

Walworth County
Intergovernmental Cooperation Council
(ICC)
Tuesday, June 25, 2013
6:00 PM
County Board Room 114
Walworth County Government Center
100 W. Walworth – Elkhorn, Wisconsin
Minutes

County Administrator David Bretl called the meeting to order.

Roll was called by municipality. Officials representing the towns of Linn, Bloomfield, Delavan and East Troy and Walworth, the villages of Bloomfield, Genoa City and Fontana, and the city of Lake Geneva were in attendance.

The June 25 agenda was approved on motion and second by Ken Monroe and Joe Klarkowski and a unanimous vote.

The March 26, 2013 ICC meeting minutes were unanimously approved on motion and second by John Olson and Ken Monroe.

Rebecca Heidepriem of Fritz Partners presented information about Measurable Management, which assists organizations in achieving new levels of excellence and provides culture change methods, coupled with continual process improvement tools. The program can help staff to achieve internal efficiencies and productivity, teamed with leadership and organizational innovation. It translates policies into measurable outcomes, an approach that has the benefit of producing savings or generating innovative revenue ideas equal to or greater than the cost of the program. Ms. Heidepriem has experience in both private industry and government, as an executive at Xerox Corporation and as the State's first Secretary of Electronic Government under Governor McCallum.

An informational update regarding the economic impacts of rail service in Wisconsin was presented by former County Board member Allan Polyock. Mr. Polyock owns and operates a farm in Walworth County that utilizes the rail transport service provided by Wisconsin and Southern Railroad in its network across Wisconsin and Illinois.

Katie Behl, OWI Court Coordinator made a presentation regarding the success of Walworth County's treatment courts and diversion program. Mr. Bretl encouraged those in attendance to contact him or Katie if they are ever interested in learning more about the county's treatment courts or sharing information in their communities and with civic organizations.

Mike Van Den Bosch, Executive Director of the Walworth County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (WCEDA), presented information about the private sector wage survey that WCEDA and the Walworth County Human Resource Association (WCHRA) would be conducting during the summer. This year's survey was modified and designed to help compare compensation, benefits, pay trends and HR metrics for specific occupation types across the county.

Skip Mosshamer presented information about a community leadership program aimed at developing and improving leadership skills in all business segments throughout the county, both in the private and public sector. With 2014 budget preparation underway in municipal governments, local leaders were invited to consider including funds in their 2014 budgets to send a representative from their organization to this training, which is planned for late summer or early fall 2013.

Joshua Clements, UW-Extension Community and Economic Development Educator presented information regarding QECBs (Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds), which are low-interest bonds for publically-owned facilities, primarily for energy efficiency upgrades. The interest on these bonds is underwritten by the U.S. Department of Treasury. The program was created in 2008 and significantly enlarged in 2009 in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. QECBS are a financial product to assist local municipalities. Walworth County has approximately \$1.5 million in bonding authority under this program. This authority is not just for county government, but is available to any municipality or school district in the county. On May 13, Clements sent a memo to municipal governments in the county providing an overview of the QECB program and its qualified uses. Contact information was provided in the correspondence, and municipalities were asked to contact the county if there was interest in utilizing the program. ICC members were encouraged to contact Clements or the County Administrator's Office if they had any interest in utilizing the county's QECB credits for energy projects in their communities.

The next ICC meeting date was confirmed for Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15 PM on motion and second by Arvid Peterson and Joe Klarkowski.

Submitted by Dave Bretl, County Administrator and ICC Moderator