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Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Merger Study Commission
Work Session Minutes
May 26, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Mike Shank and Joan Gallagher Co-Chairpersons of the Merger Study Commission.
2. Sam Staley, Tom Frantz, Donna Hellmann, Charlie Schwegman, Howard Ackerman, Ron Folkerth were present. Linda Hummel and Bill Berry were not present.
3. Others present were, Barry Tiffany, Mark Schlagheck and Scott Bryant.
4. At the May 12, 2010 Work Session, Dr. Staley was tasked with creating language for Article 7 Finance, of the Merger Study Commission Final Report. He sent, via e-mail, Three Options for an Interim Tax and Expenditure Limitation of a proposed Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Merger. A hard copy of this was distributed at the meeting and is attached to these minutes. Discussion commenced on Option 1, Merged Government Spending Neutrality and Option 2, Merged Government Spending Limit. The pros and cons of each were discussed. Dr. Staley agreed to combine the two in another option which would reflect Mr. Ackerman's suggestion to address Operations Efficiency, Transition Costs and Road Responsibilities.
5. Mr. Schwegman suggested that he conduct the next Work Session to start reviewing Articles 1,2,3,4,5,6,8 and 9 of the Draft of the Conditions of Merger. Work Sessions were then scheduled for all the Wednesdays in June, 9, 16, 23 and 30. There will be an abbreviated regular meeting on June 2, 2010 followed by a work session.
6. It was also suggested that the Commission needed to know the language for the ballot in November specifically if the Conditions of Merger were placed on the ballot? Mrs. Gallagher volunteered to contact the Board of Elections.
7. The Work Session was adjourned at 9:15 PM