

Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 21, 2009
West Square Building
Baraboo, Wisconsin

ICC Participants:

Columbia County – Harlan Baumgartner, John Tramburg, Bob Westby, Debra Wopat, Brian Zirbes; **Dodge County** – Russell Kottke, Ray Seaholm, Jeff Hoffman; **Green Lake County** – Dan Priske, Orrin Helmer, Marge Bostelmann; **Jefferson County** - Steve Grabow, Steve Nass, Dennis Heling; **Sauk County** – Beverly Mielke, Jenny Erickson; **Marquette County** - Howard Zellmer, Brent Miller, Paul Wade, Marty Havlovic, Donna Seddon; **WCA** – David Calendar; **Congressmen** – Representative Ed Brooks & Senator Luther Olsen; **Others** – Katie Crawley, Senator Russ Feingold’s office; Nate Day, Wisconsin DOT; Paul Wyne, Wisconsin DOT; Steve Miller, Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau; Dan Veroff, UW Extension Applied Population Lab; 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.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Dodge County, second by Green Lake County to approve the agenda – Approved.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Dodge County, second by Green Lake County, to approve the minutes of the November 2009 meeting of the Intercounty Coordinating Committee.

Legislative Report

Senator Luther Olsen

- Joint Finance Committee met because they are expecting a \$630 million shortfall in Medicare this year. They may push a \$190 million of the deficit into the next fiscal year.
- Currently town government is responsible for assessments. There is discussion that the counties may be required to do town assessments. Currently there are no funds for this potential new county responsibility.
- New tougher drunk driving laws were passed. It is unclear if the costs will be offset by the new raised fees.

Representative Ed Brooks

- Brooks attended a meeting regarding shifting assessment responsibilities to county government, but many spoke in opposition. No bill has been introduced yet.
- Brooks co-signed a bill stating that an alleged offender’s name should not appear on CCAP until they are convicted.

Katie Crawley (Sen. Feingold’s office)

- Distributed a handout titled, “Control Spending Now Act” from October 2009.

Wisconsin Counties Association Report

Dave Calendar (WCA):

- Department of Revenue is discussing shifting town assessment duties to the county, but there is no funding (unfunded mandate) and opposition from assessors, WCA, and WTA. Currently there is not sponsor from the bill.
- Representative Gottlieb circulated a draft bill designed to repeal 'maintenance of efforts' for emergency services. The Department of Revenue loosely enforces current law. The WCA is not in favor of the maintenance of effort and agrees it should be repealed.
- Mark O'Connell is not running for governor.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM: **2010 Census and Redistricting**

Presenter: Dan Veroff, UWEX Demographic Specialist, Applied Population Lab

Census Day – April 1, 2010 (count of population)

- Expect to see promotion
- Short form only (10 questions)
- First new data before April 2011 for redistricting
- June 2011 all other data

American Community Survey replaces census long form

- Larger continuous survey
- Annual updates
- Adds new questions as needed
- Three million people per year will get the survey.
- Twenty (20) pages

Challenges

- Target population – low income, minority, and renter
- Language barriers
- Lack of cooperation/ distrust of federal government
- Irregular or complex housing

Redistricting data

- Tabulation of race/ethnicity for total population
- Sixty-three (63) races categories. Individuals can chose more than one.
- Data down to census block
- Data accompanied by census maps

Presenter: Steve Miller, Chief, Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau

- Districts must be contiguous and compact (not point to point)
- Staff should work to keep files secure
- Start in areas where major population changes have occurred.
- Look for WISE(LR), a redistricting tool from the Applied Population Lab
- County government will have 15 days less days to get their information to the state than last census.

Helpful Census 2010 links:

How an accurate count matters for communities:

<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/why/community-benefits.php>

Factsheets aimed at different audiences (check out the one for elected officials)

<http://2010.census.gov/partners/materials/outreach-materials.php>

General Census 2010 factsheet

http://2010.census.gov/partners/pdf/factSheet_General.pdf

Informational versions of the Census 2010 Questionnaires

<http://2010.census.gov/partners/materials/engguide-materials.php>

A myth busting section about Census 2010:

<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/about/whole.php>

<http://2010.census.gov/partners/pdf/ConstituentFAQ.pdf>

County Issues:

Many union negotiations are in arbitration.

Next Meeting

Next meeting: February 15th, 2010 in Sauk County.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 11:25 AM, motion by Marquette County, second by Dodge County.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Erickson
Sauk County UW Extension