

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2013

State of
Wisconsin
County of
Iowa

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EXTENSION AND PROPERTY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2013
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM , COURTHOUSE
DODGEVILLE, WISCONSIN**

2013-10

Item		
#1	Chair Ryan Walmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.	Call to Order
#2a	Supervisors present: Tom De Lain, John Demby, James Griffiths, Jeremy Meek, Doug Richter and Ryan Walmer. Supervisor Bolduc was absent. Supervisor Bauer was excused.	Present
#2b	Also present: Supervisor John Meyers, County Administrator Curt Kephart, Planning and Zoning Director Scott Godfrey, Land Conservation Director Jim McCauley, Corporation Counsel Matthew Allen and members of the public George Breiwa and Jack Potter.	Also Present
#2c	Motion by Supervisor Weaver seconded by Supervisor Meek to adopt the agenda and approve the minutes of the August 8 th , 2013 meeting as distributed. Motion adopted.	Approval of Agenda and Minutes
#3	There were no comments from the public.	Comments from Public
#4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Land Conservation report and update was provided by Jim McCauley.• Scott Godfrey provided a monthly Planning and Zoning report.	Departmental Reports
#5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion by Sup Griffiths, second, Sup. Meek to list the Fountain Street Property at \$139,000 as well as ask Administrator Kephart to also offer “attractive” lease to draw in a new business from inside/outside the County and/or negotiate a structure a “Land Contract”. Motion adopted.• There was committee consensus that Administrator Kephart should prepare a Request For Proposals for land rent at the county farm.• Corporation Counsel reported that the Sylvan Road property is still in litigation and the purchase offer has been extended with Prairie Enthusiasts.• Administrator Kephart reported that Judge Dyke shared concerns on the proposed Courthouse Security Renovation plan and asked that they be addressed. The Architects have met with the Public Safety team and are working on suggested modifications (fees are included in original proposal). Committee consensus is that the full board should be updated on the status of this proposal at either the December or January meeting.• Committee reviewed a document drafted by the Bloomfield Environmental Services Director detailing large capital maintenance needs at Bloomfield• Motion by Sup Weaver, seconded Sup Meek to decline an offer to permanently place a large (historic) mural in the Courthouse. Motion adopted. Sup. Griffiths abstained.	Property

#6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervisor, John Meyers and private citizens George Breiwa and Jack Potter presented a resolution requesting it be passed and sent to the state legislature in support of legislation that would allow private investors to produce and lease “on site clean energy” without being classified as Public Utilities. Motion by Sup Weaver, 2nd Sup Meek to adopt a resolution in support of Clean Energy Choice for Wisconsin and forward on to the County Board. Motion adopted. • The Planning Director updated the committee on the regional CDBG Housing Program and current publicly funded housing options. • Planning Director Godfrey presented a Wisconsin Economic Development Association proposal offering economic development training for elected officials. Central to the discussion was a “rumor” that the Iowa County Economic Development Corporation might cease to function at the end of 2013 due to funding shortfalls. (Though in 2014 Iowa County budget provides more funds for economic development than was budgeted in 2013 but it is less than they requested. IACEDC has been unable to secure significant funding from grants, municipalities or private sources.) Some members suggest that little or no county funds should be allocated to economic development. Other members believe that the county should play an important, if limited, role in aiding and directing entrepreneurs to resources. Some members of the committee did suggest that the Iowa County Administrator should plan for the possibility that the IAEDC could cease to function and determine how County Government might provide any critical economic development services that were once provided by IACEDC. The committee did not act on the proposal for elected county board supervisors to participate in the Wisconsin Economic Development Association training. 	Economic Development
#7	.Motion by Supervisor Weaver, 2 nd Sup Meek to adjourn. Approved	Adjourn