

Joint Polk County Property, Forestry and Recreation & Highway Committees Meeting  
September 11, 2008

The Polk County Property, Forestry, Recreation and Highway Committees met at the Polk County Highway Shop at 518 Main Street in Balsam Lake.

Members Present Property, Forestry, and Recreation Committee:

Russell Arcand                      Michael Larsen                      Joan Peterson

Members absent: Bryan Beseler and Larry Jepsen

Members Present Highway Committee:

Marvin Caspersen                      Arthur Gamache                      Dean Johansen  
Jay Luke                      Herschel Brown

Others Present: Highway Commissioner Steve Warndahl  
Finance Director Tonya Weinert  
Parks, Buildings and Solid Waste Director Debbie Peterson  
Corporation Counsel Jeff Fuge  
SEH Project Manager Bob Sworski  
Members of the press

Chairman Caspersen called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. on behalf of the Highway Committee.

Chairman Larsen called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. on behalf of the Property Committee.

**Motion (Larsen/Luke) to appoint Caspersen as chair of the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Accept Agenda: **Motion (Luke/Brown) to accept the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Sworski reported to the committees that the main highway building is in good structural shape but needs infrastructure work such as sewer, electrical, roof. There are several code violations.

The committees discussed various scenarios for a highway facility.

**Motion (Luke/Larsen) We recognize the professional firm SEH's opinion that the highway building is sound however does not meet the present or future needs of the highway department; therefore, we believe other options such as land swap and to review other locations should be explored. Motion carried 7-1. Johansen voted no.**

Arcand and Gamache volunteered to explore options and report back to the committees.

**Motion (Luke/Johansen) to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.**