

# ***Intercounty Coordinating Committee***

Adams, Columbia, Dodge, Green Lake, Jefferson, Juneau, Marquette, Sauk & Waushara Counties

## **October 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

**ATTENDEES:** Steve Nass, Jefferson; Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, WCA; Tess Carr, Columbia; Doug Richmond, Columbia; Ron Barger, Marquette; Ken Borzick, Marquette; Tim Cottingham, Juneau; Bryant Hazard, Sauk; Tim McCumber, Sauk; John Jarvis, Waushara; Barry West, Waushara; Cynthia Haggard, Adams; Senator Joan Ballweg; Karl Green, Division of Extension; and Pat Wagner, Division of Extension.

1. **Call to Order:** Chair McCumber called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Ken Borzick
3. **Meeting Certification:** Meeting met Open Meeting certification
4. **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> Waushara/Jefferson. Unanimous approval.
5. **Minutes of 8/19/2024:** Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to approve minutes of 8/19/2024: Jefferson/Marquette. Unanimous approval.
6. **Visiting legislative official:** Senator Joan Baldwin (See Madison Update – October 2024 attached) Richmond (Columbia) question about electric storage facility that will be created there at the previous coal power generating facility--is there any revenue for the county since the facility, when sh property is tax free?
7. **WCA Update:** Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf shared update. Legislature out of session currently. However, legislative council study committees are working currently. One is addressing youth crisis intervention and placement and seeking new placement opportunities. Sarah shared that WCA will be working on court funding in counties and looking for a \$40 million ask to distribute to counties during the upcoming legislative cycle. Chelsea working on community based Mental Health funding especially CCS & CPS -- Sarah shared details. WCA gets regular questions about County Board rules. Sarah and Andy Phillips have created a template for county board rules and are willing to meet with county boards to take a look at that (NOTE: WCA's "In the Board Room", noon, October 23--Topic: County Board Rules Template). WCA committee has been working with Extension and the partnership between counties and Extension. They have addressed the development of an MOU to replace the Partnership Document. Sarah and Kim Nass (Dodge Co. Corporation Council) met with 2 representatives from Extension leadership. A copy of the MOU this team refined has been sent to Extension and to WCA committee for final adoption. Sarah shared that she will encourage all counties to sign the MOU and that really, good, positive discussions have been held. Expects MOU to be out to all in the next few weeks.
8. **Program:** Local Government Funding Options for Broadband - Karl Green, Division of Extension (see slide set attached) BEAD grant questions from Columbia Co.; example of LaCrosse Co. where a broadband specialist was hired to work through the ISP partnering; Waushara Co. shared about work with Bug Tussel
9. **Open Discussion:** budget discussions -- tax levy limits concerns -- how do other counties handle funding agencies
10. **Next meeting:** December 16, 2024 in Sauk County, Baraboo. Topic of Program – Economic Development with presenters -- Melanie Platt-Gibson (Sauk Co.) and Jason Valeria (CARPC) (see attached updated meeting schedule)
11. **Adjournment:** Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> Jefferson/Juneau to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am