

JOINT FINANCE, PROPERTY AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Finance, Property and Highway Committees met in the Second Floor East Conference Room of the Polk County Government Center at 1:00 p.m. on April 3, 2007.

Present for Finance:	Larry Jepsen	Gerald Newville	Neil Johnson
Absent from Finance:	Gary Bergstrom	Mick Larsen	
Present for Property:	Marvin Caspersen	Jeff Peterson	Kay Friberg
	Russell Arcand		
Absent from Property:	Mick Larsen		
Present for Highway:	Marvin Caspersen	Arthur Gamache	Carl Holmgren
	Jay Luke	William Hughes	
Also Present:	Tonya Weinert	Debbie Peterson	Steve Warndahl
	Members of the Public	Members of the Press	

Chairman Gerald Newville called the meeting to order on behalf of the Finance Committee.

Vice Chairman Marvin Caspersen called the meeting to order on behalf of the Property Committee.

Chairman Marvin Caspersen called the meeting to order on behalf of the Highway Committee.

It was agreed that County Board Chairman Larry Jepsen would serve as the narrator for the Joint Meeting. Jepsen reported that each committee could approve the minutes individually.

The committee members discussed the possibility of a centralized public works campus for the County. Through handouts and discussion, Highway Commissioner Steve Warndahl addressed problem areas with Polk County highway buildings including environmental concerns, handicap compliance issues, structural concerns with the existing building which was erected in 1937, electrical, heating, safety and DNR issues. Committee members discussed the possibility of combining the Recycling Center, County Fairgrounds and the Highway Department. Jepsen encouraged members to tour the Washburn County Public Works Campus. Parks, Buildings and Solid Waste Department Head Debbie Peterson reported that a combined campus could share equipment, employees and resources for added future savings. Finance Director Tonya Weinert reported that depending on the choices the County Board makes and their timing, several financing options could be explored. The committee members discussed developing a steering committee for the purpose of research. **Moved by Caspersen/Luke to develop a Public Works Campus Steering Committee comprised of one member from each committee and to include a member of the County Fair Board for the purpose of researching, funding, need and design for a centralized public works campus and that the Committee would gather information without spending county dollars and to forward on and recommend approval by the full county board.**

Moved by Peterson/Luke to amend the previous Motion to limit the Public Works Campus Steering Committee to a five-person committee and to have the committee's research/recommendation/s completed by August 1, 2007. Motion carried by voice vote. Newville called for the question. Motion carried by voice vote as to the original Motion.

Moved by Johnson/Newville to adjourn on behalf of the Finance Committee.

Moved by Holmgren/Luke to adjourn on behalf of the Highway Committee.

Moved by Arcand/Peterson to adjourn on behalf of the Property Committee.

Joint Meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.
