Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 19, 2017
Columbia County Administration Building, 112 E. Edgewater St.
Portage, Wisconsin

ICC Participants

Columbia County – Mary Cupery; Dan Drew; James Foley; Vern Gove; Kathleen Haas John Hartman; Kirk Konkel; Sue Moll; Andy Ross; Joe Ruf; **Dodge County** – David Frohling; Jeff Hoffman; Russell Kottke; **Green Lake County** – Harley Reabe; Jay Dampier; **Jefferson County** – none; **Marquette County** - Bob Miller; Gary Sorenson; Mary Walters; **Sauk County** – Marty Krueger; **WCA** – Sarah Dietrick-Kasdorf; **State Legislators** – none; **Federal Legislators** – Flora Csontos/Sen. Baldwin Staff; **Media** – Lyn Jerde/PDR; **Program Guest** – Beth/Potter Lawson; John Feller/Findorff;

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

The Secretary confirmed the requirements of the WI Open Meetings Law were met.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Green Lake County, second by Columbia County, to approve the minutes of the May 2017 meeting of the Intercounty Coordinating Committee -- Approved.

Legislative Report – Flora Csontos/Sen. Baldwin staff introduced herself

Wisconsin Counties Association Report with Sarah Dietrick-Kasdorf

State Budget Update -- currently there are differing proposals put forth between governor and legislature, including:

- K-12 funding still unsettled:
- Governor wants to repeal Property tax, $270 mil – governor proposes to eliminate or lower to 2010 tax level; Legislators have a different proposal on eliminating or reducing property taxes. Also considering repealing forest mil tax;
- Self-Insurance package: legislators oppose governor's proposal;
- Property Insurance fund will cease operation July 2017, used by small school districts;
- Transportation proposals also differ between governor and legislators;
- 911 service fee: used to fund 911 upgrades and services provided by local governments; $00.75 fee was converted to fund police and fire protection services; WCA is working w/ telecommunication companies to create 911 funding source to offset local government costs to maintain and upgrade 911 operations; WCA has asked that $7 mil be set aside to connect to ESSI network and cover future 911 services and upgrades;

- County maintenance contracts: not enough funds to cover fees because federal levels have decreased, state has added additional funds;
- Veterans Services Grant: CBS is returned to block grant program;
- Currently there is a $33 mil. surplus of state funds that has accumulated for mental health services from counties being over charged. There is a legislative proposal to return ½ of remaining funds back to the counties and the proposed bill that will cap surplus funds by 2%.
- Propose increase in children and families aid by $15 mil; propose of that $2.8 mil will be set aside to allow home children health services;
- State funded dementia specialist positions for 2 years, funds 19 positions. DHS has fund funding to continue dementia service and will add 5 new positions; and,
- Juvenile corrections: federal investigation into current state juvenile institutions. WCA estimated Governor's proposed budget may over- estimate the # of inmates (234 for 2018). Currently counties co-paying $292/day, proposal recommends new co-ay to be $392 for first year and $399 in second year of budget. The proposal also includes a $6 add-on in second year. County HHS departments will need to make adjustments to their county budgets due to proposed co-payments for 2018-2019; Research shows that smaller juv. centers are more effective to treat inmates, State will continue to study the issue. There is a proposal to bring back 17 year old juveniles back into juv system. WCA estimates that it will take $10 mil to reimburse counties.

Program – Columbia County's New Administration Building & Planning Process, 112 E. Edgewater, Portage

Vern Gove/Co. Bd. Chair – Welcome and Background

- Planning started 4 years ago and an ad hoc committee was appointed in 2014; co. bd. Vote to approve building project was 24-3 in support; employee enthusiasm has been high and has contributed to overall morale;
- New building of administrative services started occupancy June 1st
- H&HS building will be used by courts for a year and in 2018 when courthouse administration building is done courts will go back to courthouse and H&HS will move into new H&HS building.

Kirk Konkel/Co. Bd. Supv. & Ad Hoc Committee Chair – Kirk is a retired DoT engineer; Fred Teitgen/Co. Bd. Supv. is a retire architect.

- There were many justification for the new building projects, including, Columbia County H&HS current building on Murphey Road, Portage, lacks space for client confidentiality, also current building lacks sq. ft. to accommodate all staff; Currently many of the Co. HHS programs are expanding;
- Current Columbia County Courthouse lacks security; Did not have room for current # of staff or expansion;
- In 2014 Columbia contracted with Potter Lawson to conduct a feasibility study; Columbia Co. conducted regional meetings for public input regarding new building proposal; Ad Hoc committee looked at 26 sites and evaluated (accessibility, space, etc.); Worked with City of Portage to make current site work; Bonds were acquired to fund new building project; RFP were sent out to secure an architect and building contractor; Columbia county contracted with Potter Lawson as lead architect and Findorff as building developer; Next step included land acquisition; County coordinated with DNR, Corps of Engineers & City of Portage; Had to dredge canal; Phase I of new building project focused on the Administration building and H&HS building; Phase II of new building project will focus on renovating the courthouse; Renovations to courthouse will be completed by 2018. Courts will move out of county H&HS building back to renovated courthouse and H&HS will move from Murphy Rd. into new H&HS building.

Beth Prochaska, Executive Vice President with Potter Lawson: refer to Potter Lawson PowerPoint presentation (bethp@potterlawson.com)

John Feller, Director of Project Management with Findorff: refer to Findorff PowerPoint presentation (jfeller@findorff.com)

Sue Moll/County Clerk & Cory Weigle/Building & Grounds – gave tour

Other County issues – none

Next Meeting
Next meeting: July 17, 2017 in Jefferson Co. – Topic: County parks with Professor David W. Marcouiller, UW-Madison, Department of Urban and Regional Planning

Adjournment
Meeting adjourned after tour

Respectfully Submitted,

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