

September 13, 2016  
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners  
Work Session  
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners held a work session on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Present for all or portions of the meeting in person or by phone were: Commissioners Norm Holmen, Kevin Stevens, Jim Schmidt, Tom Appel, Donna Gravley; County Coordinator Kelly Thongvivong; Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson; County Attorney Nick Anderson; Kathy Marsh, Gale Bondhus, Larry Anderson, Gary Einertson, and Jim Christensen.

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Discussion was held regarding the 2017 proposed appropriations. Motion by Gravley, second by Appel, unanimous vote to approve the 2017 appropriations as presented.

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Discussion was held regarding Local Option Sales Tax. Commissioner Appel reviewed information about the sales tax and stated that the Auditor/Treasurer and the Public Works Director needed to gather more information before the board could make a decision.

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Discussion was held regarding the Road and Bridge 2017 proposed budget.

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Discussion was held regarding county buildings. Chairman Stevens appointed Commissioners Holmen and Appel to the building committee with himself as alternate.

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Discussion was held regarding a Housing Tax Abatement. Commissioner Stevens asked for the opinion of the board. Consensus of the board is to inform Windom EDA that the County may be interested in participating in a Housing Tax Abatement for 3 years, with a cap of \$300,000, and must be applied for within a 3 year set period of time.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

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Kevin Stevens, Board Chairman

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Kelly Thongvivong, County Coordinator