

MINUTES
Iowa County Economic Development, Extension and Property
December 9, 2010
(Minutes subject to review and approval)

The EDEP committee met in the County Board Room of the Iowa County Courthouse in the City of Dodgeville on December 9, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. and was called to order by Committee Vice-Chair James Griffiths

1. Call to order.

Roll Call: Present Dave Bauer, Dan Curran, Jim Griffiths, Dan Nankee, Ryan Walmer, and Ed Weaver. Chair Dan Oleson arrived at 6:27 and chaired the meeting from that point. Absent Jeremy Meek, Joe Thomas

Others Present: County Clerk Greg Klusendorf, Register of Deeds Dixie Edge, County Administrator Curt Kephart, Planning and Zoning Administrator Scott Godfrey, Ruth Schriefer, and Wynn Henderson from the Southwest Community Action Program.

Certification of the meeting by Greg Klusendorf

2. Consent Agenda

Approval of the agenda for this December 9, 2010 meeting, Motion to approve, Walmer, 2nd Weaver

The approval of the minutes of the October 28th meeting were postponed until the January 6th meeting.

There were no comments from committee members or the public.

The staff report for UW-Extension was presented by Ruth Schriefer and included updates on 4-H, partnering with Head Start, Nutrition Education activities, Community Resource and Agriculture.

Administrator Kephart reported on his contacts with the Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Manager regarding DNR interest in county owned conservation property at Bloomfield and in the Waldwick Conservation Acres. The DNR expressed particular interest in the Waldwick Conservation Acres and the committee asked Administrator Kephart to present the committee with additional details at the next committee meeting.

3. County Clerk Greg Klusendorf reported on the lost key that opened the door to some of the interior offices. He outlined present policy in this regard and after a brief discussion the committee determined that the policy needed to be reevaluated and would be revisited at the January committee meeting

4. Wynn Henderson presented a Southwest Community Action Program proposal to enter a "lease-purchase agreement with Iowa County. SWCAP would purchase the property, restore the property to home quality standards and lease it to a family pre-qualified that would at the end three years purchase the property. The county would be relieved of ongoing maintenance of the structure and could at the end of three years make a final decision as to whether to repurchase the property for county needs or let the repurchase agreement expire. A motion was made to pursue a sales/purchase agreement with SWCAP by Dan Curran, 2nd by Dave Bauer. Motion Carried. James Griffiths voted no.

5. The Health and Human Services Department has now moved to the new building. Maintenance of the old Social Services Building is being reduced to the appropriate level for an unused building needing winter maintenance – reduced snow removal, reduced heat, continued inspection and appropriate security. Temporarily extra furniture and other supplies are being marshaled there for inspection, possible use and ultimate disposal. The committee consensus was that the retention of an empty building for possible future use was not in the best interest of the county or the community. They asked Administrator Kephart to be proactive in contacting realtors and other private entities as well as government agency, let them know of the availability of the property and the county's interest in disposing of the property and/or entering into agreements that would improve the community and enhance the economic well being of the region.

6. The ordinance to formalize the Land Information Office and Land Information Council as a subcommittee of E.D.E.P. was discussed by the committee and County Administrator Kephart and Planning and Zoning Administrator Scott Godfrey were asked to wordsmith and to add changes suggested by the committee for handling at the next committee meeting..

7. Motion to set next meeting date for January 6, 2011 and adjourn. Motion by Weaver, 2nd by Walmer.