



Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 17, 2014
Sauk County Administration Building, 505 Broadway, Rm. 213
Baraboo, Wisconsin 53913

ICC Participants

Columbia County – Andy Ross, Vern Grove, Bob Westby; **Dodge County** – Not Present; **Green Lake County** – Jack Meyers; **Jefferson County** – Not present; **Marquette County** – Paul Wade, Dan Klawitter; **Sauk County** – Marty Krueger, Lisa Wenzel; **Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA)** – Kyle Christianson, Dave Callender, Sara Diedrick; **Legislators** – Keith Ripp, Ed Brooks, Dale Schultz

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by ICC Vice Chair Andy Ross at 9:05 a.m.

Certification of Wisconsin Open Meetings Law Notice

Sauk County host confirmed the requirements of the WI Open Meetings Law were met.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Sauk County Marty Krueger, second by Green Lake County Jack Meyers to approve the agenda – Approved.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion by Marquette County Paul Wade, second by Columbia County Vern Grove, to approve the 12-16-2013 Intercounty Coordinating Committee minutes – Approved.

Update of County Issues – WCA

- Implements of Husbandry (IOH) - Bill introduced surrounding large implement equipment and use on public roads. WCA are supportive of it.
- Phosphorus Reduction Bill – Variance and standards were discussed. WCA is very supportive of this bill.
- Seventeen Bill – Issue is whether a 17 year old be subject to juvenile or adult court and the cost impact changes can have on the counties. WCA is working hard on the funding formula that best fits the counties and supports what research shows that juveniles are better off in the juvenile court system.

Open Discussion of County Issues

- Columbia County discussed that funding to operate the Circuit Courts needs to be addressed as counties are running out of money. WCA agrees this will be a real issue in the next biennium.
- The living wage issue was briefly discussed. WCA stated a bill was introduced that if a state or county funded project goes forward that the living wage would not apply. WCA does not have a position on this other than they believe local control should be in place.

- Sauk County identified frac sand mining and need for local control with that. WCA informed that the current bill is dead but that Senator Tiffany is working on a new bill. The whole group discussed diminishing assets, borrow sites and restoration of land when a site is left. WCA does support local control on this issue. The Frac Sand Mining Bill is very important to all counties.
- County Clerks Bill was discussed and its purpose to clarify the role of the county clerks.
- TAD Program – The bill has passed the assembly. Senator Grothman has it and has concerns over how it will be implemented.
- 911 Bill – This bill goes back to the 2009 budget. The overall idea is to develop long-term funding for equipment upgrades in the counties. Options for fees to cover costs were discussed. WCA wants awareness of the issue and lack of current technology. This will likely be addressed in the next biennium.
- Green Lake County addressed the high cost of and issues surrounding recount requests during times of voting. Sometimes the recount seems frivolous and it would be nice to have better definition of who pays. WCA stated they would look into a status for this issue.

Program Topic: Open Discussion with Legislators

- Retirements in government and county positions; boards, assembly, senators, etc. was discussed. Keith Ripp acknowledged there are qualified people to fill the spots.
- Ed Brooks opened discussion on CCAP issue. Bill relates to jailers and protective status. The Badger State Sheriffs supports protective status. WCA has not taken a position on it yet.
- Dale Schultz discussed the issues with idea of surplus in the state of WI. He stated that surplus and the promotion of surplus has been in the news but his position is that there is no surplus available. He stated that we need to get rid of the structural deficit and the imbalance of bills versus revenues. It makes it hard to address any needs, for example paying for the 911 proposal.
- Dale Schultz opened discussion of the idea of slowing down the passing of bills, that many need more discussion and definition. For example the Frac Sand Mining and IOH are very big issues for our counties. Ed Brooks discussed that there has been good discussion on IOH and that it needs to move forward. Columbia County and WCA agreed we need a safe system for our towns and roads. Keith Ripp stressed the need to keep frac sand mining and IOH separate from each other. Dale identified the difference between an operation, mining or farming, that travels on roads 3 times a week versus those who travel 100 times a day. Keith agreed through awareness of those making trips to understand the impact of the load being carried.
- Dale Schultz discussed the issue of a federal gas tax increase to maintain highways. He also discussed the idea that frac sand mining could create a revenue source.
- Dale Schultz identified the issue of rural schools and the challenge of not getting funding needed.
- Dale Schultz addressed how districting is impacting counties everywhere and feels that the county board chairs can have a strong voice on this issue.
- Dale Schultz identified the current tax cut proposal in the state and that the assembly approved it. It is now in the Senate. The structural deficit reduction was discussed again by the group. Ed Brooks added that the Gap Accounting process has helped and that there have been great improvements with it.

Next Meeting – 3-17-2014

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Andy Ross with a motion by Sauk County Marty Krueger and second by Green Lake County Jack Meyers at 11:05 a.m.