Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 16, 2012
Columbia County Annex, 120 W. Conant
Portage, Wisconsin

ICC Participants
Columbia County – Andy Ross; Vern Gove; John Tramburg, Bob Westby, Nancy Elsing; Kathleen Haas (scribe) Dodge County – Russell Kottke, Dave Frohling; Jeff Hoffman Green Lake County – Dan Priske, Jack Meyers, Joanne Guden, Jefferson County - John Molinaro; Steve Grabow Marquette County - Paul Wade, Howard Zellmer; Marty Havlovic; Sauk County – none; WCA – David Callender; Mark O’Connel; Congressman – none; Media – Lyn Jerde/PDR; Program Guest – Michelle Miller/UW-Madison CIAS

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

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
Motion by Green County, second by Marquette County, to approve the minutes of the August 2009 meeting of the Intercounty Coordinating Committee -- Approved.

Legislative Report – no legislators present

Wisconsin Counties Association Report
David Callender

Legislature is out of session. Recall primary in May and election in June. There is a possibility that we could have a governor of one party and a Lt. governor of another party. Budget is starting to take shape. WCA will be meeting with gov’t office regarding criminal justice. There is discussion of establishing a database of DNA samples of those convicted, perhaps even arrested. WCA is looking at how much more work required of Co. sheriff offices. Everything is in flux w/ the recalls taking place. WI recently caught up w/ DNA backlog.

Mark O’Conner

Recall election will cost tens of millions of dollars, a lot is out of state monies. November elections will focus on US WI Senate race. Currently the Governor’s office is conducting round table discussions, with ten to fifteen organizations, including WCA.
Jefferson County commented on the changes to shoreline zoning, NR 115, are very troublesome. Legislators are looking to work w/ groups that are willing to work with those in office, if groups are not willing to work with those in office, than they may not be invited to the table.

It is more likely that units of government will have to work together and consolidate. Although, current law does not allow units of government to collaborate around transportation.

WCA’s philosophy for the state to succeed in the future is that the state needs more smart young people. Government needs to create an environment that the private sector can do well. The next generation wants quality of life – livable communities, recreation, culture, broadband, nightlife, etc.

Dodge County brought up their concerns regarding healthcare facilities. WCA had an article in their newsletter last month. Target demographics for county healthcare facilities will be in high demand.

WCA District/Southern district meeting on 4/27 in WI Dells at Wintergreen Resort beginning at 9 am, there will be an open seat in the Southern District, John Tramburg is not running ;

**Program - Agricultural Trends and Local Foods.** Presenter: Michelle Miller, Associate Director with UW-Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems. See attached presentation.

**Other County issues**
- DoA Housing loan/no interest program changes were raised by Sauk County, to have regional administration rather than county managed. Regional consortiums are to be formed by June 2012.

- Andy Ross and Nancy Elsing/CCEDC recently went to a CDBG meeting in Madison and proposed that ICC be a point organization to work regionally, this was not an accepted option.

**Next Meeting**
Next meeting: May 21, 2012 – Topic: Parks in Sauk County including election of ICC officers

**Adjournment**
Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 11:30 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Haas
UW-Extension, Columbia County