

Thursday, May 8, 2014

State of
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**APPROVED DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD THURSDAY, May 8, 2014
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM , COURTHOUSE
DODGEVILLE, WISCONSIN**

2014-5

Item		
#1	Chair Ryan Walmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.	Call to Order
	Supervisors present: Bob Bunker, John Demby, James Griffiths, Jeremy Meek, Doug Richter, and Ryan Walmer. Supervisor Meyers was excused, Supervisor Bruce Paul did not attend. Also present: Supervisors Dan Nankee and Ken Palzkill as well as County Administrator Curt Kephart, Planning and Zoning Administrator Scott Godfrey, Highway Commissioner Craig Hardy, and members of the public Phyllis Fritsch, Donald Campbell, and Jack Tennesen	Present
#2	Nomination by Supervisor Griffiths to elect Supervisor Meek Chair. Nomination by Supervisor Meek to elect Supervisor Walmer Chair. After three calls nominations were closed. Motion by Supervisor Griffiths to elect Ryan Walmer Chair by unanimous vote. Passed. Nomination to elect Supervisor Meek Vice Chair. After three calls nominations were closed. Motion by Supervisor Griffiths to elect Jeremy Meek Vice Chair by unanimous vote. Passed Nomination by Supervisor Meek to elect Supervisor Griffiths Secretary. After three calls nominations were closed. Motion by Supervisor Meek to elect James Griffiths Secretary by unanimous vote. Passed.	Election of Committee Officers
#3	Motion by Supervisor Meek, 2 nd by Supervisor Richter to delete agenda items 6 a, b, c, e and approve agenda with these changes. Passed.. Motion by Supervisor Bunker, 2 nd Supervisor Demby to approve minutes of April 3, 2014 meeting. Passed.	Approval of Agenda and Minutes
#4	Donald Campbell told the committee that the American Transmission Company is considering installing a high capacity electric transmission line from Montfort to Verona and asked the committee to urge the Wisconsin Public Service Commission to ensure an impartial study of all solutions and make the results widely available to the public Supervisor Griffiths asked that next month's agenda include a presentation by members of the Bloomfield study committee as the Bloomfield Health and Rehabilitation Center has over 100 employees and nine to eleven million dollars in economic impact.	Comments from Public & committee members
#5	Departmental Reports Scott Godfrey provided the committee with the March 2014 Iowa County Office of Planning & Development Report	Departmental Reports
#6	Motion by Supervisor Bunker, 2 nd Supervisor Demby to move the \$205 per acre agriculture land lease forward to the county board for approval. Passed. There was a general discussion of a proposal to rent space at a proposed new USDA Service Center. No action was taken. Chair Walmer will comment on this proposal	Property Economic Development

	<p>during the board agenda period for hearing committee reports.</p> <p>Planning and Development Director Scott Godfrey was asked to acknowledge the letter from the WDNR and inform them of the current zoning on the property.</p> <p>Supervisor Meek motioned to place on the county board agenda a discussion of concept plans for security at the Iowa County Courthouse. Passed.</p> <p>County Administrator Kephart provided the committee an update on the rental of the Bloomfield agricultural property...</p>	
#7	<p>Scott Godfrey opened the Iowa County Economic Area Development website and explained to the committee how to navigate the site. There were a number of suggestions for additions to the website.</p> <p>Motion by Supervisor Bunker, 2nd by Supervisor Richter to use money in the approved Economic Development Budget to hire a part time contracted economic development position. Passed.</p> <p>Scott Godfrey updated the committee on the Southwest Region Community Development Block Grant-Housing program indicating the process is working effectively and applications are being received as anticipated..</p>	Economic Development
#7	Motion by Supervisor Bunker, 2 nd Supervisor Richter to adjourn. Passed	Adjourn