

Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 15, 2010
Dodge County Administration Building
Juneau, Wisconsin

ICC Participants

Columbia County – John Tramburg, Debra Wopat, Harlan Baumgartner, Robert Westby ; **Dodge County** – Russell Kottke, Ray Seaholm, Jeff Hoffman; **Green Lake County** – Dan Priske, Orrin Helme, Jason Kauffeld; **Jefferson County** - Steve Nass, James Braughier, Steve Grabow,; **Sauk County** – Paul Endres; **Marquette County** - Brent Miller, Paul Wade, Marty Havlovic; **WCA** – David Callender ; **Congressman** – Representative for Congressmen Petri, Gregg Underheirm; **UW-Extension-Local Government Center** – Dan Hill;

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

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Green Lake County, second by Jefferson County to approve the minutes of the February 2010 meeting of the Intercounty Coordinating Committee. Approved.

Legislative Report

Representative for Congressmen Petri, Gregg Underheirm, talked about the Health Care discussion in Congress. He talked about changes to the Federal Student Loan Program and the use of Adaptive Testing to evaluate K-12 students. – He answered questions.

Wisconsin Counties Association Report

David Callender talked about bills that are currently being discussed by the State Legislature. – Repeal of County tax rate limit, Nursing Home Collaboration, and the Public Defender Bill. He also talked about the value of Human Services Day in Madison. – He answered questions.

County Issues

Green Lake said they had tentative settlement to union contracts for 2010 – 2012.

Program - County Collaborations and Cooperation

Presented and facilitated by -

Dan Hill - UW-Extension, Local Government Center

Hill talked about statewide efforts in the past that addressed or encouraged Government collaborations.

- Kettl Commission - Advocated for more, voluntary compacts of agreements by local units of governments to reduce property tax burdens on their residents.
- Sheehy Commission - Studied the state-local relationship recommended regional tax-base growth sharing laws in Wisconsin to support metropolitan and regional growth and cooperation.
- When survived in 2001, Wisconsin Town Boards identified more than 1,000 intergovernmental cooperation initiatives.

The participants were asked to share information on current collaborations in their county. Each county produced a list of initiatives and talked in more detail on one of the collaborations. Examples included: a multi-jurisdictional sanitary district, shared MIS services between county and city, a multi-county nursing home alliance, county departments sharing staff, and county departments sharing equipment.

There was a question about how to develop a countywide economic development collaboration. The ensuing discussion provided examples and member counties explained their economic development organization's structures. The participants responded to a prepared set of questions about collaborations. The discussion included positive reasons to collaborate and barrier to collaborations. Members discussed lessons learned from collaborations and an example was offered about a collaboration that did not work. Also included was a general discussion on potential collaborations.

Next Meeting

Next meeting: April 19, 2010 – In Green Lake County – Topic Economic Development Organizations

Adjournment

Motion by Columbia County, second by Green Lake County to adjourn meeting at 11:45. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Hoffman
UW-Extension, Dodge County