

MINUTES
Iowa County – Economic Development, Extension and Property Committee
May 7, 2009

- 1. The Economic Development, Extension and Property Committee met in the County Board Room of the Iowa County Courthouse in the City of Dodgeville on Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. and was called to order by Sup. Peter Berg.**
- 2. Roll call was taken.**
Committee members present: Sups. Mark Masters, Dan Oleson, Ron Berg, Peter Berg, Diane McGuire, John Lind, Joe Thomas, Brad Wells and Eric Anderson. Excused/absent: None.

Also present: Register of Deeds Dixie Edge, Planning and Development Director Scott Godfrey, UW Extension Ag Agent Gene Schriefer and Randy Terronez, County Administrator.
- 3. Motion by Sup. Eric Anderson second by Sup. Dan Oleson to approve the certification of the meeting. Motion carried.**
- 4. Motion by Sup. . Diane McGuire second by Sup. Eric Anderson to approve the agenda for this May 7, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.**
- 5. Motion by Sup. Ron Berg second by Sup. Diane McGuire to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.**
- 6. Open session – Comments from audience /Committee members: None.**
- 7. Old Business: None**
- 8. New Business**

Register of Deeds

2008 Annual Report

Dixie Edge reviewed highlights of annual report. She was able to meet the budgeted revenue projections. For March and April of this year, department revenue is up over 2008 due to refinancing and some property sales.

Motion by Sup. Diane McGuire second by Sup. Eric Anderson to approve the Register of Deeds 2008 Annual Report and forward to the County Board. Motion carried.

Department Report including Pending Legislation

Dixie Edge reported on last month's media story regarding a business selling social security numbers. The business was able to obtain the social security numbers from the Dane County Register of Deeds on-line system. Iowa County doesn't offer this service. In 2006, legislation was passed that allows a Register of Deeds to refuse to record a document that contains social security data. She attended on behalf of the state Register of Deeds Association a legislative meeting and efforts are underway to possibly have the state fund a project to remove social security data from old records.

Planning and Development

Department Report

Scott Godfrey was present to review department report.

UW Extension

Turning Point Group Presentation Feedback Equipment Purchase

Gene Schriefer introduced the vendor presentation via a web-based format. Sup. Ron Berg noted that he was at a workshop involving over 100 participants that used this device and it worked very well.

Motion by Sup. Ron Berg second by Sup. Eric Anderson to approve the purchase of the equipment for 30 units in the amount of \$1,088 with funds to come from the UW Extension revenue generated from pesticide training. Motion carried.

2008 Annual Report

Paul Ohlrogge will be presenting the department's annual report at the May 19 County Board meeting.

Gene Schriefer gave a report on Ag Agent activities since his arrival in January. Discussion given on low cost milk parlor concept. The economy is forcing small dairy farmers (less than 100 herd) to get out of the business. Discussion given on the stress farmers are facing in light of the poor market – economic conditions. Sup. Ron Berg suggested Gene contacting SW CAP regarding assistance for farmer under stress.

Facilities/Property

County Farm Pasture Lease Fencing Work

Mark Caygill is working with the tenant (Blackstone Cattle – Nick Hull) to replace fencing. Per the lease agreement, the County is responsible for providing the materials and the tenant provides the labor. Approximately \$500 in fencing will be purchased and will repair the worst areas. Future years are anticipated to replace the balance of fencing needed to be replaced.

Health Department Office Space Update

Agenda enclosure reviewed and discussed. Additional sites in the Dodgeville area have been identified and additional site visits will be scheduled.

Subject to the input from those that participated in the site tours, the list will be narrowed to 2-3 sites. A cost estimate has been received from Southwest Design Associates (Ron Tessman) to undertake a cost/square foot analysis of the top sites. This firm designed the Sheriff's Department remodeling in 2007/2008. The firm would be utilized to provide a cost per square foot in the event the site needs to be renovated to accommodate the Health Department office needs.

Motion by Sup. John Lind second by Sup. Diane McGuire to approve the proposal from Southwest Design Associates in the total amount not to exceed \$1,500 provided that the firm would only be utilized to determine a renovation cost per square foot for a leased Health Department space site and forward to the County Board. Motion carried.

Space Options for Health & Human Services Building Project

Agenda enclosure reviewed. An update from the County's financial services firm PFM was distributed and showed the number of counties that have approved bonding for projects from 2008 to date.

Other

Fair Board Presentation

A representative from the Fair Board may give a presentation at the May 19 County Board meeting as it is scheduled for the April meeting.

- 9. Next regular meeting: 6:15 p.m., Thursday, June 4, 2009.**
- 10. Motion by Sup. Eric Anderson, second by Sup. Dan Oleson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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