



**Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, October 21, 2013**  
**Dodge County Administration Building**  
**Juneau, Wisconsin**

**ICC Participants**

**Columbia County** – Kathleen Haas, John Tramberg, Lois Schepp, Vern Gove; **Dodge County** – Russell Kottke, Jeff Hoffman, Julie Kolp; **Green Lake County** – Jack Meyers, David Richter; **Jefferson County** - Steve Grabow, John Molinaro; **Marquette County** – Marty Havlovic, Paul Wade, Dan Klawitter; **Sauk County** – Kathy Schauf, Marty Krueger; **WCA** – Jon Hochkammer; **Senator** – Scott Fitzgerald; **Daily Citizen** - Triste Priest; **Wisconsin Taxpayer Alliance** – Todd Berry; **Resident** – Stuart Wellwitz

**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.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Adoption of Agenda**

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

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Columbia County, second by Marquette County to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2013 meeting of the Intercounty Coordinating Committee -- Approved.

**Legislative Report - Senator – Scott Fitzgerald present.**

Senator Fitzgerald talked about the Mental Health bills being discussed in Madison

**Wisconsin Counties Association Report – Jon Hochkammer**

- State put additional money into Treatment Alternative Diversion Program
- Shared information on 17 year old offenders being considered juveniles (in non-violent crimes)
- Talked about the Frac sand legislation bill being proposed
  - Took questions

**Todd Berry – Presented material on Tax Levy Caps**

**1. State & Local Finances**

- Long-term slowdown in Economy
- Shift in State priorities

## **2. History of Proposed Tax**

- Steady growth from 1983 to today
- Biggest change in recent past

## **3. Property tax anxiety & response**

- Action when pressure on peoples incomes

## **4. Change in shift in priorities of use of taxes**

- Shared revenue down
- In the 1990's levy amounts were going up

## **5. Revenues reduced in mid 2000's**

## **6. Charity spending going down**

## **7. County debt service is rising**

## **8. Levy limits were causing counties to levy to max**

- *"Tax to the Max"*

### **Examples of local budget changes as a result of Tax Levy Cap**

#### Columbia County

- Cutting since 2003 – costs for new Huber center have increased
- All departments have delayed re-hiring open positions
- Technology improvements delayed
- Cannot hire new jailers
  - Structural deficit in 2013 budget

#### Green Lake County

- Highway skipping years in vehicle purchases
- Reducing road construction from 13 to 2 miles annually
- HHS – reduction in funding of Aging Programs
- Sheriff – reallocating resources to manage shortfalls
- A Positive aspect of the levy cap is it forces everyone to take a more critical review of budget

#### Marquette County

- Not seen changes in services
- Infrastructure improvements declining – will be an issue
- Keeping squads longer

#### Jefferson County

- Reduction of resurfacing roads
- Expand the use of the squad cars by one year
- Do not refill staff positions or expand refill time
- Expand timeline of capital purchases

#### Sauk County

- No affect to date – concerned about long-term sustainability
- May effect long term recruits and ability to retain good staff

Dodge County

- No effect

Many counties dipping into reserves

### **Next Meeting**

Next meeting: November 18, 2013 in Sauk County – Topic: Technical Colleges, Vision, and Response to Needs

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 11:26 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Hoffman  
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