

MINUTES

Iowa County – Economic Development, Extension & Property Committee

Date 4/8/2010

(Minutes subject to review and approval)

The EDEP Committee met in the Extension Conference Room of the Iowa County Courthouse in the City of Dodgeville on April 8, 2010 at 6:15 p.m.

1. Chair Berg called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. and roll call was taken.
 - a. Committee members present: Sups. Ron Berg, Eric Anderson, Joe Thomas, Brad Wells, Dan Oleson, Diane McGuire, Mark Masters. Excused/absent: John Lind.
 - b. Also present: Mrs. Leonard, County Administrator Curt Kephart, County Clerk Greg Klusendorf, and Supervisor Ron Benish.
 - c. Motion by Sup. Dan Oleson second by Sup. Diane McGuire to approve the certification of the meeting. Motion carried.
 - d. Motion by Sup. Ron Berg second by Sup. Brad Wells to approve the agenda for this April 8, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.
 - e. Motion by Sup. Diane McGuire second by Sup. Ron Berg to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2010 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
 - f. Open session – Comments from audience /Committee members:
Supervisor Wells comment - the county should evaluate all the county owned land and that he would share comments later in the meeting from a citizen regarding the sale of County property.
2. Unsolicited offer to purchase property known as the Waldwick property. Mrs. Cathy Leonard made a presentation and offer to purchase a portion of the property known as “Waldwick”. Committee members thanked Mrs. Leonard for the thorough presentation and expressed the desire to remain a good neighbor. Concerns expressed by the Committee were whether the County must sell the land by sealed bids or possibly through a public auction. It was expressed that though the County wished to remain a good neighbor the committee believes that their responsibility lies in doing what is in the best interest of all the taxpayers of the County. The committee thanked Mrs. Leonard for the offer and declined to take it up as an action item at this time.
3. Determination of Disposition of Property – Kephart
Curt Kephart, County Administrator requested that the committee consider several action steps regarding property owned by Iowa County.

- a. Ownership and deed clarification – Mr. Kephart informed the committee that the deed for the Waldwick property has no restrictions or covenants and that the legal survey of the property was recorded in January of 2005.
- b. Determination as to sale – The committee discussed whether the property should be sold as a single parcel or split. The committee also discussed whether the property should be sold or kept. It was discussed that this determination could be made under a different agenda item.
- c. The Railroad property was discussed that transects the Waldwick property. The Committee discussed having this property forfeited on a tax deed sale and then having it surveyed to determine possible right of way easements.
- d. The Administrator requested authorization to pay the conservation people their share of the appraisal fee for the Waldwick property.

Motion by Ron Berg seconded by Dan Oleson to request that the Treasurer initiate a tax deed forfeiture on the property..... and then get a legal survey to determine boundaries. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Eric Anderson seconded by Dan Oleson to authorize the Administrator to pay the Conservation organization for the County's share of the appraisal fee for the Waldwick property. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Referendum on sale of Property – Ron Berg

Supervisor Berg introduced a request to establish a public referendum at the fall election for the sale and disposition of excess properties. He discussed four properties he would propose for the referendum but remained open to adding others. After discussion by the committee it was determined best to proceed.

Motion by Ron Berg seconded by Brad Wells to request the County Board initiate a public binding November 2010 referendum on surplus <or> excess properties owned by Iowa County during the fall general election if the deeds allow disposal. This referendum is a yes or no ballot which may include but not be limited to the following properties in the form of this question:

Should the County of Iowa dispose of excess properties by public auction during the year 2011 and deposit all proceeds into the Capital fund of the County to be used only for future Capital projects?

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| 1. Lone Rock boat dock along the Wisconsin River: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2. County Y 17 acre parcel undeveloped park land: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 3. Agricultural property known as the Iowa County Farm: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 4. Approximate 90 acres (mol) Waldwick property: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Motion passed, Supervisor Oleson nay.

5. Rent/Lease/Move house at 329 West Chapel – Kephart

The County owns a property (house) on West Chapel Street in Dodgeville that is not generating any income and the Administrator would like direction from the Committee as to what to do with this asset. Supervisor Ron Berg suggested offering it to the SWCAP Agency as a possible homeless shelter provided that they manage it, maintain it, and hold liability for the building. This idea was initiated by the SWCAP agency in correspondence with Administrator Kephart and Supervisor Berg. The committee received this recommendation and acted upon it.

Motion by Dan Oleson seconded by Eric Anderson to ask the SWCAP agency to provide a written proposal to the committee regarding their interest in having the house at 329 West Chapel Street, Dodgeville, WI be a temporary shelter for homeless families under the management and direction of the CAP agency. The terms and conditions of the agreement should include provisions for liability, maintenance, security, and management by SWCAP. Motion approved unanimously.

6. Removal and disposal of Satellite Dish – Kephart

Administrator Kephart advised the committee that he checked with Extension regarding their satellite dish in the Courthouse parking lot. The dish is no longer used and he was advised he could remove and dispose of it. The Administrator authorized the removal of the satellite dish and selling the metal for scrap. This will free up one more parking space in the Courthouse lot. Motion by Supervisor Masters seconded by Supervisor Oleson to dispose of the satellite dish and deposit the proceeds of the sale in the Capital fund. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Mowing and lawncare proposal – Kephart

Proposals were received at the Courthouse for lawn services for 2010/2011. The apparent low proposer was Christianson Lawncare Services of Mineral Point, WI. at \$264 per event. Mr. Kephart determined that the company was both responsive and responsible and met the proposal specifications. He has awarded the contract to Christianson Lawncare and asked the committee to endorse this award since it is a two year contract and a new County Board will be seated soon.

Motion by Dan Oleson seconded by Eric Anderson to authorize a two year contract with Christianson Lawncare in the amount of \$264 per mowing event. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Greg Klusendorf, County Clerk was approached to allow a farmer's Market in Pocket Park next to the Courthouse on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the summer of 2010. The idea was considered on its merits and concerns were raised about parking, liability, tax implications, and precedent. The committee decided to take no action at this time.

9. Next regular meeting: May 6, 2010 at 6:15 p.m.
10. Motion by Sup. Eric Anderson, second by Sup. Dan Oleson to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes by Curt Kephart, transcribed by Muffy Swingen

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