

Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 19, 2010
Dodge County Administration Building
Juneau, Wisconsin

ICC Participants

Columbia County – John Tramburg, Andy Ross, Bob Westby; **Dodge County** – Russell Kottke, Dave Frohling, Jeff Hoffman; **Jefferson County** – Greg David, John Molinaro, Dick Schultz, Jan Rouu, Steve Grabow; **Marquette County** - Brent Miller, Paul Wade, Howard Zellmer, Marty Havlovic; **WCA** – Sarah Dedrick-Kasdorf ; **Wisconsin Legislature** – Representative for Senator Scott Fitzgerald, Cindy Block; **Congressman** – Representative for Congressmen Tom Petri, Tyler Vorpapel;

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

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Dodge County, second by Marquette County to approve the minutes of the June 2010 meeting of the Intercounty Coordinating Committee. - Approved.

Legislative Report

Representative for Wisconsin Senator Scott Fitzgerald, Cindy Block, introduced herself, and offered to answer question for the Senator.

Representative for Congressmen Petri, Tyler Vorpapel, stated that Congresses current focus is on ‘non-controversial legislation’, (e.g. naming buildings). In addition, he shared information on the Congressman’s initiatives, Making Marriage Pay, Troops to Teachers, and Identity Theft legislation. – He answered questions.

Wisconsin Counties Association Report

Sarah Dedrick-Kasdorf identified the Joint Legislative Council Study Committee groups. Dedrick-Kasdorf talked briefly about Governor Doyle’s budget instructions for 2011-2013, she explained the budget instructions include a zero growth directive and the budget does not include any new initiatives. Dedrick-

Kasdorf talked briefly about a report on Wisconsin's two male juvenile correction institutions. – She answered questions.

County Issues

Columbia County shared an opinion on the value of installing dual audio / video recording system in squads. They stated the recordings proved valuable in a recent Deputy Sheriff incident.

Discussion on changes to ICC By-laws

Chairman Kottke explained additions/changes to the ICC By-laws that reflect the addition of Marquette County to the Intercounty Coordinating Committee.

Motion by Columbia County, second by Jefferson County to accept the additions/changes to the ICC Bylaws as presented – Approved.

Program - Size of County Boards

Sara Dedrick-Kasdorf from the Wisconsin Counties Association presented information on recent County changes and implications for local governments.

Sara presented a brief historical overview of Wisconsin County Government including a comparison of the Supervisory and Commissioner forms of county government. She talked about Wisconsin Act 100, the law permitting counties to downsize as a result of citizen referendum.

She explained in detail the pros and cons of downsizing due to referendum. For example, the misconception that smaller Boards cost less, smaller Boards will increase workloads and make it more difficult to find candidates and smaller Boards make it easier to hold elected Officials accountable.

She concluded by offering suggested changes to Wisconsin Act 100. The suggestions would clear up confusing aspects of the law and encourage more responsible Board re-sizing referendums.

David Frohling – Dodge County Board Supervisor presented information on the process Dodge County recently implemented to analyze county board size.

Dave offered information from PowerPoint slides he used in a presentation to the Dodge County Board. He stated that the study group he chaired used survey information from other counties and Department Heads from Dodge County in their review. In addition, he explained how they looked at the geographic size of districts, and the population density of current Districts. Of major importance to the study group was understanding the current committee structure and operation. He added the study group used five major themes that led their board resizing and committee restructuring discussions. –Value for citizens, - Reasonable member workload, -Local and personal representation, -Broad diversity of County Board members, and –Delivery of county services while

minimizing cost and maximizing efficiency. He concluded that the study group recommendation to the Board was to reduce the Board size by four, from 37 to 33.

Next Meeting

Next meeting: August 16, 2010 – In Jefferson County – Topic County Community Building and Leadership

Adjournment

Chairman Kottke adjourned the meeting at 11:57.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Hoffman
UW-Extension, Dodge County

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