



Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 21, 2013
Dodge County Administration Building
Juneau, Wisconsin

ICC Participants

Columbia County – Kathleen Haas, John Tramberg, Lois Schepp, Vern Gove; **Dodge County** – Russell Kottke, Jeff Hoffman, Julie Kolp; **Green Lake County** – Jack Meyers, David Richter; **Jefferson County** - Steve Grabow, John Molinaro; **Marquette County** – Marty Havlovic, Paul Wade, Dan Klawitter; **Sauk County** – Kathy Schauf, Marty Krueger; **WCA** – Jon Hochkammer; **Senator** – Scott Fitzgerald; **Daily Citizen** - Triste Priest; **Wisconsin Taxpayer Alliance** – Todd Berry; **Resident** – Stuart Wellwitz

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.

Pledge of Allegiance

Adoption of Agenda

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

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Columbia County, second by Marquette County to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2013 meeting of the Intercounty Coordinating Committee -- Approved.

Legislative Report - Senator – Scott Fitzgerald present.

Senator Fitzgerald talked about the Mental Health bills being discussed in Madison

Wisconsin Counties Association Report – Jon Hochkammer

- State put additional money into Treatment Alternative Diversion Program
- Shared information on 17 year old offenders being considered juveniles (in non-violent crimes)
- Talked about the Frac sand legislation bill being proposed
 - Took questions

Todd Berry – Presented material on Tax Levy Caps

1. State & Local Finances

- Long-term slowdown in Economy
- Shift in State priorities

2. History of Proposed Tax

- Steady growth from 1983 to today
- Biggest change in recent past

3. Property tax anxiety & response

- Action when pressure on peoples incomes

4. Change in shift in priorities of use of taxes

- Shared revenue down
- In the 1990's levy amounts were going up

5. Revenues reduced in mid 2000's

6. Charity spending going down

7. County debt service is rising

8. Levy limits were causing counties to levy to max

- *"Tax to the Max"*

Examples of local budget changes as a result of Tax Levy Cap

Columbia County

- Cutting since 2003 – costs for new Huber center have increased
- All departments have delayed re-hiring open positions
- Technology improvements delayed
- Cannot hire new jailers
 - Structural deficit in 2013 budget

Green Lake County

- Highway skipping years in vehicle purchases
- Reducing road construction from 13 to 2 miles annually
- HHS – reduction in funding of Aging Programs
- Sheriff – reallocating resources to manage shortfalls
- A Positive aspect of the levy cap is it forces everyone to take a more critical review of budget

Marquette County

- Not seen changes in services
- Infrastructure improvements declining – will be an issue
- Keeping squads longer

Jefferson County

- Reduction of resurfacing roads
- Expand the use of the squad cars by one year
- Do not refill staff positions or expand refill time
- Expand timeline of capital purchases

Sauk County

- No affect to date – concerned about long-term sustainability
- May effect long term recruits and ability to retain good staff

Dodge County

- No effect

Many counties dipping into reserves

Next Meeting

Next meeting: November 18, 2013 in Sauk County – Topic: Technical Colleges, Vision, and Response to Needs

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 11:26 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Hoffman
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