

Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 16, 2009
Columbia County Annex Building
Portage , Wisconsin

ICC Participants

Columbia County – John Tramburg, Bob Westby, Debra Wopat, Kurt Calkins, Randy Thompson, Brian Zirbes, John Bluemke, Fred Teitgen, John Steinhaus, Phil Baebler, Nancy Elsing, Kathleen Haas;
Dodge County – Russell Kottke, Ray Seaholm, Jeff Hoffman, Nate Olsen, Dean Perlick, Matt Hansen;
Green Lake County – Dan Priske, Orrin Helmer, Alan Shute; **Jefferson County** - Michelle ?, John Molinaro, Steve Grabow, Rob Klotz, Mark Watkins, Steve Nass; **Sauk County** – Joe Van Rerlel, Mark Steward, Denise Brusveen, Brian Simmert, Paul Endres, Jenny Erickson; **Marquette County** - Harold Zellner, Brett Miller, Paul Wade, Marty Havlovic; **WCA** – Sarah Diedrick-Katdorf; **Congressman** – Representative Ripp & Senator Olsen; **Others** -- Brian Ohm/UWEX Specialist, Lyn Jerde/PDR

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 Jefferson County, second by Sauk County to approve the agenda – Approved.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Columbia County, second by Green Lake County, to approve the minutes of the October 2009 meeting of the Intercounty Coordinating Committee. Approved with revisions.

- Revision to Legislative Report, first sentence should read “count” not county
- Revision to WCA report, fifth line should read “Maintenance” instead of “Maintain”

Legislative Report

Representative Ripp – reported that there may be some counties that may opt out of the WI Working Lands program

Senator Olsen –

- State Assistance to daycares Law passed recently: Problems surfaced in Milwaukee after an investigative report by the Milw. Sentinel. The law requires background checks every three months of childcare employees.
- State budget projections will probably increase at 3% each year rather than 6% increase that we have used in the past. Stimulus money was used to deal w/ the state budget shortfall.
- There may be a budget repair bill, not sure.
- Question was asked about the transportation fund and using it to fill in for budget short falls;
- Binding arbitration: requires county (Columbia) to keep Hwy. worker even if they receive a DUI lose CDL
- Prevailing wage opinion by Attny General, Green Lake asks the State to define “project --
 - what is considered a project, does it include hwy. projects?”. WCA association will follow up on this question and get back to Counties.

Program – WI Working Lands Initiative

WI Working Lands Initiative Overview & Highlights of Law – Jefferson County & Other Counties

- Rationale of creating the WWL law
- AEA
- Planning Element – must be certified by DATCP

- Zoning Element – must be certified by DATCP
- Tax credits
- Conditional Use Permits instead rezoning
- PACE
- Conversion fees
- WWL law is different from the Smart Growth/Comprehensive Planning Law yet might compliment each other
- Conservation compliance requirements are still place w/ the WWL law
- Counties may seek an extension from DATC for their Farmland Preservation plan
- What is the reality of making minor changes to the law? The WWL law was passed as part of the budget session; Sen. Olsen does think there is a chance for minor changes to the WWL law if all sides agree.
- Town will have the option to take part or not take part in the WWL

Group Discussions by County Report Outs: See Attachment

- What are your unanswered questions about WLI?
- What is your county's short list of major concerns and impacts as a result of the law?
- What does your county need to make WWL implementable?

Jefferson County

Green Lake County

Marquette County

Dodge County

Columbia County

Sauk County

Wisconsin Counties Association Report

- Drunk driving legislation: there will be significant costs to counties, what costs will counties have (increase in mandatory minimums, capacity of jails, etc.); WCA would support an increase in beer taxes to offset costs to counties; also would ask an exemption to levy limit
- "Safe streets program" in Winnebago is a model program; Winnebago is seeing a significant decrease in jail beds days w/ their program
- Juvenile Justice System: putting 17 yr olds back in the juv. Justice system; 1996 there was a change in the law that made 17 yr olds prosecuted as an adult; WCA says it would cost counties \$80 mil. to bring 17 years old back into the juv. Justice system; Counties need time to administrator this law which is suppose to go into effect in 2010. Proposed funding source falls short of county projected cost to administer the juvenile justice legislative change.
- Mental Health Infrastructure study commissioned by the Dept of Health Services is setting up opportunities for counties to discuss report, Dec 3rd there will be a county H&HS forum in Eau Claire
- Dept of Rev will host town hall meetings to look at municipal assessment process; WCA encourages counties to attend the town meetings; coming up Nov 30 in 3-4:30 pm in Madison
- Attny General issued an opinion in support for county multi-county initiative for county healthcare programs
- NR 115 (shoreline requirement) changes have been made and are up for legislative debate.

Next Meeting

Next meeting: December 21, 2009 – Census and Redistricting hosted by Sauk County in Baraboo

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 12:03, motion by Green Lake and Dodge

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Haas

UW-Extension, Columbia County