Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 17, 2015
Green Lake County Government Center
Green Lake, WI

ICC Participants

See attached sign in sheet.

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Certification of Open Meeting Notice

Jay Dampier certified that the meeting was posted and met Wisconsin State Open Meeting Law.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Columbia to adopt the agenda as is; second by Marquette County. Motion passed on voice vote.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Green Lake County to accept the July 20, 2015 meeting as minutes corrected. Second by Dodge County. Corrections include spelling of participants' names: Donna Macy corrected to Donna Maly and Marge Bostolmann corrected to Marge Bostelmann. Motion passed on voice vote.

Reports from Visiting Legislative Officials: Rep. Joan Ballweg

- In the state budget there were no cuts to transportation related to counties. There were some adjustments in bonding, and some transportation projects will be delayed.
- Update on prevailing wage: Counties will be exempt as of Jan 2017. If bids open after Jan 2017, those bids will not subject to prevailing wage. Contractors do not need to report to Department of Workforce Development.
- The Representative worked with county register of deeds – clean up bill.
- SeniorCare: The governor wanted people to apply to part B first, rather come back with the whole plan before changes made. The department would like IRIS integrated into Family Care.
- Changes to shoreland zoning regulations were written into the budget. There was an unsuccessful attempt to get the changes vetoed.

Update of County Issues – Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA), Kyle Christianson

- Governor Walker signed budget with 104 vetos. Exemption of nursing home bed tax, which affects 3 facilities (including one in Dodge County). These facilities serve the entire state.
- Counties didn't experience any major funding cuts in the budget. Other budget items included conservation funding, and resources to fight fraud. However some local control has been taken away. For example: shoreland zoning.
- Repeal of prevailing wage passed.
- By end of August the Department of Natural Resources will have an interpretation of the new rules set forth in the budget.
- There are three bills WCA is focusing on. The fall session might not be overly busy, however WCA will be watching proposed reforms to Government Accountability Board.
- First time non-violent offenders 17 years of age will be returned to the juvenile court system.
- The WCA website has all the budget webinars available. There is also a final summary wrap up.
- The 2015 WCA Annual Conference Annual will be on September 20-22 in LaCrosse. More information can be found here: https://www.wicounties.org/events/248/

Education Program

Program Topic, "Economic Development in the ICC Region After the Great Recession" presented by Gary Green, Department of Community & Environmental Sociology, UW-Madison

Open Discussion of County Issues

Presentation topic ideas for 2015-2016 were solicited from ICC Members.

- Transportation: How do we move forward with current situation? How do alternative initiatives get funded? There's a concern that Madison is limiting funding avenues. There are linkages between good road quality and tourism.
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS): Challenges such as regionalization, loss of volunteers, etc. Could we have a forum to find out what each of us in the ICC are doing? Towns may want to opt in or out of a county wide EMS. Counties have a levy limit exemption. If a town drops out, is the EMS still a countywide service?
- General topics on planning.
- Topics on county government financing or budgeting.
- Next year is an election year for county board supervisors. Could we have a program that prepares ICC members to become mentors for new elected officials (in addition to current trainings.)
- The UW-Extension Center for Community and Economic Development recently hired a community marketing specialist. Perhaps that individual could be asked to do a presentation on marketing.
- Human Resources (HR): How to attract and keep talent and people with good management skills. Shortcomings include county governments are often limited by funding, but the trade-off is that there are other benefits to public sector work.
- Related to HR is succession planning. How to replace those people?
- "Smart hiring" – how do we look at character, competency, etc. With the right hire, many of the issues would be taken care of themselves.
- Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs): pros, cons and regulations.
- County facilities security issues – and installation.
- Preventing workplace fraud.

- How other counties approach administration. What options are available? Job descriptions, responsibilities, expectations. What are best practices? How counties have transitioned between: administrative coordinator, administrator and county executive. What are the pros, cons and benefits and limitations of each system?
- Addressing drug abuse, especially the increased use of heroin. Sauk County was awarded grant which has a statewide mandate.

Additional Discussion

- Marquette County has petitioned the state to allow counties to independently raise sale tax. This did not get into the budget. However, it is dead yet. Allow counties to run a referendum that would authorize 0.5% sales tax for transportation.
- UW-Extension Local Government Center will be offering a WisLine Teleconference on the topic of "Life After Prevailing Wage" on December 7, 2015 from 10 am to 11 am.

Adjournment

Motion was made and seconded. Motion passed on voice vote.