

Minutes from the meeting held on 11/23/04

Attendees included: Jay McCleary, Dick Florey, Jill Alverson, and Don Olson

- We discussed a time table to finalize what it is we want the legislature to consider for the 2006 session.
- The goal is to have a list and justification for the changes ready by June 30, 2005.
- There was discussion about the best way to approach the changes: One suggestion was to ask the Governor to form a committee that would focus on a state wide view. We need to discuss this and other approaches at the next meeting
- The need is greater clarity in the statutes that give specific authority that may not be addressed today. From experience of those attending, attorney's for the municipality interpret differently what a purchasing official can or cannot do when legislation is silent for example.
- There is a need to keep the State Division of Materials Management informed and support encouraged.
- There was a suggestion that we should have a document signed by as many municipalities as possible supporting the legislation.
- It was suggested that the Municipal contract law should mirror State Purchasing statutes, chapter 16C.
- Jay volunteered to contact Janelle Dierstead, former Lt. Governor from Red Wing, to gather what she thinks would be the most appropriate way to introduce this legislation.
- We need a good strategy plan to get the changes we need. The next meeting will focus on this.

Respectfully submitted

Don Olson