

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

COMMITTEE: Crawford County Comprehensive Planning Committee
PLACE: Crawford County Highway Building, Seneca, Wisconsin
DATE: Wednesday, February 27, 2008
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Ray Hubbard, Cliff Lawson, Larry Kelley, Michael Kilburg, Don Daentl, Tom Cornford, Pete Flesch, John Kramer, Phil Mueller, Harriet Behar, Laura Brown

Laura verified that meeting was posted. Minutes not available for approval.

Larry Kelley provided an update about the status of chapter on the Seneca plan. These were requested so that the county plan will be consistent with townships who are working with an independent consultant (Seneca, Wauzeka). He should have finals within a week or two. They have been working on the land use chapter for about 2 months now and feel they may need to enact some sort of zoning to reach the goals outlined in the plan. Larry would like to see copies of the county's zoning ordinances and any other ordinances that might be useful. Larry noted that everything from their initial visioning meeting is now part of the public record. **Laura will look into copies of other zoning ordinances.**

Phil Mueller asked how involved the town board is in coming up with zoning ideas. The board is being presented with these ideas. The first three chapters are going together for approval from the board but the land use chapter and utilities will be reviewed separately because of the potential for controversy. The comprehensive plan will reference the zoning ordinance but Larry emphasized that this will be a separate document. The emphasis in the plan will be to allow some room for growth in the township.

Larry will get all chapters on CD eventually and they are willing to help out to ensure consistency with the county plan.

Laura will help Seneca get access to the Wiscland data and maps.

Laura provided an on the plan status from Greg and involvement of townships. Based on the new proposal from the MRRPC townships will not have their own separate chapters in the county plan but will be able to use the county plan as a template for their won plan. Demographics, trends, issues and opportunities will all need to be updated for each township. The county plan will serve as a template for the townships. Townships need to know specifically what will need to be updated and what will be asked of them.

Laura will check with Greg about what the specific requirements of the townships would be.

Spending: the committee reviewed the proposal from the MRRPC particularly regarding the proposed cost of \$48,000. The finance committee was generally receptive initially to the idea of comprehensive planning. Cost could be divided over 2 years.

Pete will meeting with the finance committee on March 19. **Laura and Pete will meet beforehand to draft the proposed budget.**

Pete will need to know what the spoilt will be for the 2 year payment for presentation to the finance committee as well as the possibilities of applying for grant funds.

Laura discussed the Rural Business Opportunity Grant which could be used to offset the cost of the economic development component of the plan.

The committee discussed whether the townships should kick in money for the plan. \$3000 would not be unreasonable for Utica. Clayton and Haney have already hired the MRRPC to complete portions of their plans.

Laura will ask Greg about the how to handle townships that have already made an agreement with the MRRPC (could this be refunded since much of the information is being included in the county plan?). These townships issues should be explicitly addressed in the MRRPC contract.

Eastman townships is willing to go with the county but they would like to have a good feel for what the product would be, They would like to work with the county to ensure the county plan is something they agree with.

There was a question about how Villages will be incorporated into the plan. Laura will check with the MRRPC about whether Village data will also be available with the County data.

The committee suggested a letter to Village clerks regarding what the county is offering (data mapping, template) and find out where every township and Village is in the planning process.

Motion by Phil Mueller to move the proposal to the finance committee (final approval of the proposal to occur after above clarifications and changes are made with the MRRPC)
Second by Don Deantl. Motion carried.

Laura will also check with MRRPC about how the DOA grant (if accepted) would affect a contract.

Motion by Pete Flesch to approve moving forward with the Rural Business Opportunity Grant. Second by Harriet Behar. Motion carried.

Laura discussed the possibility of adding a webpage to the county site specifically for comprehensive planning. The cost would be \$75. This would be a line item in the comprehensive planning budget pending approval by the finance committee.

At a previous meeting there was a question about whether the county was required to have both a committee and a plan commission. Laura will look into this for clarification of proposed procedures.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday March 26, 7:30 pm at the County Highway Department in Seneca.

Meeting adjourned.

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