relations Director Will Volk. This item was for information only; no action was requested.
- 8.1 Update On Work Of Living Longer And Stronger In Dakota County (Aging Initiative).** Beth Wiggins of DARTS and Management Analyst Deb Miller introduced this item and reported on accomplishments of the initiative, plans for the remainder of 2009, volunteer activities, and secondary outcomes of the initiative. This item was for information only; no action was requested.
- 8.2 Request For Direction On Burnhaven Library Policy Issues.** This item was introduced by Project Planner Kari Gottesman. Discussion was held regarding relocation of a license center to the Burnhaven Library; remodeling plans; and the possible inclusion of an addition to the project. A needs assessment is scheduled to be presented at the August 4, 2009 Administration/Finance/Policy Committee of the Whole meeting. This item was for information only; no action was requested.
- 9.1 Direction On Metropolitan Council's Dial A Ride Funding Formulas.** This item was introduced by Deputy Director-Social Services Tina Isaac. Ms. Isaac responded to questions regarding walking distances, use of fixed routes, and inclusion of senior citizens as a separate population in the funding formula options.

On a motion by Commissioner Schouweiler, seconded by Commissioner Krause, the following resolution was recommended to the County Board. Commissioner Branning abstained from voting.

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council has determined that changes in the current Dial A Ride (DAR) program are essential to bring it into compliance with Federal rules and to provide the intended service; and

WHEREAS, a metro county Advisory Committee has been formed to provide local insight, preferences and direction for DAR services to the Metropolitan Council; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has two representatives on the Advisory Committee: a member of the Transit Office and a member of the Social Services Department; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee has been asked for local input on six proposed funding options factoring in population, people in poverty, disabled and geographical area and three of the formulas add the population over 65; and

WHEREAS, each of the six funding options would provide an increase in available dollars for DAR services in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, although funding options 1, 2 and 3, as presented on July 7, 2009, do not include the senior population as a factor in the funding formulas, they do provide the most revenue for DAR services to Dakota County residents including seniors; and

WHEREAS, counties are being asked to recommend a preferred funding option or to defer the funding formula decision to the Metropolitan Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends that the Metropolitan Council select either funding option 1, option 2 or option 3, as presented on July 7, 2009.

10.1 Approval Of Public Art Citizens Advisory Committee Recommendation For Placement Of Art In Judicial Center and Replacement Of Art in Western Service Center. Public Services and Revenue Deputy Director Jean Erickson introduced this item and reviewed proposed changes in current displays at the Western Service Center and a new display at the Judicial Center.

On a motion by Commissioner Schouweiler, seconded by Commissioner Workman, the following resolution was unanimously recommended to the County Board:

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 06-138 the Dakota County Board established the Public Art Citizens Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Public Art Citizens Advisory Committee has implemented a Western Service Center Project of Black and White Historic Photos; and

WHEREAS, the Public Art Citizens Advisory Committee has implemented rotating cultural art to be placed in the display case in the rotunda and placement of Dakota County citizens' fiber art in the east hallway; and

WHEREAS, the Public Art Citizens Advisory Committee has reviewed space in the Hastings Government Center Complex; and

WHEREAS, the Public Art Citizens Advisory Committee recommends that the Historic Black and White Photos be moved from the Western Service Center to the Jury Assembly Room in the Hastings Judicial Center; and

WHEREAS, the Public Art Citizens Advisory Committee further recommends that a collection of "Then And Now" photos be placed in the Western Service Center; and

WHEREAS, the Jury Assembly Room has not been designated as one of the Public Fora.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the recommended movement of the Historic Black and White photos from the Western Service Center to the Jury Assembly Room of the Hastings Judicial Center after consultation and coordination with judicial staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the recommended placement of a collection of "Then and Now" photographs in the Western Service Center as presented Administration/Finance/Policy Committee of the Whole on July 7, 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Public Services and Revenue Division is hereby directed to work with the Dakota County Historical Society and Facilities Management to facilitate the completion of this project.

9. County Administrator's Report. The County Administrator had no items to report.

10. Adjournment. Chair Egan adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly D. Olson
Senior Administrative Coordinator to the Board