

**Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 17, 2005
Green Lake County Courthouse
Green Lake, Wisconsin**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Orrin Helmer at 9:30 a.m.

Attendance:

See attached attendance sheet

The requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law were met.

The agenda was approved (motion 1st Sauk - 2nd Jefferson)

The minutes were approved (motion 1st Columbia - 2nd Dodge)

Legislative Report

Rep. Joan Ballweg discussed an initiative to refund of sales tax for gas paid by Counties, local municipalities, and schools. She has introduced this legislation and it is currently being discussed in Madison. She also talked about a Bill to make an annual License for horse drawn vehicles with the fees being split between the County and local municipality. She also answered question from the members.

The 2005-2006 ICC program schedule was approved (motion 1st Sauk – 2nd Jefferson)

WCA Report

Jayne Sellen representative from the WCA, discussed a bill where a Judge must consider the fiscal impact of placing someone in a county facility. She also talked about Bill 8316 on County Forest Planning. She then addressed questions from the members.

Legislative Report

Dave Anderson, the District Director from Congressman Petri's office gave an overview of the activities of Congress. He said that most recently Congress was spending a great deal of effort responding to natural disaster relief. He then answered questions.

Program: County Budget Update

Dodge County

Supervisor Kottke spoke concerning Dodge County's budget. They started the budget process in August. They asked County Departments for a Zero % increase (or less). This year the departments were asked to work through Supervisor Kottke rather than the committees. The most challenging issue for the county is their nursing home costs.

Green Lake County

County Clerk Bostelmann spoke concerning the Green Lake County budget. They started the budget process in May. The Finance Committee asked for a 3% decrease from each department.

Additional reductions were needed. The most challenging issue for the county is the raising cost of Health Care.

Jefferson County

Accounting Manager, David Ehlinger spoke concerning Jefferson County's budget. They started the budget process in July. Department Heads get direction from the County Administrator on the budget. The Finance Committee worked more closely with the six largest departments concerning their budget. All budgets are presented in September. The most challenging issue for the county is the raising cost of labor.

Sauk County

Kathy Schauf, Interim Administrative Coordinator spoke concerning Sauk County's budget. They started the budget process in May; actually they looked at performance indicators in Jan/Feb. Use the Departments strategic plans goals for assistance in funding departments. Hold zero% increase this next budget. The most challenging issue for the county is the raising costs of healthcare and labor.

Columbia County

Supervisor Martin spoke concerning Columbia County's budget. They started the budget process in June. The 2006 budget is a result of the work done cutting the 2003 budget. The Human Resources Executive met with the Department Heads to review changes to budgets. Zero% increases excluding personal and healthcare costs. The most challenging issue for the county is the raising costs of healthcare.

Kate Lawton and Alan Probst, with the UW-Extension Local Government Center talked about what they heard from the Counties budgets. The idea of multi-planning as done in Sauk and Columbia is a good idea, it would be good to take that idea to multi-year budgeting. The idea of performance-based budgets is popular in Counties but they make it hard to determine causality. The use of strategic plans and capital improvement plans can help budgeting. Counties need to look longer term and regionally to improve their decision making process. They also talked about techniques that can be used in budgeting.

Open Discussion on County Issues:

There was additional discussion about paying for County representatives to the Wisconsin Conservation Congress.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 (motion 1st Columbia 2nd Dodge)

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Hoffman

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REPRESENTING

Dave Newendorf
Russell Kottke
ORRIN HELMER
Bill WENZEL
Kathy Schauf
Jenny Erickson
Haley Sprucker
Marge Dattelmann
Jill Hoffman
Dave Ellinger
Steve Hars
Bernie Kowalski
Valen Dammert
John F. Thompson
Susan Martine
James Selk
Kate Lawton
Eda Prust
Steve Anderson

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