

**Intercounty Coordinating Committee (ICC)
November 19, 2007
Sauk County West Square Building**

Attendance:

Jenny Erickson, Sauk County UW Extension; Judy Ashford, Sauk County; Marty Krueger, Sauk County; Kathy Schauf, Sauk County; Orrin Helmer, Green Lake County; Russell Kottke, Dodge County; Susan Martin, Columbia County; Steve Nass, Jefferson County; Jeff Hoffman, Green Lake County UW Extension; Steve Grabow, Jefferson County UW Extension; Harlan Baumgartner, Columbia County; Ray Seaholm, Dodge County; John Brennan, Green Lake; Kate Lawton, UWEX Local Government Center; Michael Blaska, WCA; John Reinemann, WCA; Dean Perlick, Dodge County; John Tramburg, Columbia County; Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, WCA

1. Introductory Business

Call to Order – Chair Steve Nass called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. Certification of Open Meeting Notice

The Secretary confirmed that the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law were met.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Dodge, second by Columbia County to approve the agenda. Approved.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Sauk County, second by Green Lake County to approve the minutes of the September 2007 meeting of the Intercounty Coordinating Committee. Approved.

5. Approval of the 2007-2008 ICC Session Topics

Motion by Dodge, second by Columbia County to approve the agenda. Approved.

6. Treasurer's Report and June 2008 Meeting Room Fee

Erickson reported that there was \$228.92 left in the ICC budget which would not be enough to cover expenses for 2008. Motion by Sauk, second by Columbia to invoice each county \$100.00 to cover ICC expenses. Approved.

Erickson reported that there will be a \$150.00 room rental and tour fee for the June 2008 ICC meeting that could be held at the Aldo Leopold Foundation facility. Motion by Dodge, second by Sauk to pay the \$150.00 fee if it can not be waived. Approved.

7. Reports from Visiting Legislative Officials

None Present

8. Update of County Issues – Wisconsin Counties Association

- John Reinemann introduced himself as the new WCA Legislative Director and Monica Groves-Batiza as the new WCA Legislative Associate. WCA is now at full staff. Reinemann noted an increase in legislative activity in Madison perhaps due to the backlog created by the late budget. He plans to work with the Legislature to help them better understand the impacts of the late budget on counties and why the budget deadlines are so important.

- Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf reported that WCA will hold a session on constitutional officers focused on court cases and the roles and responsibilities of county boards. Andy Phillips will be a presenter.
- Representative VanRoy from Green Bay introduced a bill based on the Sheriff Kocken case regarding the right of the Sheriff to contract out for the jail food service. The bill is not expected to pass.
- AB 576 and SB 221 would change indigency standards for State Public Defender eligibility.
- AB 579 would increase levels in small claims court that could have a fiscal impact on counties. WCA is working to defeat this bill.
- Written comments on video conferencing rules are due December 11, 2007.
- Child support lost 25 million in federal match. The Governor and the Legislature are working to give additional funds to counties.

7. Open Discussion of County Issues

- Columbia is hosting a Wisconsin Way meeting on December 3, 2007 in Poynette. The focus of the meeting will be a public conversation about lowering property taxes and ensuring excellence in education and public service.
- Each county reported on 2008 budget and levy.
 - Green Lake raised levy 3.86% for contingency fund
 - Jefferson reduced the mill rate to 3.61/1000 equalized value
 - Dodge County's mill rate is at \$5.01/1000 equalized value
 - Columbia County's levy was raised to just less than 3.86%
 - Sauk County saw an increase in new home construction and increased the levy 4.004% and reduced the mill rate.

8. PROGRAM: "Enhancing Town and County Relationships"

- Michael Blaska, WCA and Kate Lawton, UWEX Local Government Center led the discussion about enhancing county and town relationships. Lawton referred to a survey conducted by the Wisconsin Towns Association on intergovernmental cooperation. The survey was designed to show the variety and extent of cooperation between counties and towns. A number of specific examples were give about how towns and counties work together on land use planning, road maintenance, fire protection, hazardous waste training, ambulance service and law enforcement contracts.

9. Other Issues: None.

10. Next Meeting: December 17th in Jefferson County.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Columbia, seconded by Green Lake. The ICC meeting was adjourned by Chair Nass at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Erickson
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