



September 6, 2012 – Walworth County Board Meeting

**Report of the County Clerk Regarding  
Communications Received After the Agenda Mailing**

County Clerk

The following items were placed on Supervisors' desks and are attached to this cover sheet:

**Kimberly S. Bushey**  
County Clerk

- Correspondence from Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission (WRRTC) in regard to 2013-2015 Biennial Budget Support Letter – To be referred to the Executive Committee
- *Walworth County Aging & Disability Resource Center News*, August 2012 – To be placed on file
- *Walworth County Aging & Disability Resource Center News*, September 2012 – To be placed on file

*These items were received after the agenda mailing before the meeting. Other items that were placed on the Supervisors' desks at the meeting are not included on this report. Please contact the County Clerk's office for information regarding those items.*

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Monday, August 27, 2012

To: WRRTC Commissioners

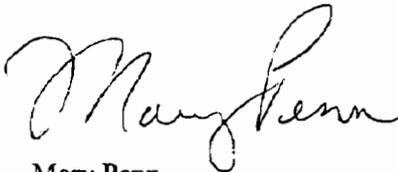
From: Mary Penn, WRRTC Administrator

Re: 2013-2015 Biennial Budget Support Letter Text

Dear Commissioner:

As you will remember, at the August 10<sup>th</sup> WRRTC Commission meeting, Chairman Nilson said that a copy of the 2013-2015 biennial budget support letter would be shared with all commissioners so that they might use the text as a model in drafting support letters on behalf of their own respective counties. Therefore, enclosed is a copy of the approved WRRTC support letter sent to both WI Transportation Secretary Gottlieb and Governor Scott Walker.

Sincerely,



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August 27, 2012

Secretary Mark Gottlieb  
Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
4802 Sheboygan Avenue  
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Dear Secretary Gottlieb,

Since 1980, the Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission (WRRTC) has been actively involved in preservation and enhancement of freight railroad corridors throughout our state and within our communities. WRRTC's long standing partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and its eight member counties have resulted in a stronger freight rail system that strives to meet the continuing needs of our industrial & manufacturing economies.

The Freight Railroad Preservation Program (FRPP) is a catalyst for economic development opportunities at our local levels. Without this program, there would be widespread "disinvestment" in our rail corridors as many local projects would not be funded. I truly thank you for your on-going support for this tremendously successful program as we continue to attract commerce into Wisconsin.

It is important for the state to continue investing in its freight rail corridors for competitive and public safety reasons. Our regional operator – Wisconsin & Southern tells us that in the last five years, more than **40 industries have built new or expanded existing facilities** along the publicly-owned rail system that have created more than **1,100 new jobs**. Railroad officials also tell us that current negotiations are taking place with over a dozen more industries that want to build in our geographic area here in Southern Wisconsin and **almost 300 new jobs could result**. This growth has resulted in greater tonnages and annual carloadings being generated right here in Wisconsin and being transported over our publicly-owned rail system.

At its August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, the WRRTC Full Commission gave its unanimous support of Wisconsin & Southern's Capital Plan for System-wide Improvements. This plan calls for capital upgrades to mainline improvements and bridges in order to accommodate the growth projections of our state and local economies. More importantly, this plan will help stimulate additional public and private investment in transportation infrastructure. As presented at our August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, this plan would call for an increase in FRPP funding to \$90 Million for the next biennial budget.

The WRRTC extends its full support for WSOR's Capital Plan that will encourage further investment in our rail systems and the WRRTC asks for your support as well. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Karl Nilson, Chairman  
Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission

cc: Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker  
WRRTC Legislative Delegation (see enclosed list)