

DAKOTA COUNTY REPORTER

County Board of Commissioners Meeting Dakota County, Minnesota March 16, 2010

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The Dakota County Board of Commissioners met at 9:01 a.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2010, in the Boardroom, Administration Center, Hastings, Minnesota. All County Board members were present. The minutes of the County Board meeting, held February 23, 2010, were approved as presented and entered in Commissioners' Record 2010.

Chair Egan asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address the County Board on an item not on the agenda or any item on the consent agenda. The following appeared: Linda Jackson, Business Representative, AFSCME Minnesota Council 5.

The following revisions were made to the agenda: 1) Added Item 16.2 – Addition Of Legislative Initiative To 2010 Dakota County Legislative Program and Item 21.2 Other Board Activities – Thursday, March 18, 2010, Dakota Communications Center (DCC) Board of Directors Meeting, 8:00 a.m. - DCC, 2860 160th Street West, Training Room, Rosemount; and 2) Moved Item 9.2 – Support For Google Fiber To Communities Application By Dakota Future from the consent agenda to the regular agenda.

Honorable Thomas Poch, First Judicial District Judge, administered the oath of office to appointed Sheriff David Bellows.

Held the following public hearings to receive comments on and adopted the corresponding amendments: 1) Amendments To Dakota County Ordinance 110, Solid Waste Management presented by the Environmental Management Director; 2) Amendments To Dakota County Ordinance 111, Hazardous Waste Regulation presented by the Environmental Management Director; and 3) Amendments To Dakota County Ordinance 112, Regulating Assemblages Of Large Numbers Of People presented by the Public Services and Revenue Deputy Director. Interested parties desiring to be heard at the above public hearings were afforded the opportunity to address the County Board. No one appeared for public hearings 1) and 2). The following appeared for public hearing 3): From Farmington: Tom Severson, Julie May, Lacelle Cordes, Anika Rychner, Joe Folz, and Howard Kehlenbeck; From Hampton: Pete Schaffer.

OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, AND BUDGET

Administration:

Dakota Future Bill Coleman addressed the County Board regarding Item 9.1 – Support For Google Fiber To Communities Application By Dakota Future. Supported the application of Dakota Future to host a Google Gb Fiber Network in Dakota County and applauded the collaboration of government, business, and education in the development of the response to the Request for Information.

The Criminal Justice Information Integration Network (CJIIN) Manager introduced Item 14.1 – Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement And Execute Contract For Dakota County Law Enforcement Agencies Records Management System. City of Burnsville Chief of Police Robert Hawkins and City of Inver Grove Heights Lieutenant Jerry Salmey addressed the Board and expressed their appreciation of CJIIN efforts in this and other projects. Authorized execution of a Joint Powers Agreement with the Cities of Burnsville, Farmington, Hastings, Inver Grove Heights, Mendota Heights, South St Paul and West St Paul to establish and maintain a police Records Management System. Authorized execution of a contract with ProPhoenix, Corporation for software and professional services to implement the multi-jurisdictional records system.

Received a Legislative Update.

Operations Management:

Authorized execution of a contract with Sebesta Blomberg & Associates, Inc. to conduct energy audits on County buildings using Federal Recovery Act funding.

Authorized purchasing 2010 commercial property insurance for the county.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Administration:

Ratified Community Development Funding Requests to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to be administered by the Dakota County Community Development Agency.

Parks:

Authorized the following: 1) Submission of grant applications to the 2010 Parks and Trails Legacy Grant Program, and 2) Execution of agricultural lease agreements with specified individuals for use of specified County land.

Transportation:

Authorized the following: 1) Execution of a contract amendment with SRF Consulting Group, Inc. to perform professional services for County Project (CP) 97-85, Regional Roadway System Visioning Study and amended the budget; 2) Initiating “quick take” condemnation of Parcel 184, located in Apple Valley/Lakeville for right of way acquisition for Cedar Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (CPs 23-59, 23-64, and 23-70); and 3) Execution of an Agreement with the City of Inver Grove Heights for County cost participation in the Rock Island Swing Bridge Reuse Project.

Water Resources Office:

Authorized execution of a contract with Bretschneider Co. for sandblasting and painting services at Byllesby Dam, contingent on Goodhue County’s approval of the contract.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Sheriff:

Appointed Timothy J. Leslie as Chief Deputy Sheriff for the Dakota County Sheriff’s Office.

Authorized execution of a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, to fund a staff member to the Minnesota Joint Analysis Center (MNJAC) for a criminal analyst and amended the budget.

PUBLIC SERVICES AND REVENUE

Administration:

Added an initiative to the 2010 Dakota County Legislative Program to include relocating the County’s Burnsville deputy registrar and driver’s license agent to the Burnhaven Library.

Assessing Services:

Received an Annual Market Value Update.

Library:

Accepted the following donations and expressed appreciation for these generous gifts: 1) \$3,437.99 from the Friends of the Wescott Library for a VMI 3500 disc buffer, 2) \$1,200 from Michael and Lola Hendrickson for children’s books; 3) \$2,312.80 from Friends of the Inver Glen Library for Lucky U books, furniture and the ten-year Inver Glen anniversary event; and 4) \$3,000 from Friends of the Hastings Library for children, teen and adult programs and supplies.

Property Taxation And Records:

Received an Annual Report On Acceptance Of Credit Cards For Dakota County Services.

COUNTY BOARD/COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

Administration:

Held the following closed executive sessions to discuss: 1) Labor negotiations strategy, and 2) Manuel Ortiz vs. Dakota County.

Approved final payment in the settlement of Parcel 25 (311): County Project 42-91, reconstructed County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 42 in Burnsville from CSAH 5 to the Scott County line.

Employee Relations:

Authorized execution of the Labor Agreement with the Teamsters Local 320 Jail unit.

Chair Egan and Commissioner Harris presented the HEROES awards and recognized staff for their outstanding collaboration achievements in 2009. The following nominated programs were recognized: Publicly Funded Health Care Access and Insurance Coverage for Jail Inmates and Learning About Nutrition through Activities (LANA). The Dakota County Adult Problem Solving Court team was announced as the winning project for 2009.

Financial Services:

Received a Report on Invoices Paid in February 2010.

Dakota County Community Development Agency Executive Director Mark Ulfers presented Item 13.2 – Allocate Bonding Authority To Local Issuers Of Recovery Zone Facility Bonds. City of Eagan Community Development Director Jon Hohenstein addressed the Board regarding allocation of bonding authority for Eagan projects. Allocated authority to issue Recovery Zone Facility Bonds to Eagan for eligible costs of developing the Blue Gentian Corporate Center intersection (I-494, I-35E, and Highway 55); and to the South Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority for the BridgePoint Business Park (formerly South Saint Paul Stockyards).

The County Board meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

The next regular Dakota County Board meeting will be held April 6, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.