

MEETING AGENDA & PROGRAM MINUTES (submitted by Kathleen Haas)

DATE: September 17, 2007

TIME: 9:30 am

PLACE: Columbia County UW-Extension
120 W. Conant Str., Col. Co. Annex Bldg.
Wisconsin River Conference Room
Portage, WI 53901

9:00 a.m. Gathering (see attachment for list of participants)

9:30 a.m. 1. Call to Order @ 9:35 a.m. by ICC Chair Steve Nass

2. Certification of Open Meeting Notice

3. Adoption of Agenda approved by Green Lake/Sauk

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes approved by Dodge/Green Lake

5. Reports from Visiting Legislative Officials & WCA

Representative Hahn

Budget: conference committee has moved the budget for adoption. K-12 and shared revenue will be discussed tomorrow during session. Increase in K-12 has been proposed. Big hang up is the universal health package, did not have a hearing, should be put as a individual bill not combined w/ budget bill.

TABOR-like proposal/bill: IA came out of recession faster than any other mid-west state. Gene is interested in introducing a bill similar to IA law.

Bio-fuels energy: Going on a tour of a bio-diesel plant in Middleton.

Budget: Conference committee has not come to any agreement. Sen. Republicans made a proposal to come back w/ a budget for K-12, share revenue and levy limits. The proposal would set levy limits at 2% (or growth and new construction, whichever on is lower) above the last two years. The proposal does not address the libraries exemption as it has in past years.

Conference committee has stated that the legislature must look at the budget as a whole, not take certain pieces out (eg., K-12, shared revenue, etc.).

Youth aids, family-care and courts are ever increasing budget items and must be discussed otherwise counties could be left w/ bill expense.

- **WCA** would like to see the legislature agree on the whole budget not just certain budget items. The Governor and democrats are not interested in a piece-meal budget.

6. Open Discussion of County Issues

- Jefferson county is going to move forward and if things are messy than the County will blame the legislators.
- Green Lake wonders how counties are coming along w/ their 2008 budget. Even w/ the 2%, Green Lake is a half-million dollars (\$500,000) over. This is a big deficit for Green Lake. Jefferson is setting their levy limits at 3% with a 23% increase in health insurance. Jefferson is asking departments to come back w/ no more than 3%, including covering increases in healthcare insurance (Sauk 3%, Dodge 12%). Sauk County is very upset that the legislature hasn't come to an agreement over the budget. Sauk County sees the necessity to approve campaign finance

reform. WCA sees a very different legislature this year than ever before, it is very partisan and politicized, there are no moderates.

7. Program: "ICC Overall Assessment & 2007-2008 Program Planning"

• Purpose & Organizational Structure

- By-laws
- Membership & who attends
- Leadership
- Format of meetings
- Topics & Speakers
- Location
- Financial Contribution

Steve Grabow handed out the "*Multi-Community Collaboration – A WI Example the ICC*", David Such, 11/91. This hand-out covered how the ICC was formed, structured, history, purpose, and share successes and failures collaboratively.

Steve Grabow handed out the ICC by-laws.

Steve Grabow reviewed past programming processes that have used to make up the annual programs and topics.

• ICC History

Jeff Hoffman review past program history, all the way from 1983. Priority topics revolved around:

- Budgeting & Finance (2)
- Planning (1)
- Environmental Issues (3)
- Criminal Justice (4)
- Legislative Issues
- Economic Development
- Transportation & Hwy
- Parks and recreation
- Workforce development
- Human Service & Public Health
- Census
- Leadership
- Technology
- Taxes
- Grant
- Emergency Management
- LWCD
- ADA

• What works well about ICC

- WCA values the opportunity to talk with the County Supervisor for their work
- Good chance to exchange ideas in similar positions County Board
- Learning how the County Government is structured differently
- Want more debate (discussion)
- Exchange of ideas
- Opportunity to exchange ideas during ride to meetings
- Share information from ICC with our County Board and also an opportunity to share other County voices (LCC, Hwy)
- Learn more about various County departments
- Learn from experienced County Board Supervisor
- Going to other counties and how they do business and visiting
- Learned a lot from other counties by talking
- Has helped supervisor see an issue from a different point of view

