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MEETING Minutes & PROGRAM

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DATE:	October 19, 2020
TIME:	9:30 AM
PLACE:	Dodge County Administration Building

9:00 AM	Gathering
9:30 AM	1. Call to Order 9:30 2. Pledge of Allegiance 3. Certification of Open Meeting Notice 4. Adoption of Agenda Jefferson motioned Waushara second Motion carried 5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Columbia motioned Dodge second Motion carried 6. Reports from Visiting Legislative Officials Mark Born-CARES act monies that can still be sent out. Routes to Recovery, Kotke asked if the money will be ear marked for schools, contact tracing out of control, Born says the WI Department of Health hired contact tracers and yet the counties need the money and resources to do contact tracing. Issue with not finding

bilingual contact tracers.

Question for Mark, local DA left the job in Waushara. Born suggests that they contact local senator to help intervene with Governor's office.

7. Update of County Issues – WCA

Marcy from WCA- annual conference was cancelled. Take a look at the website, there is a virtual platform for the conference. The breakout sessions were recorded, and you can still see them.
Cyber threats
Diversity
Etc...

Legislative Agenda presented to Governors staff and hope to see it in the Governor's budget

Governor's order limiting gatherings, temporary injunction due a suit out of Sawyer County

Broadband grant, Broadband pilot grant- 3 Tribal nations St Croix, Fond du lac, one school district

Legislative exchange it's still too early to know if this will continue

8. **Program:** COVID Panel Discussion
ADRC -Waushara County Nutrition food program coordinator-meal distribution has increases-staff in tuned with COVID related issues. Some people have reported

		not feeling well. Food distributed to some (few) people who have COVID or COVID symptoms. ADRC offering grocery delivery. Staff helps walk people through the grocery online process for individuals unfamiliar. Having trouble with finding divers willing to transport COVID positive individuals. Waushara discussed repurposing positions to help with COVID related response. For example, zoning helped deliver meals with the influx of new people added to the food delivery program. Jefferson County, Community Partner program. Human Service Department has taken some pressure about the mental health of people in the community. Mass testing at the fairgrounds. 900 went through the mass testing just last weekend. Every Wednesday morning they have hospital/county meetings to help navigate the supply chain and immediate needs. Planning issue around vaccine and might be something that needs be addressed now. Sauk County-health director left last Wednesday. They are restructuring things right now. Emergency Management helping to manage right now. Human Service Director helping right now. Deputy Health Director helping as well. COVID-19 task force meets every other week. 200 active cases right now. Higher than it's been. Feels like there are mixed messages. Survey with Chamber, about what people want, for example, mask/no mask. Education is important regardless of mandate.

Dodge County has had restaurants close not because of mandate, but because they have just closed.

How has COVID affected county budgets? Hiring freeze. No lay-offs, or furloughs in Waushara. During a crisis the government needs to function well. Demand for services goes through the roof.

Columbia county-same thing as other counties, county health officer retiring. Trouble hiring county nurses.

Unintended consequences, for example county parks became more used and valued by people in the community.

9. Open Discussion of County Issues

November 16, Jefferson County--- topic about election

10. Adjourn

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