

State of Wisconsin County of Iowa	APPROVED MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY, April 9, 2015 2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM , COURTHOUSE DODGEVILLE, WISCONSIN	2015-4
Item		
#1	Chair Ryan Walmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.	Call to Order
#2	Roll Call was taken Members present: Supervisors Ryan Walmer, Bob Bunker, John Demby, Jeremy Meek, John Meyer, Bruce Paull, Doug Richter Member excused: James Griffith Also present: Supervisor Ron Benish, County Administrator Curt Kephart, Planning & Development Director Scott Godfrey, County Conservationist Jim McCaulley, Mrs. Heuer representing Michael Heuer, Corporation Counsel Matthew Allen	Roll Call
#3	Motion by Bunker seconded by Paull to approve this agenda as amended. Motion adopted.	Approval of Agenda
#4	Motion by Demby seconded by Richter to approve the February 5, 2015 and March 5, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion adopted.	Approval of Minutes
#5	Report from committee members and an opportunity for the members of the audience to address the committee. County Administrator Kephart reported the former Social Services building was shown to a potential buyer last week	Committee and Audience Report

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#6	<p>Department Reports: There was no report from the Register of Deeds.</p> <p>Director Godfrey referred to the March report included in the meeting packet and stated that, in the time since, there have been an additional 24 zoning permits issued that includes 5 new houses and total more than \$4,000,000 in reported value.</p> <p>Conservationist McCaulley reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He is in correspondence with the WDNR over possible options to preserve the Hyde Mill Dam for its historic value. The property is for sale and is in mapped floodplain. • He overviewed draft Land Conservation Department annual report. • He overviewed the status of the Farmland Preservation Program conservation compliance efforts. • He summarized the staffing and conservation practice cost-share grants to be requested of the DATCP for 2016. • He reported the Land Conservation Committee’s support of seeking a transfer of ownership of 6 county-owned dams to the WDNR as they are located on state-owned land. • He reported the plan to move the office into the new federal building in June and that a moving company has been contracted. 	Department Reports
#7	<p>Economic Development – activity report Director Godfrey reported planning is underway for the 3 “economic development 101” sessions for public officials, with the first session to be next Wednesday.</p>	Economic Development

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<p>#7</p>	<p>Property</p> <p>a) Bloomfield Cropland Lease Agreement: discussion and possible action regarding lease terms, seeding, and lime application.</p> <p>A representative of the lessee of the property, Mrs. Heuer, stated the lease is paid current but a County payment for alfalfa seed and lime plus application for both is outstanding. Corporation Counsel Allen stated his interpretation of the lease is that the county is responsible to pay for the cost of alfalfa seed, but not its application, and the application of the lime, but not the lime itself.</p> <p>Motion by Paull second by Demby to authorize payment of a \$180 lime application pursuant under the Bloomfield lease agreement to Michael Heuer Motion adopted.</p> <p>There was discussion over a dispute between the lessees of the Bloomfield cropland and their bill of \$5,406 for alfalfa seed and application and market costs that individual committee members found to be significantly less. Mrs. Heuer stated that the check for seed payment from the county, in the amount of \$1,750, has not been cashed and is not acceptable. When asked, Corporation Counsel Allen recommended paying the lessee’s bill as presented and focus on clarifying expectations for the remainder of the lease term.</p> <p>Motion by Bunker to reimburse for 12 bags of seed at \$250 per bag to total \$3,000, Chair Walmer did not accept the motion and asked for continued negotiation.</p> <p>Motion by Meeks to pay \$5,000 to Michael Heuer for reimbursement of alfalfa seed. Motion failed for lack of a second.</p> <p>Motion by Demby seconded by Bunker to reimburse Michael Heuer for 15 bags of Alfalfa seed at \$250 per bag to total \$3,750 for the Bloomfield 40 acres. Motion adopted with Meeks opposed.</p> <p>Corporation Counsel suggested discussing expectations for the remaining balance of the lease. Supervisor Meyers requested the lessee submit fertilizer receipts to the county for any nutrient application on the County land.</p>	<p>Property</p>

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<p>#7</p>	<p>b) Update and discussion of the security windows on first floor of the Courthouse – review of survey for affected offices.</p> <p>Administrator Kephart reviewed a survey he distributed to affected offices that was used to develop a proposed Security Window Specification document that he handed out. An HVAC professional stated the installation of the windows would not negatively impact the building’s HVAC system and that this project would have to be bid based on current County policy.</p> <p>There was discussion of whether the project should move forward or should be postponed as a capital improvement project to be considered in the next budget process. The proposed Specification document was reviewed with suggestions made for revision.</p> <p>Motion by Bunker seconded by Meeks to have the project considered during the 2016 budget process. Supervisor Meyers pointed out that this specific project would not likely be singled out for a general budget discussion by the whole County Board. Bunker withdrew the motion Meeks withdrew second.</p> <p>Motion by Meeks seconded by Bunker to consider the project as a capital improvement project and subject to County policies for capital improvement projects. Supervisor Paull asked how many of the committee feel the project is necessary. Meeks withdrew the motion Bunker withdrew his second.</p> <p>County Administrator Kephart requested the committee consider a positive statement for staff morale and to assure that their safety matters.</p> <p>Motion by Paull seconded by Meeks to move forward with bidding the project based upon a specification document as revised per discussion County Administrator Kephart asked for clarification as to where the funding will come from. Paull offered a friendly amendment to his motion to include the project shall not exceed \$25,000 and the funding is to come from the Capital Improvement Revolving Fund. Meeks accepted the amendment Motion adopted.</p> <p>c) Recommendation from Land Conservation Committee regarding ownership of dams on state-owned land in Iowa County</p> <p>Motion by Meeks seconded by Bunker to recommend the County Board authorize and negotiate the transfer of ownership of the 6 county-owned dams located on state-owned land to the WDNR. Motion adopted.</p>	<p>Property</p>

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9	Next meeting date The next meeting will be May 7, 2015 at 6 p.m. in the Courthouse	Next Meeting
10	Adjournment Motion by Bunker seconded by Richter to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion adopted meeting adjourned.	Adjournment