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Iowa County – Economic Development, Extension and Property Committee
June 3, 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 Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 7:15 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, County Treasurer Jolene Millard, Planning and Development Director Scott Godfrey, UW Extension 4-H Agent Ann Nelson and Randy Terronez, County Administrator.

3. **Motion by Sup. Dan Oleson second by Sup. Diane McGuire to approve the certification of the meeting. Motion carried.**

4. **Motion by Sup. Eric Anderson second by Sup. Dan Oleson to approve the amended agenda for this June 3, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.**

5. **Motion by Sup. Ron Berg second by Sup. Diane McGuire to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.**

6. **Open session – Comments from audience /Committee members: None**.

7. **Old Business: None**

8. **New Business**

Economic Development

Broadband Access – Federal Stimulus Funding

No information.

Land Conservation

Staffing Update

No information.

Planning and Development

Department Report

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Scott Godfrey reported that the department has been busy finalizing the state grant for GIS/Land Records activity. The County is eligible for $24,000. The funds can be used for activity that results in new GIS/Land records information being made available or created.

Cost Savings – Revenue Recovery and Proposed Fee Increase Resolutions

Due to the pending 2010 budget situation, efforts have begun in the department to streamline costs. The agenda enclosure was reviewed and discussion as given on various areas.

Motion by Sup. Brad Wells second by Sup. Diane McGuire to approve the following Planning and Development Department cost savings and forward to the County Board the appropriate resolutions where fees would need to be adjusted:

1. Increase sanitary permit fees (requires county board resolution)

Reconnect or privy	$160 to $200	= $2180 increase in revenue
Conventional	$335 to $375	= $600 increase in revenue
Advance including Mound	$390 to $425	= $700 increase in revenue

2. Increase zoning hearing filing fee by $100 (requires county board resolution): $3000 increase in revenue

3. Increase Board of Adjustment hearing filing fee by $50 (requires county board resolution): $200 increase in revenue

4. Charge non-profits (including higher education, student projects, etc.), other county offices, other government units for digital data and mapping requests as follows ($1000 increase in revenue (if requesters agree to pay):

	Entity	Digital data	Supply Costs
a.	Nonprofits	Yes	Yes
b.	Other county offices	No	Yes
c.	Other Governmental units	No	Yes

5. Changing the zoning permit fee so that all structures, whether residential or nonresidential, have the current residential rate ($100 + $.10 per square foot rounded to nearest 100 square feet) will, based on 2008 July thru Dec. permits, generate an additional $14,000. (requires county board resolution)

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6. Increasing the cost of an address sign from $30 to $50 could generate an additional $2000 in revenue (requires county board resolution)

7. As a courtesy, copies of draft ordinance changes at no charge have been provided. This can cost up to $6.00 per draft, depending upon the size of the revision. We could provide the option of a digital version at no cost or charge $.25 per page for a hardcopy version. It is hard to anticipate the cost savings, but I would estimate it to be about $150-$200 per year. Copies of the synopsis (or summary) of the revisions would be made available at the public hearing at no charge.

Motion carried.

Facilities/Property

Health Department Office Space Update

The Schmit location is the preferred site but additional discussion will be needed on the long-term multi-office space issue before a final decision is made.

Another possibility is the DNR building and staff will check into this possibility.

Subject to the DNR building not being suitable, the Committee was comfortable lookinghg into a year to year lease for the Schmit site.

Space Options for Health & Human Services Building Project

Agenda enclosure reviewed. Discussion given on the Bauchner building. The facility may hold only Social Services, Health and possibility Emergency Management. Other offices such as Aging/ADRC, Veterans and SUN may be considered if space is available.

The approximately 30,000 square foot the middle school site design included UW Extension and a community room.

Randy Terronez will request a costs estimate from Southwest Design to develop a cost per square foot to remodel the Bauchner Building and return back to the Committee with the information.

Strang Information on Building Bidding

Agenda enclosure reviewed.

City of Dodgeville Correspondence on ADRC Signage/Historical Commission

A meeting will be held next week with the City's Historical Building Committee to discuss the issue.

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Solar Power Hot Water Feasibility Study (Drift less Solar LLC)
The Committee was informed that an Iowa County based solar energy firm is obtaining energy use data of the Bloomfield Manor and Jail hot water systems. The data would be used to determine the feasibility of a solar energy hot water system.

County Owned Property Appraisal
Approximately 30 requests for proposal were distributed to appraisal firms in Iowa, Grant, Lafayette, Sauk, Greene and some Dane County appraisal firms. A couple of firms called and inquired but no bids were received. It was noted that the firms are very busy doing residential refinancing.

Committee members will forward possible appraisers to Randy for follow up.

Other
Fair Board Presentation
A representative from the Fair Board may give a presentation at the June 16 County Board meeting.

UW Extension

Department Report and 4-H Survey

Anne Nelson, 4-H Agent reported on the 4-H Club survey results and distributed handout.

Register of Deeds

Department Report

Dixie Edge reviewed legislative activity with the Committee including the Social Security Redaction, Fee revisions that would make uniform the Marriages, Deaths and Births the same. The problems encountered by Dane County's on-line web access to Register of Deeds records that include Social Security numbers conatus. Iowa County does not have this feature. The Office will be hosting a regional training on June 16 for the Department of Revenue regulations.

9. Next regular meeting: 6:15 p.m., Thursday, July 9, 2009.

10. Motion by Sup. Eric Anderson, second by Sup. Dan Oleson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Minutes by Randy Terronez, County Administrator

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