

**Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday August 15, 2005  
Sauk County Board Room, Baraboo, Wisconsin**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Dan See at 9:30am.

**Attendance:**

Jenny Erickson, Sauk County UW Extension; Halsey Sprecher, Sauk County; Bill Wenzel, Sauk County; Dan Priske, Green Lake County; Orrin Helmer, Green Lake County; Dave Neuendorf, Dodge County UW Extension; Russell Kolthe, Dodge County; Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, WCA; John H. Trambung, Columbia County; Susan Martin, Columbia County; Representative Sheryl Albers; Steve Grabow, Jefferson County UWEX; Ray Seaholm, Dodge County; Bernie Kasierkski, Green Lake County; Sharon Schmeling, Jefferson County; Gene Weigand, Sauk County; Dan See, Columbia County; Harley Baumgart, Columbia County

**The requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law were met.**

**The agenda was approved. (Dodge/ Jefferson)**

**The April 18, 2005 minutes were approved. (Columbia/Sauk)**

**Reports from Visiting Legislative Officials - State Representative Sheryl Albers**

- Chapter 66 planning funds were restored by the Governor. Rep. Albers is working on a new version which may include:
  - More consistency between town and county plans
  - Planning won't be a mandate for communities less than 15,000
  - Opportunities for private landowners to share their ideas on what they would like to see happen on their property.
  - There will be a hearing on August 21st
- Kilo Decision – Rep Albers is for takings of private property (eminent domain) for the purpose of economic development depending on the type of property.
- Rep. Albers is promoting a legislative council study to further investigate opportunities associated with the Human Services and Court referendum.
- State budget will have an estimated \$1.2 million dollar deficit next biennium.
- AB24 will be signed into law clarifying voting procedures for Boards of Adjustments

**Update of County Issues – Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, WCA**

- Counties will be able to increase their levy limit by 2% or their percent increase in new construction if it is higher. Debt is excluded.
- Tie budgets with the judicial and human services referendum. The public indicated in the referendum that they want the state to cover the costs of human services and the courts. This could be an opportunity to highlight the impacts of the tax freeze.
- The Assembly Ways and Means Committee will be holding hearings on a new version of TABOR. The impacts to local government will be the same, but amendments addressing unfounded mandates and contingency funds will be included.

- Smart Growth funding was restored
- The 1.4% nursing home rate increase was vetoed, but there is a potential for a veto override. Doyle did approve of a bed tax.
- JCI rates were left as the Legislature had intended

**Program: Bridges out of Poverty, Sue Nagelkerk, Sauk County Family Living Educator**

Sue shared Dr. Ruby Paynes' work on the "hidden rules" of those in generational poverty, middle class and wealth. Sue gave a condensed version of the Bridges out of Poverty Training that she has conducted throughout South Central Wisconsin for school districts and human services departments. The program is designed to improve capacity to work with individuals in poverty. For more information: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/flp/bridges/index.cfm>.

**Ideas for ICC 2005-2006**

- Program changes and innovations that other counties have implemented to save money
- Highway Department Issues – Comparisons between counties including, services, town road work, number of state and interstate highway miles, employees, budget. Highlight the work of Jefferson and Dodge Counties.
- How can counties brace for transportation impacts. Does the county have any say in how they would like their roads to look. (Hwy 12 bypass issues – Sauk County will be responsible for old highway 12)
- Jail utilization issues
- History of shared revenue from 1911 (WCA)
- Economic development. What is each county doing? Should include tourism and growing jobs.
- Workforce Development Centers – Managed by the State? What does that look like?
- Shoreland Development (NR 115)
- Sr. Citizen Resource Centers
- Budget planning – panel of comptrollers. How does each county do their preplanning? (January – March)
- No legislative meeting in Madison

**Meeting was adjourned at 11:45am. (Columbia/Green Lake)**

Respectfully submitted,  
 Jenny Erickson  
 Sauk County UW-Extension