



Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 20, 2013
Sauk County West Square Building
Baraboo, Wisconsin

ICC Participants

Columbia County – Andy Ross, Vern Gove, Bob Westby; **Dodge County** – Russell Kottke, Jeff Hoffman; David Frohling; **Green Lake County** – Jack Meyers, David Richter; **Jefferson County** - John Molinaro, Steve Grabow; **Marquette County** – Paul Wade; Dan Klawitter; Marty Havlovic; **Sauk County** – Kathy Schauf; Marty Krueger; Jen Erickson; **WCA** – Jon Hochkammer; **Legislators** – Representative Ed Brooks, 50th Assembly District; **Program Guests** – Lyn Jerde, Portage Daily Register

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

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Jefferson County, second by Dodge County to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2013 meeting of the Intercounty Coordinating Committee -- Approved.

Legislative Report

Ed Brooks took questions from the ICC members

Wisconsin Counties Association Report

Jon Hochkammer gave the following WCA report:

- Joint Finance is currently meeting.
- There will be a 0% increase in shared revenue.
- WCA is working to get the counties greater flexibility in fiscal matters. Currently Joint Finance is considering measures associated with negative debt and new carry forward provisions.
- WCA is working to clarify a new measure that states that public employees will not have to live within 15 miles of their work (except for public safety).
- Senator Grothman recently introduced a bill that would deduct any additional fees for stormwater, street sweeping, etc. added after December 12th from the levy limit.
- Governor Walker is adjusting the timeframe between when a WRS employee retires and when they can be rehired by the State.

- The Legislature agrees that circuit court and transportation infrastructure funding are issues, but solutions have not been identified.
- The land conservation staffing grant will likely pass.
- 911 funding will be up this week for discussion.
- The state and the counties will have to share all expenditures in an online format through a program called Open Book. This could include staff wages, benefits and all expenditures over \$100.
- \$200,000 has been allocated to help local municipalities with lean government principles.

Program: Intergovernmental Cooperation

Gary Becker, Executive Director of the Local Government Institute (LGI) shared an overview of intergovernmental cooperation throughout Wisconsin. The purpose of the LGI is to collaborate with others to find solutions for the efficient delivery and funding of local government services consistent with the needs of our citizens. Recently the LGI commissioned a study to the current state of intergovernmental cooperation in Wisconsin including barriers and success factors. They also have a database of online collaboration examples at <http://www.localgovinstitute.org/casestudies>.

Marty Krueger, Sauk County Board Chair and Kathy Schauf, Sauk County Administrative Coordinator shared their experience coordinating the Sauk County intergovernmental meetings

Troy Streckenbach, Brown County Executive shared a series of examples of intergovernmental cooperation successes and pitfalls. He also discussed a recent white paper titled, "Wisconsin and the Perfect Policy Storm: Why We Need to Find a Better Way of Raising Tax Revenue and Delivering Basic Public Services" located at <http://www.bayareacommunitycouncil.org/media/7817/wisconsins%20perfect%20storm%20-%20tax%20policy.pdf>

Next Meeting

Next meeting: June 17, 2013

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 11:30

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Erickson
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