

MINUTES

Iowa County – Economic Development, Extension & Property Committee
Date 6/2/2010

The EDEP Committee met in the County Board Room of the Iowa County Courthouse in the City of Dodgeville on June 2, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

1. Chair Oleson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and roll call was taken.
 - a. Committee members present: Sups. Dwayne Hiltbrand, Dan Oleson, Joe Thomas, Ed Weaver, James Griffiths.
 - b. Also present: Mrs. Cathy Leonard, County Administrator Curt Kephart, County Planning Director Scott Godfrey, Iowa County Economic Development Director Rick Terrian, County Register of Deeds Dixie Edge, County Treasurer Jolene Millard, County Nutrition Educator Donna Peterson, and Supervisor Ron Benish.
 - c. The Certification Notice for this meeting was read aloud by the County Administrator.
 - d. Motion by Griffiths second by Sup. Weaver to approve the agenda for this meeting. Motion carried.
 - e. Motion by Griffiths second by Thomas to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2010 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
 - f. Open session – Comments from audience /Committee members:
Supervisor Thomas commented that a tour of the properties designated as surplus or excess might be a good idea.

2. Old Business:

- a. Mrs. Cathy Leonard continued her presentation and offer to purchase a portion of the property known as “Waldwick”. 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 her presentation and agreed to come and take a look.
 - b. Rick Terrien, Executive Director of the Iowa County Economic Development Authority presented a summary of EDC activity and exciting events coming about at the Hodan Center in Mineral Point.
 - c. Donna Peterson, University of Wisconsin Extension Educator for Nutrition presented the activities of her department and provided a number of handouts regarding nutrition education. She was recognized by the Committee for her outstanding work and recent state award.
 - d. Register of Deeds Dixie Edge reported on a recent legislative fee change for recording services and how she worked with the legislation to see it enacted. She was recognized by the Governor’s office for these efforts.
 - e. County Planning Director Scott Godfrey updated the committee on the Land Information Services Technology plan which was last updated in 2006. He also requested action on an item requested by a citizen for a penalty waiver on licensing a portable out building under 300 square feet. The Committee had several questions for the Director on the process for permitting such buildings and why were the limits established as they were. He explained that this was a change to the Zoning ordinance several years ago and would require another change in the Zoning ordinance to modify this part of the licensing requirement. That change would subsequently have to be approved by the Townships. He provided the Committee with a recommendation to adjust the fee to \$50 from the current rate which is within the purview of the Committee. Motion by Griffith seconded by Thomas to revise the permit fees for a portable farm non-residential farm structure under 300 but greater than 100 square feet to a flat fee of \$30. A draft resolution is to be forwarded on to the full County Board. Motion passed.
3. A discussion of surplus and excess County owned property was referred back to the Committee by the County Board. After lengthy discussion it was suggested that a road tour of these properties might be in order. After further discussion it was determined to prioritize the on-site visits and start with the property known as the Waldwick property. The County Administrator was asked to coordinate a bus tour of the property and post that date and time as a public meeting.
 4. County Highway Commissioner Craig Hardy was present to forward a request from the Transportation Committee to adjust the retained fees account and allow additional purchases of GIS software. It was determined that a software license and some hardware may need to be purchased. Motion by Thomas seconded by Weaver to authorize the Highway Commissioner to expend funds previously allocated from the recording retained fees account for the completion of the GIS software project. Motion passed.

5. Mr. Steven Paynter made a presentation on a request to do metal detection around the Bloomfield Care Center. He explained the care he would take in returning the property to its former condition before he left. Concern was expressed that the property manager needed to be advised as to the reasons for his presence and authorization received on-site. Concern was also expressed regarding the possibility that disturbing the soil could create a trip hazard for residents. Mr. Paynter informed the committee that he would be very careful to insure that the ethics of his organization were followed. He provided a copy of their ethics statement. The committee also believed that a waiver of liability and a review by Corporation Counsel and approval of the property managers needed to be acquired before the County could proceed. He left a copy of that policy with the Committee. He was asked to provide the County Administrator with a copy of the Dane County permitting process and he agreed to do so. The Committee felt a policy needed to be put into place prior to giving authorization.
9. Next regular meeting: July 8, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
10. Motion by Sup. Ryan Walmer, second by Sup. Ed Weaver to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes by Curt Kephart, transcribed by Muffy Swingen