Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 20, 2014  
Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, 711 E. Cook St.  
Portage, Wisconsin

ICC Participants (see sign-in sheet)  
**Columbia County** – Andy Ross; Vern Gove; James Foley; Dennis Richards; Mary Cupery; Pat Behgin; Kathleen Haas (scribe);  
**Dodge County** – Russell Kottke, Donna Maly; Jeff Hoffman; Amy Nehls;  
**Green Lake County** – Mark & Gary Podoll; Jay Dampier; Jack Meyers; David Richter; Harley Reabe;  
**Jefferson County** – Donna Haugom; Jim Schroeder; Jim Breucler; Steve Grabow;  
**Marquette County** – Bob Miller; Mary Westrus; Marty Havlovic;  
**Sauk County** – Lisa Wenzel; Marty Krueger; Chip Merst; Jeff Spencer;  
**WCA** – Sarah Dietrich-Kasdorf;  
Legislators:  
**Repr. Joan Ballweg/41 District**;  
**Program Guest** – Pat Behgin, Columbia County Emergency Management Director

Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order by ICC Chair Russell Kottke at 9:30 a.m.

Certification of Wisconsin Open Meetings Law Notice  
The Secretary confirmed the requirements of the WI Open Meetings Law were met.

Adoption of Agenda  
Motion by Columbia County, second by Green Lake County to approve the agenda – Approved.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes  
Motion by Marquette County, second by Dodge County, to approve the minutes of the September 2014 meeting of the Intercounty Coordinating Committee – Approved.

Legislative Report – Representative Joan Ballweg/41 District  
- Problem Solving Courts special task force looking at best practices around conducting regional courts  
- Criminal crimes that are low level felonies  
- TIF districts  
- Tech Colleges special task group: looking at local component of oversight of tech colleges  
- Special committee SAGE: smaller class sizes  
- Structure settlement  
- Early Brain development symposium  
- Foster Future program consulting mom with risky behavior with First Lady Walker  
- Heroine summit in Berlin, WI, supported by county H&HS agencies; addressed baby addicted to opiates;

Wisconsin Counties Association Report by Sarah Dietrich-Kassen  
- Ed Huck article in Sunday’s WSJ (10/19) to reduce the number of local government units and redrawing state districts  
- WCA is drafting legislative agenda for next two years; Agenda is published in WCA Oct 2014 magazine;  
- Priority 8 Issues, developing white papers around top 8 issues; Papers will go: to governor’s office; DoA; legislative houses;  
- WCA is sitting on three legis. Study committee
- Personal Property tax elimination study committee – if this happens will state loosen levy limit or increase state aides
- Early Brain development study committee study committee chaired by Repr. Ballweg
- Treatment and Diversion Program

- Top Issue Review Funding for 911 – working with telecommunication industry to redirect 911 funding back to being used for 911 upgrades and training; WCA is holding meeting around the state with legislators, communication industry; heart association; and others to ensure that the 100 million dollars that is going into shared revenue should be going into 911 segregated account.
- Transportation investment coalition to keep all options open to find; Transportation will have a deficit this year.
- WI State Agency budget have been released:
  - Juvenile corrections need more revenues, corrections has requested an increase

**Open discussion of county issues**

Employee Leadership Training for Government
By Andy Ross/Columbia Co. Bd. & Barb Martin, Madison College (formally MATC)

Columbia County has set aside $40,000 and contracted two years with Madison College to conduct a leadership series of trainings with co. dept. heads & county supervisors, including: performance management; individual management assessment; Leading and managing other (leadership styles without unions); Communication; Strategic Thinking; Problem Solving; & leading change processes.

**Program Topic: County Security and Safety**

Presenter: Pat Beghin, Columbia County Emergency Management Director

Panel: Feedback and comments from County Emergency Management Directors

- Pat handed out the Columbia Co. Emergency Management Plan that was originally drafted by Sauk co.
- Last Fall EM training was around “disgruntled people in court rooms”;
- Columbia County conducted large scale training scenarios: active shooters training at each county facility; accountability check; county is working with schools for active EM training; County’s EM plan is available in each office and on Co. website;
- Pat Beghin addressed the Co. Bd. last month regarding what should happen if a natural disaster were to occur during a co. bd. meeting.
- Columbia Co. installed an EM notification system upgrade in all county buildings including employee phone system.
- Marquette Co is looking at devising EM training. $3 million communications county upgrade including co. building security; towers;
- Dodge County EM Director: hosted training addressing daycare EM plans and training/symposium; working with schools; now Dodge Co is working with county building EM (e.g., lock down; employee training, etc.) planning.
o Jefferson Co. EM Dir., Ms. Donna Haugom: Courthouse security training; works closely with Sheriff’s Dept to devise EM plans; Have cameras in buildings; transferring prisoners; Tornado and Fire Drills training; need to develop trainings around shooter trainings; Have developed EM check lists; co. now has one main entrance for co. court house; Also works with schools, nursing homes, & daycare. A lot of sharing happens among Co. EM directors

o Green Lake EM Dir., Gary Podoll & Sheriff Podoll: has new government center; has co. bd. Support; EM plan is in place and last summer did “shooter” training; Beacon Alert System in place for emergency situations; WAVE system, emergency button installed in each office backed up with security camera and sheriff deputies’ response. Sheriff trains H&HS staff that go out to home visits; EM trains in schools and hospital. Dealing with foreclosures/default homeowners.

o WI State EM updates and/or priorities: 911 Updates; working with schools; response, continuity and recovery of operations.

Other County issues
o Need counties to submit ICC dues for 2015, $100/county.

Next Meeting
Next meeting: November 17, 2014 in Dodge Co.– Topic: County Budget & Finance in Tight Times

Adjournment
Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 10:43 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Haas
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