

**Iowa County
Economic Development, Extension,
and Property Committee**

**Thursday, October 8, 2009
Board Room, Courthouse
(Minutes subject to review and approval)**

1. The meeting was called to order by Sup. Peter Berg at 6:15 p.m.
2. Present: Sups. Peter Berg, Eric Anderson, John Lind, Brad Wells, Diane McGuire, Mark Masters, Dan Oleson. Absent/Excused: Sups. Joe Thomas, Ron Berg.

Also present: Jim McCaulley, Roxie Hamilton, Bill Ehr, Bob Bunker, Mark Caygill, Craig Hardy, Jim Griffiths, Paul Ohlrogge, Scott Godfrey.
3. A motion to approve certification of notice for this meeting was made by Sup. Eric Anderson second by Sup. John Lind. Motion carried.
4. A motion to approve the agenda for this October 8, 2009 meeting was made by Sup. Dan Oleson second by Sup. Brad Wells. Motion carried.
5. A motion to approve the minutes of September 3, 2009 meeting was made by Sup. Eric Anderson second by Sup. Brad Wells. Motion carried.
6. Opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee:
None

Old Business

Land Conservation Budget:

Decrease by 13%. Sublease – possible increase (under \$12,000.00 & now all services). NCRS – using vehicle free – cost in the past – maybe new. A lot of online publication of information vs mailings. Our LCC meeting only meets 6 times a year vs 12 times. New staff – Health ins 1 single plan 1 family (Mark Thomas; Lucas Conmey). LCC asking for voluntary furloughs - \$3000 revenue funds – lost of about 3%, but looking at other sources for cost. A motion to send the budget to the Administrative services Committee was made by John Lind second by Brad Wells. Motion carried.

Office space availability:

Edward Johnson office & land by the Highway Dept – 1000 square feet of office space – 2 warehouses behind office space and 2 apartments upstairs. Offering to either lease or purchase (land contract, etc. open for options). Renters are interested in still renting. Handouts were included; committee will read & think about information.

SWCAP Wynn Henderson:

Avoca property – County purchase – demolition of house with grant money. Deed restriction on property – could deed back to Avoca Village. A motion was made by Eric Anderson to purchase the property & work with Attorney to proceed, second by Brad Wells. Motion carried.

Retained fees expenditure request:

Craig Hardy and the Highway Committee are working with Land Conservation for right way of highway, etc. use for Highway, State, County project on utilities, etc. This can be used with a lot of departments for any right of way question. Getting this all on a GPS system (CAD). (Zoning gets about \$14,000 retained fees). Brad Wells made a motion to use retained fees from zoning of \$45,700 to use at the Highway Dept, second by Eric Anderson. Motion carried.

Planning Dept Budget:

1.8% decrease \$1100.00. Decrease in revenue - small amount. Total 2.8% decrease on levy. A motion was made by John Lind to send approve the budget & send it to the Administrative Services Committee, second by Dan Oleson. Motion carried.

Register of Deeds:

Health ins. increase up \$3831.00. Revenue is about the same – mostly due to refinancing. A motion was made by Brad Wells to approve the budget & send it to the Administrative Services Committee, second by Eric Anderson. Motion carried.

UW-Extension:

Saving \$9,000.00 on salary reductions from state employee's mandatory furloughs. UW-Ext. Agents are paid 60% by the State and 40% by the County. A motion was made by Dan Oleson to approve the budget & send it to the Administrative Services Committee, second by Mark Masters. Motion Carried. Deb, Paul, Ruth, Gene – at the 60% state 40% County, \$239,000 total.

Clean Sweep Grant for 2010 (Roger Springman)

Grant, Iowa, & Lafayette going together for Clean Sweep.

Resolution for Support of the Governor's "25X25" Goals for Energy Independence:

Per Paul Ohlrogge, writing grant hierarchy of needs for energy independence. Grant will be about \$225,000 if we receive it. The money will be used for improvements at the Highway Garage, Sheriff's Building, Courthouse, and Bloomfield. We can't apply for the grant until this resolution is passed. A motion was made by Brad Wells to forward this to the Board, second by Eric Anderson. Motion carried.

Discussion on the various ways Iowa County can sell county owned land:

The Committee read opinion as research for next months meeting.

Property report:

a). County Farm fencing update – John Reynolds offered to put in labor if county pays half of fencing material. Discussed lease – wording in lease states lessee to maintain fence. John Lind made a motion to have Mark talk to John R. and Dave Ladd to discuss the fence options and make sure it meets our needs, second by Brad Wells. Motion carried.

b). Snow plowing update – Outline specifics for plowing other building lots except Bloomfield . Eric Anderson made a motion snowplowing is okay with Mark C adding description, second by Brad Wells. Motion carried.

c & d). Housekeeping update – extend current contract to December 1st – Eric Anderson made a motion to extend the existing contract December 1st and have Mark Masters, Greg, Mark Caygill & Peter Berg review & update contract – county purchase supplies and clean 3 days per week, second by Brad Wells. Motion carried.

e). Air conditioning compressor – lightening damage – Mark Caygill is to follow up and get back to Mark Masters & Peter Berg.

Appraisal information on the 20 Acre parcel owned by Iowa County on County Rd:
Note appraisal was received.

Appraisal information on the Department of Social Services Building:
Note appraisal was received .

7. The next meeting date will be Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 6:15 p.m.

8. A motion to adjourn was made by Sup. Eric Anderson second by Sup. Dan Oleson. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Minutes taken by Sup. Diane McGuire
Transcribed by Muffy Swingen