

ICC Meeting
Monday, July 20, 2009
Baraboo, WI

1. Call to order

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

2. Roll call

Roll call was taken and those in attendance were:

Orrin Helmer	County Board	Green Lake
Dan Priske	County Board	Green Lake
Bob Westby	County Board	Columbia
John Tramburg	County Board	Columbia
Debra Wopat	County Board	Columbia
Harlan Baumgarten	County Board	Columbia
Ray Seaholm	County Board	Dodge
Russell Kottke	County Board	Dodge
Paul Endres	County Board	Sauk
Jen Erickson	UWEX	Sauk
Howard Zellmer	County Board	Marquette
Steven J. Nass	County Board	Jefferson
Fred Clark	State Representative	42 nd District
Ed Brooks	State Representative	50 th District
Luther Olsen	State Senate	14 th District
Sarah Diedrick Kasdorf		WCA

3. Open meeting

Meeting agenda was posted according to state open meeting statutes

4. Adoption of agenda

Moved by Jefferson County to approve the amended agenda, second by Sauk County. Approved.

5. Approval of minutes of June 15th meeting

Moved by Columbia County, second by Jefferson County to approve the amended minutes of the June 15, 2009, meeting. Approved.

6. Visiting Legislative Reports

Luther Olsen, 14th Senate District

- Wisconsin State Budget is done
 - Wisconsin received \$3.5 billion in Federal stimulus money. Of that \$2.2 billion was used to balance the budget and \$612 million was used to create jobs.
- Wisconsin Department of Revenue reported that the state revenue has decreased 7% year-to-date.
- The projected 4.5% increase in state revenue likely won't happen so a budget repair bill may be likely.

Fred Clark, 42nd Assembly District.

- Clean Sweep funds were restored in the budget.
- Federal Medicaid funds will be used to help support county-run nursing homes
- Oil company franchise fee didn't take effect
- 911 fee for all phones (75 cents per month) will continue to support shared revenue
- Prevailing wage requirements were changed.
- The Dells will benefit from a .5cent Premier Resort Tax. The new funds will be used to make improvements in Dells area.

Ed Brooks, 50th Assembly District

- There will be no decrease in the services offered at the Department of Motor Vehicles offices in Sauk County.
- New domestic partner benefits may impact the counties because they typically model their benefit packages after the State. The paper work is similar to a marriage license.
- Illegal immigrants could qualify for in-state tuition, but the drivers license provision did not pass.
- All drivers must have auto insurance by June 1, 2010.
- The cigarette tax was increased by 75 cents.

7. Program

Dave Liebl, UW Extension Solid & Hazardous Waste Education Center Specialist, presented an overview of "Air Quality Trends." He discussed the Clean Air Act regulations and goals which are administered by the Wisconsin DNR and the on-going challenges of:

1. ozone non-attainment
 - Since 2005, there have been 26 air quality advisory days for ozone
 - Dodge & Jefferson Counties are at risk of becoming non-attainment
2. fine particle pollution (PM2.5)
 - Since 2005, there have been 57 air quality advisory days for PM2.5
 - Significant health impacts
 - Fine particle pollution comes from combustion
3. community action
 - Need to restrict open burning; no burning during air quality watches and advisories
 - Ban burn barrels
 - Regulate outdoor wood-fired boilers
 - Require EPA approved models
 - Require setbacks from buildings
 - Ban in residential areas
 - Educate about health risks

Program 2

Gordon Stevenson, Runoff Management Section Chief with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, presented "Water Quality Trends."

- 12,600 rivers totaling 44,000 miles; 1,600 outstanding miles
- World class fishery resources: 100 warm water fish species, 59 cold water fish species
- 15,000 lakes
- Wetlands offer Critical wildlife habitat, treatment of polluted water and flood storage
- 75% of Wisconsin's population draws for drinking water
- Non-point sources of pollution
 - From diffuse sources – no single well-defined source
 - Includes streets, ag feed lots, eroding fields
 - Greatest pollutants by volume are soil and manure
- Livestock
 - 30,000 livestock operations
 - 9 million acres of cropland
 - One cow is equivalent 18 people in terms of waste generated.

8. WCA Report – Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf

- Distributed handout on 2009 – 2011 state budget issues that affect the counties.
 - MA rate reform – Department of Health & Human Services will have to cut \$600 million from MA budget. This money may be cut from the nursing home formula
- There are a number of bills returning:
 - There is a bill that would increase small claims limit up to \$10,000. This would have a negative fiscal impact on counties.
 - Municipalities that have individuals in jail would like to keep the jail assessment fee. This would be a loss of county revenue.
 - The new drunk driving bill could have a huge financial impact on counties. The bill is proposing that the first offense OWI would include five days in jail.

9. County issues continued

- Jefferson County is conducting a \$3.2 million dollar nursing home referendum.

9. Adjournment

Moved by Sauk County to adjourn, second by Green Lake County. Chairman Russell Kottke adjourned the meeting at 11:42 AM.

Submitted by recording secretary Jenny Erickson.