

# **ICC Meeting Minutes**

## **February 20, 2017**

### **UW-Extension, Marquette County Office, Montello, WI**

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Russell Kottke, Chairman, at 9:30 a.m.

#### **Certification of Open Meeting Notices**

The Secretary confirmed that the requirements of the WI Open Meeting Law were met.

#### **Adoption of the Agenda**

Motion by Columbia County seconded by Jefferson County, to approve the agenda.  
Motion approved.

#### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Green Lake County, seconded by Dodge County to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2016 meeting. Motion approved.

#### **ICC Dues**

Motion by Green Lake County, seconded by Jefferson County to have all ICC members pay \$100 dues.  
Motion approved. This will replenish the ICC fund, which is currently at \$125.

#### **Reports from Visiting Legislative Officials** -- none

#### **Update on County Issues**

Wisconsin Counties Association, Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf reported on several state budget items:

- Additional funding for broadband
- Moving from reimbursement model to block grant for CVSO
- DHS changes to county funding for Family Care/Disabled
- Fees for juveniles being sent to Lincoln Hills to go up
- Proposed "Back to School" Sales Tax Holiday
- Budget will allow for electronic posting of some items
- Changes proposed for Joint Agency Statute to make it easier for multiple counties to work together when trying to share resources or merge departments across county lines such as sharing a Highway Commissioner or merging Health Departments.
- There has been a lot of discussion on how to fix the state transportation shortfall

#### **Presentation: EMS Issues and Trends**

- Presented by Mary Walters, Marquette County Board of Supervisors Vice-Chair and Jarrad Jungenberg
- Lack of volunteers and increase in calls created need for Marquette County to begin transitioning to paid staff for EMS services
- Currently renting two houses for staff while researching best options for permanent station locations going forward
- Funding for EMS is through property taxes, but outside of the levy limits
- Property owners will see a tax increase, but the county board is behind this project
- In the future there may also be challenges with having enough volunteers for fire departments
- The volunteer model is now obsolete

#### **Update on UW-Extension**

- Interim UW-Extension Associate Dean Heidi Zoerb reported on updates to changes affecting counties and UW-Extension
- Will have final recommendations in April
- Will need to hire some people and move some people
- Hope that current employees will be able to find a new position in Extension
- In April talks will begin with each county to see what sort of investment they are interested in making
- There will be a more responsive layer in a regional area to help counties build budgets
- The area director will come into each county and work with the committee to build a work plan.
- Will be asking counties within each area to provide “free” office space for area director, if they are interested in hosting the area director in their county

### **Other County Issues**

March meeting in Green Lake County. Meeting to be at 9:30am on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Columbia County, seconded by Green Lake County to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. Motion approved.

### **ICC Participants**

Refer to sign-in sheet (attached).

Respectfully submitted by,

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