

April 15, 2008
Le Mars, Iowa

The Plymouth County Board of Supervisors and the Le Mars City Council held a joint public hearing in the Le Mars City Council Chambers. All members of the Plymouth County Board of Supervisors and the Le Mars City Council were present. The joint public hearing was called to order at 12:02 pm by Le Mars Mayor Dick Kirkhoff and Plymouth County Board Chairman John Schneider.

The Joint Urban Renewal Advisory Board met on Monday, April 14, 2008 where they reviewed 4 bids for the sale of parcels in Crescent Ridge / Winter Feedlot property. Three rental bids for leasing Crescent Ridge were also reviewed. The Joint Urban Renewal Board's recommendation to the Le Mars City Council and to the Plymouth County Board of Supervisors is to reject all 4 real estate purchase bids as presented to them.

The Le Mars Business Initiative Corporation (L.B.I.C.) is the deed holder to the Crescent Ridge/Winter Feedlot property. Any counter offers or negotiating regarding any bids on the property can only be done by the Le Mars Business Initiative Corporation Board. Any new offers for the purchase of the property should be made to the L.B.I.C. going forward.

Several members from the public were present. Jan Wagner, Donald Thoms, Pat Winter and Nick Peters all spoke regarding their concerns with the property and the process of the sale of the land going forward.

The public hearing was closed at 12:21 pm.

Motion by Craig Anderson, seconded by Jim Henrich for Plymouth County Board of Supervisors to reject all 4 bids as presented for the purchase of real estate in the Crescent Ridge/Winter Feedlot property. Motion Carried.

By motion, the Le Mars City Council also rejected the 4 bids for the purchase of real estate in the Crescent Ridge/Winter Feedlot property. The recommendations from this joint public hearing will be presented to the Le Mars Business Initiative Corporation Board for their final decision.

The meeting adjourned at 12:28 PM.