

Martin County Board of Commissioners
Truth In Taxation Public Hearing
December 1, 2009
Board Room

Donnelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with the following Board members present: Schmidtke, Boler, Potter, and Pierce. County staff present was Scott Higgins, County Coordinator, James Forshee, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, and Dan Whitman, Martin County Assessor. Jennifer Brookens, Sentinel Reporter, and Rod Halverson, KFMC/KSUM Radio. There were seven members of the public present.

Donnelly explained to the public the procedures for the budget hearing stating that the purpose of the meeting is to get public input on the proposed county budget for CY2010. Three members from the public stated they had concerns on their appraised values. Those citizens were referred to discuss the issue with the County Assessor.

Whitman gave a presentation of the Payable 2010 Tax Base Analysis. After a brief discussion, Donnelly thanked Whitman for his presentation.

Budget packets were provided to all those in attendance. Forshee presented the proposed CY2010 County Budget. Forshee reviewed the projected revenues and expenditures by each Department. The tax levy requested for CY2010 is \$10,284,475 which equates to the same as it was in CY2009, therefore a 0% increase in tax levy. Total projected revenues of \$19,189,753 and total projected expenditures of \$19,034,895.

Donnelly asked for public input.

Pat Bulfer inquired if the county received any of the stimulus money for road projects.

Pierce responded that no Federal Stimulus money was received by the county and was prioritized for projects that were basically shovel ready.

Donnelly asked if there were any further comments from the public. There were none.

Motion by Commissioner Boler, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby close the public portion of the hearing. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

There was Board discussion concerning the Payable 2010 tax base analysis. With no further discussion on the proposed Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve setting December 15, 2009 at 10:00am for consideration to approve the CY2010 final tax levy and budget. Carried unanimously.

With no further business to wit,

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Boler to adjourn.
Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Steve Donnelly, Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator