



# Intercounty Coordinating Committee

Columbia, Dodge, Green Lake, Jefferson, Marquette & Sauk Counties

(Updates in Process)

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## MEETING AGENDA & PROGRAM

<b>DATE:</b>	May 19, 2014
<b>TIME:</b>	9:30 AM
<b>PLACE:</b>	Marquette County Service Center 480 Underwood Avenue Montello WI 53949  * Located on the west end of Montello on State Highway 23.

9:00 AM	Gathering
9:30 AM	Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance Certification of Open Meeting Notice Adoption of Agenda Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Discussion and Possible Action on ICC By-laws Election of ICC Officers Reports from Visiting Legislative Officials Update of County Issues – WCA Open Discussion of County Issues Presentation: Pat Schramm, Workforce Development Board of South Center Wisconsin <b>Program Topic:</b> Economic Impact of Rail in Wisconsin <b>Presenter:</b> Steve Deller, Professor of Applied Economics, UW-Madison Open Discussion of County Issues (continued) Adjourn



## **Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, April 21, 2014**

**Green Lake Training Center**

**County Government Center**

**571 County Road A**

**Green Lake, WI**

### **ICC Participants**

**Columbia County** – Andy Ross, Vern Gove, Mary Cupiny; **Dodge County** – Russell Kottke, Donna May; **Green Lake County** – Marge Bostelmann, David Richter, Jack Meyers; **Jefferson County** -- Jim Schroeder, Genevieve Borich, Steve Grabow; **Marquette County** - Brenda Jahns-Grams; **Portage County** – Lynn Jerde; **Sauk County** – Marty Krueger, Lisa Wenzel; **WCA** – David Callender; **Legislators** – Luther Olsen, Joan Ballweg; **Media** – None; **Program Guests** – Andy Lewis, Broadband & Economic Development Specialist, Jill Hietpas

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Certification of Wisconsin Open Meetings Law Notice**

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

### **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion by Columbia County, second by Green Lake County to approve the agenda – Approved.

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

Motion by Green Lake, second by Columbia County, to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2014 meeting of the Intercounty Coordinating Committee -- Approved.

### **Legislative Report –**

Representative Joan Ballweg:

- Done in legislation for the year.
- Voter ID is in the Supreme Court; may be called into session
- Special Committees: Will lead on topic “Early Brain Development”; focus on 0-3 year olds; policy for future budgets.
- IOH Bill: May be signed but have not heard. Will require permits (must be agreed to by local government); a year of education will be part of the legislation.
- Regulation and Sand Mining: First go-round “crashed and burned”, Towns are not OK with the second round; will likely come back next year. Comment/Perspective by County Supervisor: “Don’t mess it up!” (i.e. around important local control matters)

Senator Luther Olsen:

- Will be “bringing down” technical college costs.

- Number one priority: Property Tax Levy Issue: “How do we fund roads?”; costs of repairing/rebuilding roads is going up. Legislature is “all ears” on possible solutions; State cannot continue to bond for new road projects. At the local level, the problem will not go away.
- Economy is getting better in the State; revenue is increasing.
- Question: Raise sales tax? Response: Sales tax is regressive. Could tax more things. There is talk about this, but “it would be a big pill to swallow.”
- Question: Why opposition to raising fuel tax? Response: Convenience stores in opposition.
- Question: Is there a chance of gasoline price indexing? (again) Response: Has been difficult. Concern: Have heard that gas will be over \$4 per gallon this summer. Response: Will affect tourism spending. Comment: Hope rural counties get some money for State highways. (If State takes any action on roads.) Response: there is a big fight between “building new roads” and “maintaining roads”.
- Question: What are impacts of raising federal road taxes? Response: Yes, they are looking at it, but this will be difficult, too.
- Question: If toll roads, would federal aid be eliminated? Response: There are other alternatives to toll roads (i.e. tracking devices on cars). Would need federal permission.

### **Wisconsin Counties Association Report – David Callendar**

- Session is over and 50-60 bills have been signed; will be another 50-60 bills to be signed by the Governor.
- Clarifying role of County Clerks legislation has been passed; good legislation.
- Study committees will be formed including (study through the summer):
  - Criminal penalty
  - Treatment alternative in Courts
- Many retirements in the legislature (many legislators with experience); may result in a culture change. Questions on how Senate will change – has been a more deliberate body.
- WCA: District meetings are starting (schedule on WCA website).
- WCA/LGC: Training will start in early May.
- Unfinished: Highway financing/transit financing

**Program: *Broadband: Where is the Coverage?*** by Andy Lewis, Broadband & Economic Development Specialist with Broadband & E-Commerce Education Center/UW-Extension. Collaborator and Resources Assistance: Jill Hietpas, Regional Broadband Educator with Broadband & E-commerce Education Center.

PowerPoint Presentation can be found at: <http://slidesha.re/1msyNAv>

- Broadband: very important part of innovation.
- People are starting to ask the right questions. Need bigger transmission pipes, and the job may never be done.
- Speed: US no longer the world leader (now U.S. is in 8<sup>th</sup> place).
- Connectivity
  - > 4Mbps: US Not top 10 in the world
  - >10 Mbps: US 34% at this speed
  - >10 Mbps: Wisconsin is 17% at this speed
- Cost: This is another area of concern.
- Next Generation: 1 Gbps: 100 times faster than most of us typically need or use now; Only 23 communities in Wisconsin are at this level.
- IEDC says we will need the higher level of service.
- 60% of small businesses say broadband is important.

- Digital Exclusion: Costs about \$1.8 per year (in Wisconsin) or \$175 per person.
- Cities: much better connectivity
- Coverage in Wisconsin > 25 mbps: mostly in cities.
- Need a robust fiber backbone
- Cooperative Model is promising! Minnesota has a "Minnesota Fiber Cooperative".
- Some cooperatives are starting in Northern Wisconsin; Norvado Telephone Corporation in Northern Wisconsin; Vernon County Telephone Cooperative; Mosaic Cooperative in Chippewa Valley.
- Also private examples: Baldwin Broadband LLC
- Litmus Test (per Andy): How well are we serving farmers/ag producers?
- E-commerce
  - Grew 72% (2006-2011); retail grew 7% (2006-2011)
  - Now makes up 5% of total retail but is growing.
  - Makes up 49% of manufacturing business sales.
- Businesses: Currently only have a modest presence.
- Unmet demand by County: PSC asked about getting needed connectivity; highest unmet in rural areas.
- 560,000 people in Wisconsin with no broadband (50% in Wisconsin)
- What would it cost to solve the problem? \$1.4 billion.
- Questions:
  - Are there grants available?
    - PSC buy only \$500,000
    - Will be made in another grant cycle this fall.
    - Minnesota Program: will be \$100 million

At this point in the program, those present heard from Jill Hietpas. Jill pointed out the following:

- Information by County on "Dashboard" site.
- For:
  - Wired
  - Fixed Wireless
  - Mobile Wireless
- Provided coverage maps for each ICC County.
- Can print out a full report for each County.
- Bandwidth Assessment Tool (BAT): to identify needs
  - Survey/Report/Determination of need
- This is a starting point!
- Comprehensive Plan Update: Could look at broadband in "Economic Development Element" or "Utility Element".
- The link to the "Dashboard" site is: <http://wisconsindashboard.org/broadband-investment-impact>

### **Next Meeting**

Next meeting: May 19, 2014 in Montello (Marquette County); Topic: Economic Impact of Rail in WI.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned by a motion by the Chair at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Steve Grabow  
 Jefferson County

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# **BY-LAWS of INTERCOUNTY COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

## **SECTION I. DEFINITION OF AREA**

All territory in Columbia, Dodge, Green Lake, Jefferson, Marquette and Sauk Counties, Wisconsin, is hereby in the Intercounty Coordinating Committee area.

## **SECTION II. NAME**

A committee to coordinate planning is hereby designated as the Intercounty Coordinating Committee.

## **SECTION III. MEMBERSHIP**

The Intercounty Coordinating Committee shall consist of eighteen (18) members. Three (3) members from each of the following counties: Columbia, Dodge, Green Lake, Jefferson, Marquette and Sauk. The membership from each county shall be constituted as follows: each county (Columbia, Dodge, Green Lake, Jefferson, Marquette and Sauk) select two (2) voting members and one ex-officio (non-voting) member. The first member would be the County Board Chairman or designee of their choice; the second member would be an elected official of that respective county. The ex-officio (non-voting) member could be the County Administrator, County Planner, County Extension Agent, Zoning Administrator, Planning or Finance Committee Chairman, etc.

## **SECTION IV. COMPENSATION**

All members of the Intercounty Coordinating Committee shall serve without compensation from the Intercounty Coordinating Committee.

## SECTION V. OFFICERS

The Intercounty Coordinating Committee shall elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman must be voting members of the Intercounty Coordinating Committee. The term of these officers shall be for one (1) two-year term and shall run concurrent with the term of county supervisors. No more than two (2) officers shall be elected from the same county. The Secretary-Treasurer may appoint an assistant Secretary.

## SECTION VI. MEETINGS

The Intercounty Coordinating Committee shall meet as often as the Chairman calls a meeting or at the request, in writing, of any three (3) members. All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public. At least one meeting each year shall be held in each of the six (6) counties.

## SECTION VII. QUORUM

A minimum of five (5) voting members, with at least three (3) counties represented, shall constitute a quorum.

## SECTION VIII. RULES

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep and transmit a copy of the minutes of every meeting to each member of the Committee. The Secretary-Treasurer to be responsible to the Chairman to send out an agenda prior to meeting.

## SECTION IX. RESERVED FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

## SECTION X. PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, POWERS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The purpose of the Committee shall be to foster a cooperative effort in resolving problems, establish program priorities, coordinate planning, exchange information and provide educational programs.