

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2013

State of
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Iowa

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EXTENSION AND PROPERTY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
TUESDAY, MARCH 7th, 2013
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
DODGEVILLE, WISCONSIN**

2013-01

Item		
#1	Chair Ryan Walmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.	Call to Order
#1a	Supervisors present: David Bauer, Tom Delain, John Demby, Jeremy Meek, Doug Richter, Ryan Walmer, Ed Weaver, and Charles Bolduc. Excused: James Griffith	Present
#1b	Also present: Scott Godfrey Planning Director, Supervisor Bob Bunker, Supervisor Daniel Nankee, Land Conservation Director Jim McCaulley, Extension Educator Ruth Schriefer, County Administrator Curt Kephart, Corporation Counsel Matthew Allen, Jim Blabaum Principal of ERA Arthur Realty, and citizens Mel Masters, and Mark Palin	Also Present
#2	Upon a motion by Supervisor Weaver seconded by Supervisor Bauer the Consent Agenda was adopted and the agenda for the meeting was set and the minutes of the December 6 th , 2012 meeting were approved. Motion adopted unanimously.	Approval of Agenda and Minutes
#3	Departments present provided their monthly reports. Ruth Schriefer was present to present the County Extension Department update. Scott Godfrey, Planning Director presented the monthly report for Planning and Zoning,	Department Reports
#4	Chair Walmer updated the Committee on the first reading of the change in County Board rules to move the Extension Department to a newly created Committee on agriculture and extension Education. He advised the Committee that if the Board approves this move, then the Committee would need someone to prepare agendas and copy and distribute the minutes from the Committee Secretary. Planning Director Godfrey and Land Conservation Director McCaulley volunteered to take on this responsibility. A question was raised as to meeting location and it was agreed by the staff that access to either building will be provided so that the meeting room will be available fifteen minutes prior to the start of the meeting.	Extension Committee Creation and Staffing EDEP
#5	Jim McCaulley Land Conservation Director presented the update and report for the Land Conservation Department. He distributed a map of PL project dams and advised the Committee that the County has obligations on these structures	Land Conservation Update
#6	The U.S.D.A. is soliciting proposals for leasing a new office building of approximately 6,000 square feet. The Long Range Planning Committee recommends to the E.D.E.P. that the Courthouse not be considered a part of a proposal to U.S.D.A. The Administrator pointed out that the requested 57 parking spaces is problematic and that the amount of time and money required to conform or renovate to the GSA standards seems prohibitive. The Committee took no action and advised the Administrator not to pursue offering a lease option from the County.	U.S.D.A. Request for Lease Proposal

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#7	The Administrator distributed aerial views of some cropland and pastureland property adjacent to the Bloomfield Healthcare Center. He advised the Committee that the land in question is neither the prairie restoration acreage nor Bloomfield Center. After reviewing the maps and discussion it was determined that selling versus leasing appeared to be a better option, however, keeping the 130 acres of pastureland near Bloomfield is preferred due to the isolated nature of the parcel and access issues. Motion by Weaver seconded by Bolduc to recommend to the County Board of Supervisors that the 40 acres of cropland near Bloomfield presently being rented be declared surplus property and sold by sealed bid to the highest bidder (County retains the right to reject any or all bids) with the new owner to take possession in 2014. Motion adopted unanimously.	Sale of Surplus Property
#8	The Long Range Planning Committee requested that the E.D.E.P. consider a proposal from Jewell Architects for developing a design of Courthouse Security renovations. A prior visit from another Architectural firm did not clarify their earlier proposal which is now about six years old. The consensus of the Committee was that the full County Board needed to be briefed on the matter of Courthouse Security and why the Committees felt it may be necessary to renovate space to accommodate improved security. Rather than have the Architect speak to their proposal it was suggested that the Public Safety Division Team might attend the County Board meeting and share their thoughts and ideas on why improved security is necessary and what options exist to improve the situation. It was pointed out that the sitting Judge may direct the Officer of the Court to take whatever steps are necessary to protect the public and the Court and so some action may be advised. Keith Hurlbert will be asked to coordinate a presentation to the full Board at the March meeting.	Courthouse Security
#9	The County Administrator was advised by the Dodgeville Chief of Police of his recommendation to consider signing the Courthouse with a "No Weapons" sign pursuant to the Wisconsin State Statutes. The Administrator shared this information with the Long Range Planning Committee and the LRP recommended that the matter be taken up with the Justice Committee and E.D.E.P. A discussion on the pros and cons of signage and the multiple statutes that cover this issue were clarified by Corporation Counsel Matthew Allen. Upon further discussion it was a consensus to take no action on signage regarding weapons as the Statutes provide sufficient legal language and signage to conform to specific statutes might not clarify the matter.	Weapon Signage at Courthouse

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# 10	Mr. Jim Blabaum of ERA Arthur Realty was present to explain their revised proposal for Broker services for surplus County real property. ERA was the only respondent to the request for proposals. He recommended consideration of a new approach to the sale of the Fountain Street office building where the price will continuously be reduced on a regular basis until the actual price meets the seller's bottom dollar. He also recommended a price reduction based upon a new market analysis. Motion by Bolduc seconded by Delain to authorize a one year contract with ERA Arthur Real Estate for broker services on surplus property sales pursuant to the proposal dated March 6 th , 2013. Motion adopted unanimously.	Surplus Property Broker Services
# 11	Motion by Weaver seconded by Delain to set the next meeting date for April 4 th , 2013 and adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Motion adopted unanimously.	Motion to Adjourn