

MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, December 15, 2009
2nd Floor Courthouse Conference Center
Rock County Courthouse
JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN

1. **Call to Order:**

The meeting of the Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order by Chair Richard Bostwick at 6:30 p.m.
Committee members present: Supervisor Bostwick, Supervisor Combs, Supervisor Sweeney, and Supervisor Wiedenfeld.
Committee members absent: Supervisor Arnold
Staff present: Joshua Smith, Assistant County Administrator, Tom Gehl, Sheriff's Department, Randy Thompson and Sue Fredrich, UWEX.
 2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the agenda with moving Item 6 Agents Report to 3A. Seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. Motion carried.
 3. **Approval of Minutes of November 11, 2009**

Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved to approve the minutes as printed and seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. Motion carried.
 - 3 A. **Agent Report:** Sue Fredrich, 4-H Program Advisor, provided an update on 4-H Educational Programs. Roxanne Reisem, 4-H member was in attendance to share her experience within the 4-H Program. Roxanne has been a 4-H member for 11 years and will be entering her last year of 4-H. Roxanne shared a variety of experiences during her 4-H career that have made a difference in her life and impacted her future education and career plans.
 4. **Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements:** None
 5. **Extension Bills/Transfers:** Randy Thompson reviewed the UWEX bills. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the bills. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. Motion carried.
 6. **Consideration and Possible Approval to Relocate Sheriff's Department Garage:** Randy Thompson reviewed past discussions and updated the committee on current cost estimates to relocate the Sheriff's Garage. The cost of relocating the garage is estimated at \$7,750.00. This doesn't include the cost of foundation and utility costs which would be the responsibility of UW Extension. Thompson indicated that funding was not included in the 2010 budget. In addition, the timeline for moving the building is prior to March 1st to avoid delays with Phase I of the Jail Project
- Thompson recommended that the committee take action to not support moving the structure. The lack of funds and short time line for moving the garage are prohibitive. A motion was made by Supervisor Sweeney and seconded by Supervisor Combs to not proceed with moving the garage and instructed staff to explore other options for disposing of the building instead of demolition. Motion carried.

7. **Recommendation and Appointment of UW Extension Department Head for 2010:** Dick Pederson, Southern District Director for UW Extension, requested the committee take action to appoint the UW Extension Department Head for 2010. He is recommending that Randy Thompson be appointed for 2010.

A motion was made by Supervisor Sweeney and seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld to appoint Thompson as Department Head for 2010. Motion carried.

Thompson thanked the committee for their support.

8. **4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts:** Thompson presented the rental contracts for the first quarter of 2010. The contracts included the following: Paige Komar Craft Sale – Jan 16,17-fee \$840; Take A Kid Hunting Bob Pucci, January 22,23,24 – fee with cleanup included \$1622.50; Janesville Kennel Club Linda Hays, Jan 31, fee \$320; Badger Military AKA Take a Kid Hunting Bob Pucci – Feb 12, 13 – fee with cleanup included \$1202.50; Paige Komar Craft Sale March 6th, fee \$420.00; Belgian Tervuren Dog Club – Lynn Earhart – March 12,13,14 – Fee \$960.00; Paige Komar Craft Sale – April 10th – Fee \$360.00; Badger Blitz – Curt Watson – April 11 - Fee \$360.00;Golden K Tree Sale – April 14-17, Fee:\$100.00; Janesville Rifle and Pistol –April 17,18 Fee: \$650.00; Curt Watson Swine Sale – April 16, Fee: \$360.00; LeLeche League – April 25, Fee: \$260; Glenn Nicholson Motorcycle Swap – April 30, May 1 – Fee \$720.00.

A motion was made by Supervisor Combs and seconded by Supervisor Sweeney to approve the contracts and proposal fees. Motion carried.

Thompson indicated that the Stock Pavilion roof project would be completed by the end of the month. Construction on the T-Mobile Cell Tower is to start shortly with a completion date of January 1st.

9. **Comments From the Committee:** NONE.
10. **Adjourn:** There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Combs and seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld . Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/Randy Thompson, Office Chair