- Face-to-face contact with WCA and Legislatives
- Many of topics are relevant to county committee work- Building County Courthouse
- Not the only one with the same problems; "Misery loves company"
- Are there other groups like ICC- no may be a few groups that meet quarterly and discuss what might be hot, not like ICC where there is a set topic with speakers

• **How to improve ICC**

- Invite other counties to join ICC- (Marquette, Adams, Juneau, Monroe, Wood, and Sauk)
- Topic ideas get lost in translation- County Board Supervisors could be more specific on expectations
- Travel time to meetings is too long
- More interactive- what can counties work on together? Do something with what was learned
- How can we better use what we learned?
- More opportunities for discussion and interaction, ask "whys"
- No dialogue or exchange of ideas with certain presentation- too much lecture
- Brief overview of previous program- evaluation including what did you do with it?
- Invite Legislative
- Schedule appearances
- balanced opinions
- Make an effort to call legislative officials to ask them to attend ICC
- Invite other legislatives that head up key committees to ICC
- Ask for open assessment of past programs, what needs to be assessed, likes, dislikes, and what did you do with the information
- Travel does lead to seeing how others do business, could meet in more centralized location
- Legislators-invite? Hook up by phone?
- Legislators are used to ICC agendas, may want to extend personal invite; invite legislator by committee representation/topic; have ICC chair or secretary extend invite to legislator.
- Meet every month? Depends on topics (not less than six per year)

• **Program Ideas for 2007-2008**

- County Structure
 - A. Who handles what
 - B. Why do you do it that way
 - C. Why two vice chairs (Jefferson)
 - D. How to do it different
 - E. How to do things smarter
 - F. PT Administration, FT Administration, County Executives
 - G. Committee Structure
- Structure of Benefits for County Employees (lower cost)
- What am I going to do with the information I received today?
- More specific topics
- Sessions are learning opportunities
- Need for dialogue
- Need for interaction
- Seek opportunity to work together, facilitate, collaborative work
- Move beyond education into strategy development

- Census
 - How to handle, how much work
 - County responsibility versus municipality
 - Redistrict as to County Board
 - Special population (Amish)
- Labor negotiation Strategies and Labor Law; strategies to make negotiation more effective
- HR, how we've done it
- Other model
- Harvard seven steps of negotiation
- Fuel Economy and Green Building
 - Logistics (where to get fuel)
 - Collaboration (fleets, procurement)
 - Energy Audits
- Universal Healthcare legislative Proposal
 - How ill proposal effect Counties?
 - County needs to be more proactive rather than reactive
- County and Town relationships
 - Common issues
 - Relationship enhancement
- Public statements as a group
 - Common resolutions
 - Support/not support certain legislative proposals
- Criminal Justice System
 - Alter natives to incarceration
 - Jail usage and costs
- Purchase Development Rights (TDR)
 - PA and MD speakers (working lands conf)
 - UW-Madison Graduate students Jeffers project alternatives to farmland pres.
 - CLUE (mini tour)
- Legislative Issues with WCA
 - Mechanism for advocacy
 - Working with members of municipalities (WTA, etc.)
- Departmental Focus
 - Deployment of military – leave, return
 - Budget outcome and update for 08-09
- Representative from WI DOT
 - TDR, Land use, zoning
 - How Counties work together
 - Planning
- ATC and PSC relations (did in 06/07)
 - Law suit
 - ATC origins
- Combine structure of benefits and labor negotiations and strategies

9. Open Discussion of County Issues

10. Next meeting 11/19/07

- *No regular meeting on October 08, instead have planning meeting (ten topics and one planning meeting) with Steve Nass at Dane County UW-Extension*

11. Adjourn @ 11:55 a.m. , approved by Dodge and Sauk