

# County Administrator's Briefing Notes

2:00 PM Monday – June 26, 2006

Commissioner's Conference Room

*What are we asking for?  
Why is it important?  
Is it realistic?*

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Attendance: Commissioner Jan Angel (Chair), Commissioner Patty Lent, Commissioner Chris Endresen; County Administrator Cris Gears; Barbara Stephenson, Treasurer; Randy Casteel and Molly Foster, Public Works; Alan Miles, Prosecutors Office; Jim Avery, Assessor; Hugh Spitzer; Art Castle and Teresa Osinki; Ron Ross; Jennifer Mills and Judy Eagleson, Mentor Co; Jim and Ginger Sommerhauser, and Katherine Brown, Administrative Assistant.

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**2:00**

**1. Convene Meeting & Approve Minutes of Previous Briefing:**

**June 5, 2006 PM Brief:** Tabled until next Monday briefing.

**2:10**

**2. Tax Title Sales & Right of Way Vacations (Randy Casteel)**

Action:

- Randy Casteel and Molly Foster gave briefing on their review process.
- Barbara Stephenson gave overview of the Treasurer's procedures and positive identification of parcels that have been in the system since the 1920's and noted that many property sales have reduced liability to the county.
- Commissioner Endresen noted that the Board doesn't get a list of tax title sale properties until near the end of the process; getting it sooner would be beneficial.
- Commissioner Lent commented that aerial view maps are crucial.
- Commissioner Endresen, in response to a constituent's claim that they were not notified, asked Barbara Stephenson to check her records to see if notice did reach them.
- Cris Gears, in regard to current policy, will look into:
  - unintended consequences,
  - adequate notice,
  - whether or not the geographic area currently receiving notification is satisfactory,
  - getting a list of properties to the Board in a timely manner,
  - minimal values and possibly reassessing minimum values of parcels,
  - ways to avoid creating nuisance properties/land locking and extortion, and
  - the possibility of lobbying for changes in state legislation.His findings should be ready by September.
- Commissioner Endresen would like a list of properties that are foreclosed on annually.
- Randy Casteel will continue to process the ones they that result from public request.

**3:05**

### **3. Draft Legislation (Hugh Spitzer)**

Action:

- Hugh Spitzer gave update on draft legislation presented to the Board last February and spoke to the points in the attached hand out. He noted that Peter Moy is working on a financial comparison showing the cost and potential revenue with the SKIA being used for industrial businesses *and* it being used for a NASCAR Track, the results of which may produce further negotiations with ISC. The financial review first draft should be ready in July or August.
- Commissioner Endresen had further questions about annexation issues, local construction jobs, attendance at different races at different tracks, what percentage of seats are sold and what the actual attendance is since fan expenditures are based on attendance, and wants to see commitments by ISC in writing.
- Jim Avery will estimate how much money would be delayed from collecting taxes on forestland.
- Commissioner Lent questioned how many acres will be used for the track which will be exempt from property taxes and how many for administrative offices which would pay property taxes. Hugh Spitzer is working with Peter Moy to ascertain those numbers and should have a briefing in about a month. Cris Gears asked that between now and then the Board give him questions to pass on to the ISC.
- Commissioner Endresen asked Cris Gears to get a copy of the letter the Board sent to ISC asking several specific questions and ISC's response.
- Commissioner Lent asked about what happens when bonds are retired...does any money come to county? Ben Holland noted that currently it stays with project.

**4:00**

### **4. Board of Commissioners'/Administrator's Issues**

Action:

- Rick Fackler made the requested changes to the Parks Plan and gave the Board updated copies.
- Arley Bright reported that the County sold bonds today, noting that the sale exceeds estimates and that bond rates are optimal now making the timing excellent.
- Cris Gears noted the Natural Resource Briefing tomorrow.
- Commissioner Endresen will try to meet with Barry Loveless about ULID #8.

### **Review Draft Agenda for Upcoming Meetings.**

- a. June 28, 2006 – Work Study Session (9:30am)  
Information Sharing  
360 Degree Evaluation (Bert Furuta)
- b. July 3, 2006 – Monday AM Brief (10:00am)
- c. July 3, 2006 – Monday PM Brief (2:00pm)

- d. July 5, 2006 – Work Study Session (8:30am)  
BOCC Agenda Review for July 10, 2006  
Information Sharing
- e. July 10, 2006 – Regular Public Meeting (10:00am)
- f. July 10, 2006 – Monday PM Brief (2:00pm)
- g. July 12, 2006 – Work Study Session (8:30am)  
10 Year Alternatives
- h. July 17, 2006 – Monday AM Brief (10:00am)  
DAS Departmental Brief (Ben Holland)
- i. July 17, 2006 – Monday PM Brief (2:00pm)
- j. July 19, 2006 – Work Study Session (8:30am)  
BOCC Agenda Review for 7/24  
Information Sharing

**4:25**

**5. Adjourn**