

THURSDAY, April 3, 2014

State of
Wisconsin
County of
Iowa

**APPROVED DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD THURSDAY, April 3, 2014
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM , COURTHOUSE
DODGEVILLE, WISCONSIN**

2014-4

Item		
#1	Chair Ryan Walmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.	Call to Order
	Supervisors present: Dave Bauer, Tom De Lain, John Demby, James Griffiths, Jeremy Meek, Doug Richter, Ed Weaver and Ryan Walmer. Supervisor Charles Bolduc was excused.	Present
	Also present: Supervisors Steve Deal, John Meyer, Dan Nankee and Bob Bunker as well as County Administrator Curt Kephart, LCD County Conservationist Jim McCaulley, Phyllis Fritsch and Mr. Heuer	Also Present
#2	Motion by Supervisor Bauer, 2 nd by Supervisor Meek to move agenda item 6 “Economic Development after item 4, strike agenda item 5c draft policy for leasing surplus office space and then approve agenda. Motion passed. Motion by Weaver, 2 nd Supervisor Meek to approve minutes of March 6, 2014 meeting. Motion passed.	Approval of Agenda and Minutes
#3	Administrator Kephart reported that an agreement has been signed with Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning to provide support of the Revolving Loan Fund – applications. Funds for this support come from the fund itself Administrative Kephart asked the committee to look at the changes to the Iowa County Website banner which indicates that Iowa County is rated Wisconsin’s number one in quality of life and number ten in public health. This is also featured on the WKOW website.	Comments from Public
#4	Departmental Reports Land Conservationist Jim McCaulley provided the 2013 Iowa County Land Conservation Department report. The March 2014 Iowa County Office of Planning & Development Report Department Report will be provided at next month’s meeting	Departmental Reports
#6	.Phyllis Fritsch urged that the county to hire a consultant. She suggested the county be careful about joining partnership or corporate groups as they can distract from the county’s focus and may not have Iowa County as a first priority. She also indicated the Economic Development Website is not completed. Administrator Kephart discussed plans to work closely with both the Mineral Point and Dodgeville Chambers of Commerce There was considerable committee discussion as to dedicated staff versus sharing a staff member with other counties. Motion by Griffiths, 2 nd Meek asking staff to bring forward at the May meeting a date certain when the Iowa County Economic Development website will be operational and bring recommended economic development policy/action plan for the committee to act on at the May meeting. Motion passed.	Economic Development

#5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Motion by Bauer 2nd Demby to approve Airport farmland five year lease at \$210 per acre. Motion Carried b. Motion by Griffiths, 2nd De Lain to authorize renter of the Bloomfield 40 acres of farm land to: Remove trees in fence line, Use Roundup and RoundUp Ready alfalfa and soil test to determine soil chemistry and nutrient values as well as directing staff to work with rental on “sludge disposal”. Motion passed c. Agenda item c was deleted from agenda d. There is some interest by a potential buyer in the former Social Services building. At the May committee meeting the staff will have more information and/or a recommendation to place the property with a realtor e. Land Conservationist McCaulley provided the committee with a February 2, 2014 letter sent by NRCS Jimmy Bramblett State Conservationist to Iowa County Land Conservation Committee chair Bob Bunker. The letter points out that many of the soil conservation dams installed beginning in 1963 have 50 year agreements between the county and state and those agreements are ending necessitating a changing relationship between the county and the state. The Land Conservation Committee will be working with the State of Wisconsin to assure the dams remain in good condition. f. There has been some discussion that a conservation group and DNR may have some interest in purchasing the CRP land from the county. But nothing definitive. g. There was a general discussion of next steps in the funding of Courtroom Security design <p>Motion by Griffiths 2nd Weaver to add further discussion of the courthouse security to the next county board meeting. Motion failed with Griffiths and Richter voting yes.</p>	Property
#7	Motion by Supervisor Weaver, 2 nd Supervisor Bauer to adjourn. Motion Carried	Adjourn