

MINUTES
Iowa County Economic Development, Extension and Property
November 3, 2011

The EDEP committee met in the 2nd floor conference room of the county courthouse at 6:00PM on November 3, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Dan Oleson

1. Roll Call: Present, Dave Bauer, Dan Curran, Jim Griffiths, Jeremy Meek, Dan Nankee, Dan Oleson, Ryan Walmer and Ed Weaver. Supervisor Joe Thomas was absent, Others Present: County Administrator Curt Kephart, Sheriff Steve Michek, UWEX Donna Peterson, as well as several members of the public.

Certification of the meeting by Curt Kephart

2a. Motion by Supervisor Walmer, 2nd Supervisor Nankee to approve agenda. Approved.

2b Motion by Supervisor Weaver, 2nd Supervisor Bauer to approve the minutes of the October 6th meeting. Approved.

3a. There was no report from committee members or comments from the public.

3b. Staff Reports

3ba. Donna Peterson provided the UW-Extension activities update highlighting Food Stamp Nutrition Education,

3bb. The Planning and Development's report was in the committee's packet...

4. Sheriff Michek discussed upgrading courthouse security by converting the doors on Iowa Street and Chapel Street to "exit only". The committee asked that Keith Hurlbert gather additional information; particularly as it relates to members of the public using the facility and bring the information back to the next EDEP meeting

5. The final inspection of the health & human services building was held October 31st with John Meyers, Ryan Walmer, Curt Kephart, Al Ikelar and Mark Caygill present. A report from Al Ikelar and Sustainable Engineering will be in the building file as documentation of the completion. There were several items needing correction that were noted, will be corrected and documented. There is a "thermal Imaging" test which is still to be done. Supervisor Griffiths expressed concern that the fix of air infiltration was done from the inside wall rather than the outside wall. The builder and architect will both provide the county with letters regarding the appropriateness of this fix.

6. Mrs. Leonard told the committee that she had contacted the heirs of Otto Mueller and obtained Quit Claim Deeds from them for the railroad right-of-way

through the county owned Sylvan Road property. She asserted that the Leonard's now owned the right of way.

Supervisor Griffiths disagreed with Mrs. Leonard's statement of ownership stating that while he had some question on whether this Quit Claim Deed(s) action conveyed the 550 feet of railroad right-of-way adjacent to the land purchased by the county from the Leonard's his (Griffiths') research indicated that the 2,400 feet of railroad right-of-way adjacent to the land purchased by the county from the Leonard's already had a clear chain of ownership from Otto Mueller to Iowa County so Quit Claims from Otto Mueller heirs could have no impact.

Supervisor Griffiths suggested before the committee takes action the issue needed to be reviewed by lawyers protecting Iowa County's interests in the property.

Griffiths also said Leonard's cattle grazing on the counties Sylvan Road property should be addressed by the committee.

Dave Ladd provided some history on the Sylvan Road property.

Motion by Supervisor Walmer, 2nd Supervisor Curran: County to recognize Quit Claim Deed of the Leonard's that they now own the railroad bed from Banner Road West and send to the full board. Motion failed 2 to 6 Curran and Walmer voting yes.

Motion to adjourn Walmer, 2nd Curran. Motion failed 3 to 6 Meek, Curran and Walmer voting yes.

Administrator Kephart indicated Southwest CAP was constructing a building near the old Social Services building and needed parking while this was going on. Southwest CAP agreed to clear the sidewalks and parking lot of snow in exchange for temporary parking space.

Motion by Walmer, 2nd Curran to place the old Social Services Building with 'Wisconsin Surplus' for sale at last appraised value with 'make an offer' notation. Placement to remain in place until 48 hours prior to the January EDEP meeting. Approved.

Supervisor Griffiths asked if any committee member felt that the Old Social Services Building should be rented if there are no buyers and whether any committee members felt the vacant space in the courthouse and new HHS building should not be rented. After a general discussion it was determined that the County Administrator should bring any such offers to rent to the committee.

8 Motion to adjourn Weaver, 2nd Bauer. Approved

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Griffiths' attached note.)

- (Otto and Lois Mueller Quit Claimed the railroad bed to Clarence and Geraldine Murphy on September 11, 1944 (Volume 146, Page 321
- Clarence and Geraldine then deeded the railroad bed (along with other portions of their property to Thomas and Delores Murphy via land contract on September 15, 1969 (Volume 258, Page 577.
- Thomas and Delores then deeded the railroad bed and some surrounding property to Iowa County on March 6th 1972 via Land Contract (Volume 276 Page 518