

**Highway Facility Evaluation Committee  
Minutes  
February 16, 2015**

**Committee members present:** David Hintz-Chair, Robb Jensen-Vice Chair, Bob Mott, Sonny Paszak, Scott Holewinski, Jack Sorensen, Freeman Bennett, Brian Desmond, Margie Sorenson, Luann Brunette, Lisa Charbarneau, Mike Romportl.

**Others present:** Norman Barrientos, Ryan Thacker (Barrientos Design & Consulting) via phone, Bill Freudenburg and Roger Luce.

**Call to order:** Chairman Hintz called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. noting the meeting had been properly posted.

**Approve agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda by Mott, second by Paszak. All ayes; motion carried.

**Approve the minutes of the January 19, 2015 meeting:** Motion by Jensen, second by Paszak to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2015. All ayes; motion carried.

**Vouchers, reports and bills:** None.

**Three options as detailed by Barrientos Design & Consulting**

The committee went over the three options presented by Barrientos. The committee discussed the possibility of reducing the cost of Option 3, building a new building. Bennett told the committee that they have only reviewed what has been recommend by the consultant.

The committee had a conference call with Norman and Ryan to discuss changes that had been made to Option Two. Hintz also asked how Barrientos would react to the County saying they only had twelve million dollars to construct a new building. Norman replied that would not be the first time they have heard that and have had to work with a client to get their project into a certain price range. He said it was certainly doable.

**Presentation for March County Board Meeting**

Hintz told the committee that he envisioned Barrientos would go over all three options with the full board. Next the Highway Facility Evaluation Committee would make a presentation. That presentation would start with the numbers provided by Barrientos followed by any adjustments to come up with a final number needed. Present where that funding may come from and how it affects the taxpayer. Hintz indicated that he would like those numbers ready by the next committee meeting.

**Subcommittees**

Contract Terms: closed session on the next agenda.

Appraisal: done.

TIF District, Role of City and Impact on Area: Roger Luce helped to explain more details on how a TIF district works. If the County sold the old property, the value of the current property would be added back to the tax role. Taxes collected for the current value of the property would go to the County. Any

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increase in taxes due to improvements would go to the City and be applied toward the TIF. Hintz indicated that he had spoken with Blaine at the City, who indicated that he believes the TIF will be for approximately ten years.

**Financing Options and Costs:** Sorenson gave an example of borrowing ten million dollars over ten years would cost the tax payer seventeen cents per one thousand dollars of value on their home or seventeen dollars for a one hundred thousand dollar home.

**Facility Consolidation:** The committee wanted clarification on why there was consideration to consolidate the Monico Shop but not the Minocqua or Three Lakes Shop. The committee decided not to consider other consolidations at this point until the County Board gave direction on how it would like to proceed with the options it will be presented.

**Future Meeting Dates:** March 5, 2015 at 1:00pm

**Future agenda topics:** Closed session to address contract terms.

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion by Sorensen, second by Paszak to adjourn. Motion carried; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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David Hintz, Committee Chair

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Lisa Charbarneau, Recording Secretary