

Intercounty Coordinating Committee (ICC)

May 17, 2010

UW-Extension Office, Room 8/9

Jefferson, Wisconsin

1. Introductory Business

Call to Order – Chair Russ Kottke called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Attendance

See attached sheet

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 Green Lake County, second by Marquette County to approve the agenda. Approved.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Columbia County, second by Marquette County to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2010 meeting of the Intercounty Coordinating Committee. Approved.

5. ICC Officer Elections

Chair

Moved and seconded to elect Russell Kottke chair (Columbia/Jefferson). No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Vice Chair

Moved and seconded to elect Howard Zelmer vice chair (Jefferson/Dodge). No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer

Moved and seconded to elect Dan Priske secretary/treasurer. UW-Extension Community Development Educator, Jason Kauffield, will execute this function. Approved unanimously.

6. Visiting Officials

There were no visiting officials.

7. Update of County Issues - WCA Report:

John Reinemann

- Will not get tax rate limit bill through (would have left in place 3%); WCA will talk to Dept. of Administration about this initiative.
- WCA platform needs some revision.
- WCA awaiting non-partisan study committee outcomes; Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf participates with this committee.
- WCA will be doing conference preparation
- WCA laying the foundation for the next budget

Q. Is raw milk bill going to be vetoed?

A. Governor Doyle will probably sign, but this is uncertain and difficult to predict.

Q. What is total deficit?

A. Around \$1 billion; \$800m. - \$1.4 billion (shortfall)

A. The existing fiscal budget is “holding” and there was not a budget adjustment bill. The stimulus money has helped.

A. The upcoming budget will be difficult.

- Q.** What is status of groundwater bill? (Regulation, control)
- A.** The bill was proposed, but did not gain traction. Proposed groundwater district/regions that need “management” of drawdowns. WCA to send e-mail with more information. Senator Miller has a web site.
- Q.** Any county implications of smoking ban?
- A.** Some questions on how clear the law really is. More of a big deal for cities and villages. In counties (Columbia) will likely be “complaint driven”.
- Q.** What is the status for nonprofits not filing on time?
- A.** Nonprofits should file even if late. (There may be retroactive approvals.)
- Q.** How did other counties establish elected official payment? Sheriff’s/Clerk of Courts/Other Constitutional Officers?
- A.** Columbia County: Discussed per diems and mileage last April.
Jefferson County: Had Human Resource Committee take the lead. But entire County Board got very involved. Small percentage increase each year: 2%, 2%, 2%, 2% (over four years);
Sauk County: Had Joint Personnel and Finance Committee: 1%, 1%, 1%, 1% - Failed; 0%, 0%, 1%, 1% - Approved
Dodge County: Looks at “comparables” from other counties, but also had challenges with Internal comparables. Sheriff: 0%, 0%, 0%, 0%; Clerk of Courts: 0%, 0%, 2%, 2%.
Marquette County: Has challenges with comparables since counties vary so much.
Columbia County Did study a few years ago (Carlton/Dettman); high liability if important jobs are not done well (i.e. Sheriff)
WCA: Constitutional Offices have approached WCA to look at a law change to make adjustments more fair (for constitutional offices)
Jefferson County: Need to pay a “fair amount” to help avoid graft
Sauk County: If you don’t pay them, you won’t get the quality
Jefferson County: Need to be “fair and just” and then need to explain the rationale to the constituents
Sauk County: Remember, non-represented can organize

8. PROGRAM:

“What Does Successful County Government Look Like?” Presentation by Dan Hill, UWEX Local Government Center and Steve Grabow, UWEX Jefferson County Office.

- Vision is a big part of leading.
- Interactive exercise led by Dan.
- Observations:
 - Big differences between policy and day-to-day operations.
 - Different perspectives on the issue of borrowing; managed debt is a good thing.
 - Not always as clear as could be when attempting to set policy; still questions on what is policy vs. carrying out policy.
 - Many say there is not clarity on what success looks like in their counties and within their committees.
- Vision Exercise led by Steve Grabow: “What Successful County Government Should Look Like” (from the ICC Counties). Note: This exercise is summarized in the attached document.

9. Open Discussion of County Issues

- Need more County contact with State elected officials

10. Future Agenda Items

- Adjust Bylaws for Marquette County joining

11. Future Meeting Dates: June 21, Economic Development in Marquette County; Possibly open in July

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Grabow
Community Development Educator
UW-Extension, Jefferson County Office

Attendance
Sign-In
ICC Meeting May 17, 2010
Jefferson County

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
John Molinaro	Jefferson
John Reinemann	WCA
GARY PETRE	JEFFERSON Co. ADMIN.
Dave Frohling	Dodge Co.
Jeff Hoffman	DODGE Co. UWEX
ANDY ROSS	COLUMBIA Co
Bob Westby	Col. Co.
Jason Kauffeld	GL Co.
Marty Haulvic	Marquette County UWEX
Howard Zellmer	Marquette County
Paul Wade	Marquette Co
JEANNE BUDEN	Green Lake Co.
Don Prick	Green Lake Co.
DAN HILL	NW-EXTENSION Local GOV. CTR.
Lennis HELTIG	Jefferson City ECON DEV. CONST
Steve Nass	Jefferson City Sup.
Bill Wenzel	Sauk Co Sup
Steve Grabow	UWEX Jeff. Co.
Russell Kattke	Dodge Co.