Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM stated the purpose of the meeting was to look at the capital needs and finance goals moving forward for the county. He then noted that Commissioner Bobby Irwin would not be present.

Chair Mark Evans then stated that he wanted to look at the financial plan for the capital needs.

County Manager, Mike James explained the next few years of loan payoffs and how that effects the borrowing capacity for the county.

The board discussed the next five years of loan payoffs and details of each loan.

Commissioner John Irwin asked about the farm credit tax break. He inquired how up to date that information was and if the money amount for farms was correct.

Chair Mark Evans said he would like to know more about the process for farms.

The Board then went over all the county buildings and highlighted where the general needs were.

Commissioner Larry Prince asked about utilizing the quarter cent sales tax and the amount of money that would generate for the county.

The Board then discussed the employee pay raises and health insurance costs for the upcoming year.

Chair Mark Evans said he felt the best idea to help with needs would be to utilize the quarter cent sales tax since it was so close last time. He noted it could be utilized to help the Fire Departments that way it would have the support of all the fire departments.

The Board discussed the needs at each fire department, and then went back to discuss the county buildings. Then they grouped projects that needed attention in year priority starting with immediately to three years, four to six years, seven to ten years and ten plus years to have a good view of the needs to county buildings.

Then they discussed the Social Services building and questioned if the forty percent reimbursement was worth the expenditure for the rental of the building.

Commissioner Tom Smith brought up phase II of the auditorium. The Board discussed prioritizing that for later down the road.

Commissioner John Irwin asked about IT needs for county departments.

The Board discussed the individual IT needs and the structure and duties of an added IT employee. Then they discussed the feasibility.

Next the Board discussed the roofs on all county buildings and asked County Manager, Mike James to have them inspected looking forward to building repairs and expenses.

County Manager, Mike James explained some changes coming at the transfer facility. He said they needed a new scale and scale house at the entrance. He noted the scale would be about $350,000. They also needed to pave all the way around the building so that will no longer be an excuse for people to not follow the directional signs they had installed. He then suggested an increase of $5 to the solid waste fee to help facilitate the improvements.
Commissioner Larry Prince said he felt like there was a lot of information for the Board to consider to make an appropriate decision.

The Board discussed the next meeting to revisit the capital needs and to allow some time to gather more information. They decided to wait till after budget was complete maybe July or August.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 4:0

Respectfully Submitted, 

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Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Mark Evans  
Chair of the Board