

**Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, April 19, 2021**  
**Dodge County Administration Building**  
**Juneau, Wisconsin**

**Call to Order:**

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

**Attendance:**

See attached attendance sheet

**The requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law were met.**

**The agenda was approved** (motion 1<sup>st</sup> Waushara- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jefferson)

**The minutes were approved** (motion 1<sup>st</sup> Dodge - 2<sup>nd</sup> Green Lake)

**Legislative Report:** No report

**WCA's report**---- Highlights include:

**Allocation of American Rescue Package:**

Last week received information about federal funds. Capital Watch Newsletter will have bulletin from the feds. There is some preparation needed to get the allocations. Award Management database will be used to the funds. Treasury recommends having ducks in a row for receiving monies. The May allocation will be 50% the second half will be allocated in a minimum 1 year and one day. The other thing they are looking into what the allocation can be spent on. For example, funds cannot be used in pension. Post-employment benefits is still undecided. Governor Evers wrote a letter to ask about using the funds on roads. Waiting for guidance on these funds. Counties can work with municipalities on projects. You can pool resources. Question was asked about using the funds for lost revenue, Kyle yes, he believes you should be able to.

**State Legislature:**

State legislature passed bills indicating what and what the funds can be spent on. If Evers vetoes bills, he will have sole discretion on the allocation of the funds. Wisconsin is supposed to be passing a two year spending plan, but as we wait for the federal allocation this becomes more of a process. Another issue is that local municipalities, schools, etc. are also receiving federal stimulus. One time finds should be spent on one time expenditures. Things are complicated in Madison right now, and probably for the foreseeable future. Assembly feel it important to pass a budget, some in the senate feel like why bother to pass a budget. Some of the allocation can/should be used for bonus pay for frontline workers.

**Redistricting**

Will not have census data so redistricting will not happen until possibly 2022, go into effect until the 2024 election.

**UW Extension**

Some state agencies going back to in-person work June, Extension has a date of July 1, but employees are transitioning to in person depending on locations and county needs and expectations.

### **Presentation Given by: State Broadband Director-Jaron McCallum**

- PSC Broadband Expansion Grants- infrastructure program and has really ramped up over the years
  - Who is Eligible- profit or nonprofit, telecommunication utility, city, village , town or county in partnership
  - Where is eligibility- Underserved areas, area served by fewer than 2 providers offering broadband
  - Priorities- Matching funds, existing service, scalability, public/private partnerships, project impact, economic impact
- Governor Evers' Proposed Budget
  - 150 million expansion grant
  - Municipal Broadband
  - Other pieces as well
- Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2021 Funding
- Emergency Broadband Benefit Overview (tentative start April 26, 2021)
- American Rescue Plan Act
- Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF)
- Plan ahead, be shovel ready for when these grants and funds are available
- Q&A
  - Dodge applied and get rejected because of Charter, what can we do about that— Jaron said there is a rebuttal process and an appeal process and said there are many reasons that go into making decisions about grant applications.
  - Can we get copies of the PowerPoint- Jaron said yes
  - Are there other technologies other than just broadband- Jaron said there are other technologies, but it's expensive and takes time to develop?
  - Is there a shift from fixed wireless to wireless for grantees? Jaron said there are different options that grantees are engaged with.
  - Affordability is a problem for some people. The pandemic has highlighted the disparity between people who can afford broadband and those who cannot.

**Next meeting: June 21, 2021- Waushara**

#### **Possible Agenda items:**

- Discussion about the American Rescue Act allocations
- Highway and DOT projects
- State Budget

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m. by order of the Chair**

Respectfully submitted,

Pattie Carroll--UW-Extension, Dodge County