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Fargo Mayor, Cass County Commissioners agree to delay sales tax vote

Fargo, ND (WDAY TV) – There was some movement in a deadlock between city and county on how to pay for flood control. Fargo Mayor Dennis Walaker and the Chairman of the Cass County Commissioner agreed to delay a public vote on a proposed half cent sales tax.

The city and county commissions both proposed sales tax measures, hoping to get them on the June ballot. While they still haven't agreed on a proposal, they may have agreement on delaying the vote.

The Cass County Commission approved the so-called gentleman's agreement. One commissioner says they definitely don't want to run the risk of having both proposals defeated. Fargo will discuss the matter at its commission meeting tonight.

“We have an opportunity to step back, take a deep breath, re-group, and see if we can't reach consensus.”

The U.S. Army corps of engineers wants a local funding commitment by mid July, but doesn't care if a vote has occurred. The Corps also indicated the estimated federal share of the cost could increase, meaning not as much needs to be raised through local taxes. Vanyo suggests getting the metro flood study group back together to help sort out this tax issue.

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