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Senate Bonding Committee hears pitches for gym at CABHS, special needs schools

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Cliff Carmody makes his pitch before the committee. Image JP Cola

(Willmar MN-) Members of the Senate Capital Investment, or Bonding, Committee were in the area Thursday listening to pitches for funding for various projects in the region. After visits to Redwood Falls and Morton, they arrived at the District 8 MnDot headquarters in Willmar where Senator

Andrew Lang of Olivia said they heard a request for an additional 1.75 million dollars for the new Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health System hospital currently under construction in northeast Willmar. Lang says they want to add a mobility center to the facility...

Lang

...The Committee then moved on to Ridgewater College, where Cliff Carmody of the Southwest-West Central Service Cooperative asked for 34.8 million dollars to create special schools for children in the region with learning disorders, similar to the learning center in Cosmos and the one recently opened in Montevideo...

Carmody

...The committee also heard from an Appleton City Council member who asked for 3 million dollars for upgrades to the city's water treatment plant, and from Donna Boonstra from the Highway 23 Coalition which is seeking 3.9 million dollars to help Kandiyohi County build a bridge over railroad tracks in southwest Willmar. Ridgewater College also asked for a little over 4 million dollars for facility repairs and maintenance. Committee Chair David Senjum has hinted that they will be looking at a bonding bill of less than a billion dollars, while House Bonding Committee Chair Mary Murphy says they want one closer to 3.5 billion dollars in the upcoming session.

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