

Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 18, 2011
Green Lake Government Services Center
Green Lake, WI

ICC Participants

Marquette County - Brent Miller, Paul Wade; Columbia County – John Tramburg, Andy Ross, Debra Wopat; Dodge County – Russell Kottke, Dave Frohling, Jeff Hoffman; Green Lake County – Dan Priske, Marge Bostelmann, Joane Guden, Jason Kauffeld; Jefferson County – John Molinaro, Gary Petre, Steve Grabow; Sauk County – Jen Erickson; WCA- John Reinemann; Wisconsin Legislature – Luther Olsen

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 that the WI Open Meetings Law requirements were met.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Dodge County, second by Columbia County to approve the minutes of the March 2011 meeting of the Intercounty Coordinating Committee – Approved.

Legislative Report

Senator Luther Olsen reported that the goal is to have the budget out of joint finance by the end of May and to the Governor by mid-June. Recycling will be supported and they are figuring out how to keep Senior Care in place. A concern is that centralization of income maintenance leads to greater fraud and abuse.

Open Discussion of County Issues

Redistricting has begun with empty districts showing up as an issue. Questions asked: 1) is combining towns or counties an option and 2) will health care contributions be pre-tax?

Wisconsin Counties Association Report

WCA reported that they are now fully staffed, having hired a lobbyist and a support staff. He proceeded with the main presentation on the vision of the governor and the impact of the State Budget Bill.

Program: Vision of Governor and Impact on Counties

John Reinemann shared that WCA is seeking greater clarity on a number of issues before the Budget Repair Bill becomes law. John provided three handouts. #1 Advertised an April 28 Local Government Institute Workshop, #s 2 and #3 detailed the State Budget and showed an example of how a county's budget would be affected by the proposals in the budget. Levy limits will be the key topic affecting counties. WCA opposes the splitting off of UW Madison from the UW System.

Reinemann shared that he believes Governor Walker could be moved regarding Prevailing Wage. Walker is putting in more hours into being Governor than previous Governors have. The 200 positions that are appointed by the Governor have been mostly filled. Open discussion followed. Reinemann answered questions.

Next Meeting

Next meeting: May 16, 2011 – In Columbia County – Topic Continuation of the State budget discussion

Adjournment

Chairman Kottke adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m. (Jefferson/Green Lake)

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Kauffeld
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