

Intercounty Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes 2/20/2023

Submitted by Cate Wylie, Green Lake County Administrator

IN ATTENDANCE: Cate Wylie - Green Lake; Melissa Pingel – Waushara; Harley Reabe – Green Lake; Representative Alex Dallman; John Jarvis – Waushara; Barry West – Waushara; Tim McCumber – Sauk; Adam Field – Columbia; Denise Brusveen – Columbia; Bryan Hazard – Sauk; Darren Schroeder – Columbia; Rob Boelk – Dodge; Dave Frohling – Dodge; Steve Nass – Jefferson; Ken Borzick – Marquette; Karl Green – UW Extension; Dan Bahr – WCA.

1. Meeting was called to order by Chair McCumber at 9:30am.
2. Members stood for Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The requirements of Open Meeting Notice were met.
4. Motion by Jefferson County/2nd by Waushara County to adopt Meeting Agenda. Voice vote was approved unanimously.
5. Motion by Columbia County/2nd by Green Lake County to approve the Meeting Minutes from the 12/19/2022 ICC meeting in Jefferson County. Voice vote was approved unanimously.
6. Report from visiting legislative official Alex Dallman centered on work he is doing as part of the Joint Finance Committee (JFC). Dallman noted several of the Governor’s proposed budget items and how the JFC will address the proposed 2023-25 Biennial Budget. Dallman answered questions including those on long term strategies to address shared revenue, broadband, and EMS. Robust conversation ensued as Dallman invited participants to share their viewpoints and struggles at the county level.
7. Dan Bahr gave WCA updates including expectations for the upcoming WCA Legislative Event 2/28 through 3/1/2023. Bahr discussed the proposed 2023-2025 Biennial Budget, expectation as to how shared revenue will be addressed, as well as some challenges in determining the best path forward for all Wisconsin counties. WCA would like to see county-to-county collaboration rewarded. Several questions on mandated services arose and feedback was offered by attendees. Bahr ended his updates with the Governor’s proposed increases to L-RIP allocation from the State’s budgetary surplus.

PROGRAM – FUNDING ISSUE

Karl Green, UW Madison - Program Manager for Extension’s Local Government Education Program, shared presentation titled “Renewing a Sustainable & Equitable State and Local Government Funding Partnership”. This informative presentation depicts the work of the Local Government Funding Task Force and their recommendations. The presentation reviewed the relationship of property tax system and levy limits as the main revenue source to fund mandated services, economic challenges, fiscal limitations, and operational demands for local governments. The link for the presentation from the Local Government Education program’s website is below. The entire report can be found on the page, as well as aggregated NNC for each municipality by County.

<https://localgovernment.extension.wisc.edu/local-government-funding-task-force/>

The report is on the bottom of the page in blue links.

If you have specific questions about the report, you can reach out to Karl at karl.green@wisc.edu.

8. Open discussion of county issues ensued. No specific action taken.
9. Next Meeting: April 17, 2023 on Strategic Planning will take place in Marquette County.