

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Development & Planning (D&P)
CHAIRPERSON: Ron Mapes
DATE/TIME: October 25, 2011

PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Merri Berlage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Monk	<input type="checkbox"/> Ron Mapes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Rutz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marvin Schultz

Other Board members:

Others: Dan Reimer and Linda Delvaux

1. **Minutes.** Kim Monk made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2011 joint meeting, seconded by Ron Smith and motion passed.
2. **Citizens' Comments** – None
3. **Staff Reports**
 - a) **Building and Zoning.** Building & Zoning Administrator Linda Delvaux reported that her office continues to working on nuisance violations; a couple of ongoing violations with dangerous buildings that have been settled. Delvaux reported that one of the items on the October 26th Zoning Board of Appeals hearing agenda is the DeBruce Grain rezoning request. Delvaux reported that out of the 550 guest accommodations renewal letters that her office sent out, 400 applications have been returned to date, renewals are due January 1st.
 - b) **Economic Development.**
4. **Unfinished Business**
 - a) **Brownsfield Grant Application.** Dan Reimer reviewed a letter from Bridgette Stocks of Fehr-Graham & Associates which discussed the US EPA Brownfields Grant. The current grant application period will close on November 28, 2011. Fehr-Graham & Associates, who has previously prepared two previous grant applications for the County has offered to prepare another application at no charge. Stocks will be at the November 22, 2011 Development and Planning Committee meeting to go over the completed application prior to submittal to US EPA on November 28, 2011.
 - b) **FY2011 Committee strategic goals.** This item will remain on the agenda for next month.
 - c) **Update on DeBruce Grain, Inc request for expansion of Freeport/Stephenson County Enterprise Zone.** Marvin Schultz updated the committee on a letter that has been sent to the Freeport/Stephenson County Enterprise Zone requesting expansion of the Enterprise zone to accommodate the request from DeBruce Grain .
 - d) **Cable television franchise agreement with Mediacom.** Dan Reimer reviewed the background on the current cable franchise agreement with Mediacom. Mediacom has proposed a new agreement that has been sent to States Attorney Kurt for review. Committee members Steve Rutz and Kim Monk volunteered to review the existing franchise agreement; research recent agreements with other counties and governmental entities and bring back recommendations for a new agreement. A public hearing will be required before a new agreement is approved
4. **New Business.** Marvin Schultz reported that a TIF district annual meeting for the Village of Stockton will be held on October 28, 2011 @ 11:00 am and in the past the county board representative for the district attends the meeting. Ron Mapes will attend the meeting.
5. **Other Business.** Marvin Schultz reported that Blackhawk Hills RC&D will be holding an informational meeting to discuss the possibility of a Regional Planning Commission for the six county area. The meeting is

scheduled for November 3, 2011 @ 6:00 pm at the Carroll County Farm Bureau Naaman Diehl Auditorium in Mt. Carroll. The purpose of the meeting is to hear how Northwest Illinois can benefit if Blackhawk Hills RC&D becomes a Regional Planning Commission (RPC). There are funding opportunities that this area is unable to tap into since they are not designated as a Regional Planning Commission. Ron Smith informed the committee that the annual Jo Daviess County tax sale was held today, October 25th and property taxes from approximately 250 parcels were sold.

6. Citizens' Comments.

- 7. Board Member Concerns.** Rick Dittmar presented a proposal that would make certain changes to the non conforming sign ordinance, Section 8-4c-5 of the Jo Daviess County zoning ordinance. This item will be placed on the November 22, 2011 committee agenda.

Next meeting on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 @ 7:00 pm

Kim Monk made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm, seconded by Steve Rutz and motion passed.