

State of
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APPROVED MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE
March 5, 2015 - 6:00P.M.
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM , COURTHOUSE
DODGEVILLE, WISCONSIN

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Item	
#1	Chair Ryan Walmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
#2	Roll Call was Taken Members present: Supervisors Ryan Walmer, Bob Bunker, James Griffiths, John Demby, Jeremy Meek, John Meyer, Bruce Paul and Doug Richter. Also present: Supervisor Dan Nankee, Supervisor Ken Palzkill, County Administrator Curt Kephart, Planning and Development, Director Scott Godfrey, Jim Mc Caulley Land Conservationist, Matt Allen Corporate Counsel, Jack Terrill Environmental Services Director, Ed White Southwest Regional Planning, John Steen Village of Ridgeway Board of Trustees President and Jason Ley from the public.
#3	Approve the Agenda for this meeting Motion by Bunker, seconded by Richter to approve the agenda. Approved
#4	Approve the Minutes Minutes of the February 5 th EDP meeting were not presented so will not be acted upon until the April EDP meeting. Motion by Meek, seconded by Paul to approve the minutes of the February 17 th EDP meeting. Approved.
#5	Comment or reports from the audience or committee members Administrator Kephart reported that Iowa County's counter offer to the potential buyer of the old HHS building on Fountain Street in Dodgeville did not accept the counter offer. First they proposed a number of changes then made another offer asking that the county correct what the buyers personal general inspector suggested should be done or else lower the price by another \$25,000. Administrator Kephart rejected this new proposal explaining that the board had made it clear the county would not accept a lower offer. Administrator Kephart will take the necessary steps to place the property with the auction service
#6	Register of Deeds did not have a report. Scott Godfrey presented the committee with his 2014 Office of Planning & Development Report. Jim Mc Cauley presented the Land Conservation Department Report. LCD is under budget primarily because several farmers requested delays and these funds will be spent on these projects in 2015 The Wisconsin State Budget impact on LCD in 2015 is expected to provide Iowa County 9.2% less for staff support and \$8,900 less in Landowner Cost Share Grants.
#7	Economic Development ED White Southwest Regional Planning provided an update on the three seminars they are planning in Iowa County this spring He also reported that that several businesses have shown an interest in the Revolving Loan Fund and that they are working on an (Economic) Community Template profiling each community in Iowa County.

<p>#8</p>	<p>Property</p> <p>a. The cost of security windows on the first floor of the courthouse. (The committee was reminded that per Iowa County Resolution contracts expenditures projected to be over \$10,000 require an RFP.)</p> <p>Two alternate proposals were presented both with bullet resistant glass. Questions remaining include whether to cut holes in the glass, or in the counter? Whether to install speakers? Etc. The committee determined that the next step required a single proposal with all security questions addressed. The committee consensus was to ask Jake Terrill and Greg Pittz to develop a complete list (specs) and bring it back to the committee. There was some concern on the committee that a project of this magnitude did not represent simple maintenance and should not be considered an adjustment or rearrangement of already budgeted funds. (It is likely it will require a 2/3rds majority of the county board.)</p> <p>b. Administrator Kephart reported on his efforts to contact the lessee of the 40 acre cropland parcel at the county farm. There have been questions regarding the alfalfa seed chosen the lime applied to the property and other unresolved matters. Each of the lessee's rent payments (three) have been late. Motion by Demby, second by Richter asking Corporation Counsel to write a letter to the lessee informing them that the matter has been forwarded to the county board for action which may result in termination of the lease. A second motion was made by Meek and seconded by Bunker that the EDP committee recommend to the county board termination of the lease.</p> <p>c. Administrator Kephart gave the committee an update on Courtroom Security reporting that he will be signing the contract with architect Jewel in a few days. Supervisor Meek expressed concern that the floor beneath the carpet may be hardwood dating back to the building of the courthouse. If that turns out to be correct Supervisor Meek felt the design plan should include valuing that feature.</p> <p>d. In response to a request from the Economic Development and Property Committee Iowa County Treasurer Jolene M. Millard reported that seven (7) Tax Deeded properties were received in April 2014 and the Treasurer is setting up a meeting with the Tax Claim Sub-Committee to put an appraised value on each so the treasurer can advertise them for sale.</p> <p>One of these properties Parcel 177-0219 in the Village of Ridgeway was placed on the March Agenda for discussion. John Steen Ridgeway Board of Trustees Village President explained to the committee that this burned out building in downtown Ridgeway while an eyesore and a drag on the business community his primary concern and the primary concern of Ridgeway families was (and is) "Public Health and Safety". In spite of contacts Ridgeway officials have made with Iowa County no action has been taken to secure the property. With Spring bringing youth to the public parks and ball field something must be done at once. Several committee members echoed the concern</p> <p>Motion by Griffiths, 2nd Meek to forward this matter to the county board for expedited action and in addition the committees motion asked the County Administrator to take action to secure the property.</p>
<p>#9</p>	<p>The date of the next EDP meeting is April 9, 2015</p>
<p>#10</p>	<p>Motion to Adjourn by Supervisor Richter, 2nd Supervisor Paul. Adopted</p>