

**STEVENS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2009
11:00 a.m.**

The Special Meeting of the Stevens County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 11:04 a.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2009, by Chair Larry Sayre. Members present were Kloos, Staples, Munsterman, Watzke and Sayre.

Commissioner's Sayre and Munsterman presented their written comments in regard to the scope and size of the building project while verbal comments were offered by the other Commissioners.

Commissioner Munsterman offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 090609-24

WHEREAS, the Stevens County Board has spent much time and resources identifying and studying the County's facilities needs, including appointing and participating in the meetings of a Citizens Advisory Committee, relative to the proposed renovation of the Stevens County Courthouse, addition of a law enforcement center to the courthouse, and construction of an attached jail; and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously voted 3-2 to call for bids to conduct a courthouse remodel, law enforcement center and jail construction, and to sell jail bonds in that connection; and

WHEREAS, subsequent developments – including highly negative community reaction and outright oral and written attacks, threats and intimidation directed towards individual commissioners and even their families – have taken place in connection with the project, calling into question whether it can practically be pursued and financed in its current form; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project has caused a significant rift in the community that only threatens to become worse, which rift can perhaps begin to heal as a result of unified action of the Board on this issue; and

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the best interests of the County to construct a project similar to the currently approved project but minus the jail, consisting of a courthouse remodel and law enforcement center construction with a sallyport and holding rooms for prisoners but no jail at the present time, designed so that a jail could in the future be attached, which approach has commonly been referred to as "Option 4;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that all bids received for the June 11, 2009, bid opening be returned unopened;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the architect and construction manager proceed with construction documents for “Option 4” so that said option can be advertised for bids as soon as reasonably possible; and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the proposed sale of jail bonds in connection with the previously proposed project is hereby cancelled, in lieu of issuing appropriate bonds or identifying alternative financing for the “Option 4” project.

Commissioner Kloos seconded the motion and all members voting aye, the motion carried.

On a motion by Watzke, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the full board was designated as Building Committee for the county’s revised building project.

On a motion by Kloos, second by Staples and all members voting aye, the Board hereby cancels the project approved on June 19th, 2009.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m. on a motion by Kloos, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye.

James Thoreen, County Coordinator

Larry Sayre, Chair