



GOODHUE COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Administration Conference Room
May 22 2007
3:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Richard Samuelson, Commissioner Dan Rehtzigel, County Administrator Scott Arneson, Finance Director Carolyn Holmsten, Chief Deputy Amy Hove Land Use Management Director/County Recorder/County Surveyor, Lisa Hanni, and Administrative Assistant Andrea Benck and Stacy Thuman.

C/Samuelson called the meeting to order.

Government Center Project/Public Health Renovation. At the May 15th County Board meeting the County Board awarded the contract to Red Wing Construction for the replacement of domestic water system, Government Center elevator and the Public Health elevator. Since that meeting, it has been brought to staff's attention that there was a misinterpretation of the bid documents. What was understood to be a credit by the general contractor for replacing both elevators at one time was not. They had already factored any discounts into the bottom line. In checking with the other contractors that bid the project, they all bid the project the same way.

Ms. Hanni reviewed options. The county could re-word the bid documents to clarify and send the project out for bids again. This would push the project out further and the result would probably be approximately the same. The board could award the contract again without the inclusion of the Public Health elevator and move forward with the Government Center improvements. The elevator in the Public Health Building could be looked at again when the county moves forward with the renovation of the second floor.

Ms. Hanni suggested the board re-award the bid taking out the cost of the Public Health elevator. Discussions for the Public Health elevator and second floor renovation could be brought to a committee of the whole meeting in June. The county received money from South Country Health Alliance for that program. That money could be used to renovate the second floor and the elevator to make room for staff working with that program.

The Budget Committee agreed to recommend that the County Board re-award the bid for the Government Center renovations minus the construction of the Public Health elevator and associated fees.

Capital Plan. Ms. Holmsten reviewed a number of graphs pulled together from the capital requests submitted by departments. The Auditor/Treasurer's Office has been working with departments on the Capital Plan project for some time now. This Capital Plan is work in progress and still needed some fine tuning. Ms. Holmsten looked at it more as a want list rather than a need list at this point. This was for information and the Commissioners will receive their

own Capital Plan book listing all of the detail when they address the budget and levy in the months to come.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Next meeting: June 26 at 1:00 p.m.