

**Inter-county Coordinating Committee (ICC)
November 21, 2011
Marquette County Service Center
Montello, Wisconsin**

Meeting Minutes

County Members present

Columbia County – Bob Westby, Andy Ross, John Tramburg, Debbie Wopat

Green Lake County – Dan Priske

Dodge County – Russ Kottke, Dave Frohling

Jefferson County – John Molinaro

Marquette County – Bob Knickerbocker, Howard Zellmer, Paul Wade, Dan Klawitter,
Donna Seddon

Sauk County – none

Others present

Nancy Elsing – Columbia County Economic Development Corporation

Dennis Heling – Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation

Jeff Hoffman – Dodge County UWEX, Steve Grabow – Jefferson County UWEX, Jason

Kauffeld – Green Lake County UWEX, Marty Havlovic – Marquette County UWEX

David Callender – WCA, Lyn Jerde – Portage Daily Register

Call to Order

Chair Russ Kottke called the meeting to order at 930 am.

Certification of Open Meeting Notice

Recording secretary Havlovic confirmed that the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law were met.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Green Lake County to adopt the agenda; second by Dodge County. Motion passed on voice vote.

Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by Columbia County to accept the minutes of the October 17, 2011 meeting; second by Marquette County. Motion passed on voice vote.

Visiting Officials

No state or federal legislators were present.

Update of County Issues – WCA Report

David Callender reported on liability bill in the Assembly; an abbreviated Spring session in state legislature; the recall activities – 4 sitting Republican Senators and 2 Democratic Senators have been targeted; no good news about economic support programs in state legislature -- \$4.25 million asked for.

WCA is looking at a SCORE – State County Outreach program that would allow state officials to meet with county supervisors on a more formal and frequent basis. It would be model the ICC program.

AG opinion on Pierce County issue about who can be named county administrative coordinator in the absence of a hired position means that no elected county supervisor can hold that position as it would be an “incompatible office”. A county clerk or other county officer having those duties would be okay.

Civil Gideon Act would enable poor people involved in civil litigation to have right to counsel if they are involved in cases that have life-changing decisions. Cost of these appointed court attorneys would be born by the counties. WCA position is that if such a law is created that it should be funded or not borne by counties.

Courthouse security rules and procedures are still being determined. Court judges want courts to have metal detectors and be staffed by sworn officers. That means additional costs to the counties.

Open Discussion of County Issues

Green Lake County shared newspaper articles regarding county corporation counsel issue.

Program – Wisconsin’s New Department of Commerce – Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

Frank Frassetto, WEDC Regional Account Manager for Eastern/Northeastern Wisconsin presented the new Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to the group. Major importance is that the WEDC will focus strictly on economic development and attraction, working with existing businesses as well as recruiting new businesses to the state.

The new website is www.wedc.org

The regulatory and permitting responsibilities that were under the old Department of Commerce have been moved to the Department of Safety and Professional Services as well as other Departments. This new emphasis on marketing, recruiting and working with businesses should make the state more business-friendly.

Adjournment

Moved by Jefferson County to adjourn; second by Dodge County. Chair Russ Kottke adjourned the meeting at 1145am.

Submitted by
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November 22, 2011