

State of  
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Iowa

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday August 7, 2014 - 6:00P.M.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM , COURTHOUSE**  
**DODGEVILLE, WISCONSIN**

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Item		
#1	Vice Chair Jeremy Meek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.	
#2	Roll Call was Taken. Supervisors present: Bob Bunker, John Demby, James Griffiths, Jeremy Meek, Doug Richter, and Bruce Paul.. Supervisor Ryan Walmer was excused. Also present: Supervisor Dan Nankee, Register of Deeds Dixie Edge, County Administrator Curt Kephart, Planning Director Scott Godfrey, and Land Conservation Department Director Jim McCaulley.	
#3	Approve the Agenda for this meeting Motion by Supervisor Griffith, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Supervisor Paul to modify the agenda to provide that the Register of Dees would provide their department report and budget status to the committee both at the same time. Approved.	
#4	Approved the Minutes of the June 26, 2014 meeting Motion by Supervisor Bunker, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Supervisor Griffiths to approve the minutes of the June 26 <sup>th</sup> meeting. Approved.	
#5	Comment or reports from the audience or committee members Responding to a question regarding a letter committee members received from Judge Dyke, Administrator Kephart indicated he had reviewed the letter with the Clerk of Courts. The letter relates to a courtroom and courthouse security plan which has not yet been approved by the state. The topic will be placed on the September EDP Agenda.	
#6	<p>a) Register of Deeds Dixie Edge reported that Iowa County now offers customers electronic recording (e-recording). This has resulted in fewer payment errors and fewer rejected documents. Customers are now able to do a twenty-five year real estate tract search. In 2015 the Register of Deeds will continue to convert older documents into the new electronic system. The Register of Deeds also expects to install a counter credit card system. The Register of Deeds, Treasurer and GIS mapping continue to work on interconnecting their systems.</p> <p>The Register of Deeds reviewed 2015 budget plans with the committee and is projecting a reduction in the impact of their department on the 2015 tax levy.</p> <p>b) Planning and Development Director Godfrey reported that his office is working with the Townships on preferred mapping of farmland preservation areas. His office has drafted about 90% of the plan text. When that is completed the plan will be distributed to the Planning &amp; Zoning Committee and to all towns in the county for comment.</p> <p>The Director also indicated that while there has been a downturn in general activity in the first half of 2014 it appears that the second half of the year will experience increased activity.</p>	

	<p>c) Land Conservation Director McCaulley reported on the cropland conservation plan and discussed possible fees their department could charge to increase county revenue and help cover part of the cost of operating LCD. LCD director McCaulley also indicated that that LCD records indicate that 637 Iowa County Farms participate in the Farmland Preservation Program while the Wisconsin Department of Revenue records indicate there are 687. The Wisconsin Department of Revenue has refused to share the names of the 687 participants with Iowa County LCD so a cross verification can be done.</p> <p>LCD director McCaulley advised the committee that his department had looked at the land covered by the county's three crop leases and the lessee(s) are in compliance with the conservation practices required.</p>	
#7	<p>b. Planning Director Scott Godfrey updated the committee on the status of his departments 2015 Budget.</p> <p>c. Land Conservation Director McCaulley reviewed the Land Conservation Budget Draft for 2015 outlining 4 possible scenario's related to the relocation of the Land Conservation Department.</p> <p>Motion by Demby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Griffiths to postpone action on the question of relocating the Land Conservation Department until after the Land Conservation Committee meets and acts. Approved.</p>	
#8	<p>The alfalfa seed invoice related to county farm cropland rented by Mike Heuer was reviewed.</p> <p>Motion by Supervisor Bunker 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Griffiths to authorize payment to lessee of the 40 acres of cropland at the county farm for ten bags of alfalfa seed at \$175.00 per bag. Passed with Supervisor Paul voting no.</p>	
#9	<p>Planning and Zoning Director Godfrey reported that Iowa County selected Southwest Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission of Platteville, Wi to provide Economic Development for Services and a contract will be signed effective through December 31,2015. The cost will be \$42,500 per year paid quarterly. 49 ½ hours will be provided each week.</p>	
#12 &13	<p>The date of the next EDP meeting is September 4, 2014</p> <p>Motion to Adjourn by Supervisor Bunker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor Paul. Approved</p>	