

Walworth County
Intergovernmental Cooperation Council
(ICC)
Tuesday, March 25, 2014 @6:00 p.m.
Walworth County Government Center, County Board Room 114
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 Bloomfield, Geneva, LaFayette, Richmond and Troy were in attendance. Village officials from Bloomfield, Fontana and Williams Bay were in attendance. County board members Tim Brellenthin, Ken Monroe and Nancy Russell were in attendance. See attached meeting attendance sheet. Others in attendance include Kari Justman, MSA Associates, Kevin Brunner, Walworth County Director of Central Services, Captain Scott McClory, Patrol Division Commander for Walworth County Sheriff Department, Kurt Picknell, Undersheriff, Walworth County Sheriff Department and Michael Cotter, Director of Land Use and Resource Management.

The March 25, 2014 agenda was approved on motion and second by Monroe/ Kopecky. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of June 25, 2013 ICC meeting minutes were approved on motion and second by Kopecky/ Monroe. Motion carried unanimously.

Update regarding Southern Housing Consortium activities – Kari Justman, MSA Associates and Kevin Brunner, Walworth County Director of Central Services. Justman reminded the group the Southern Housing Region received a Community Development Block Grant for housing rehabilitation. The grant supplies home repair loans at 0% interest to Walworth County low income eligible households on a first come first serve basis. Eligible repairs include replacing doors and windows, roofing, repair/replace heating systems, water heaters, and plumbing systems, electrical updates, siding, porch repairs and other general improvements. The Southern Housing Region has been awarded \$2,422,000.00 for the counties of Dodge, Jefferson, Columbia, Kenosha, Ozaukee, Racine, Rock, Sauk, Walworth and Washington. Currently Walworth County has 9 applicants. Justman stressed the importance of bringing awareness of this program to Walworth County residents, so the money is not absorbed by other counties. The consortium is currently looking for eligible contractors to work on projects. If you need additional information, please contact Kari Justman. Bretl added that Brunner is a representative for the County on the Southern Housing Consortium; and to feel free to contact Brunner for additional information. A link has been placed on the County Website, and Justman suggested municipalities place links on their web pages to assist county residents to find out about this grant.

Discussion regarding winter maintenance operations and communications between governmental units, to include salt procurement and emergency notifications (Captain Scott McClory and Central Services Director Kevin Brunner) Bretl gave a brief introduction of McClory and Brunner. McClory is in charge of the patrol division for Walworth County Sheriff Department. McClory stated that during the severe winter this year, it became apparent there was a need to improve communications regarding road conditions during winter events. The Sheriff's Dispatch handles calls from the public regarding road conditions and having a contact person to

refer questions regarding municipality roads would help. McClory distributed a form asking that it be completed; he is requesting a contact person for highway matters and for complaints regarding roads. McClory asked that he be contacted if municipalities have made a decision to close a road or to send plow drivers home. McClory will send the information regarding road conditions out to 70 to 75 media outlets in real time. Kendall questioned how the road weight limit notification could be handled, McClory said to send a text to his 24 hour cell. McClory asked for material to be faxed and/or emailed to him, contact information is on the second page of the form.

Brunner reviewed the history of salt purchasing between the County and municipalities and the use of a 5 year rolling average. Brunner asked if the group had a better idea regarding salt purchases and using averages. Brunner stated the department is in the process of analyzing the use of salt/sand mix this winter and comparing costs, accidents etc.

County ordinance relating to streets, sidewalks and certain other public places - Walworth County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 54 (Ordinance no. 825-01/14) Bretl reviewed the history and distributed the ordinance recently passed by the County Board. The County had received public complaints regarding special events that require traffic safety services. These events include bike races and marathons that occur on a county road and require road closures. The ordinance would exclude parades. Bretl reviewed the permit process that will involve McClory and Brunner reviewing each permit. Bretl thanked the municipalities for their cooperation. Picknell added some events do require road closures but are not included in the ordinance. The Sheriff will coordinate with law enforcement for those events. Brunner requested if anyone has knowledge of future events to contact him.

Walworth County film ordinance project – Michael Cotter, Deputy Corporation Counsel/Director of Land Use and Resource Management Department. Cotter reviewed the history of film production in Walworth County. Several feature length films and a few television shows have used Walworth County for films. They include cable television shows Mythbusters and Haunted Highway. The films Chain Reaction, Beast of Bray Road, and Dillinger a 1991 made for TV movie were made in Walworth County. Major films filmed in Wisconsin include Transformers, Major League, Back to School and Blues Brothers. In fact 1994's classic Basic Football starring Burt Reynolds featured Cotter as Cheerleader #3. Cotter discussed the positives and negatives that the City of Columbus Wisconsin experienced during the 2008 filming of the movie Public Enemies. Public Enemies starred Johnny Depp and Christian Bale. Some store owners received new building facades and were paid to vacate their stores, the store owners that refused to leave lost revenue due to entrances being blocked and complained about the cost to them. Cotter suggested creating a friendly film ordinance to encourage film making and address any problems. A vital part of the ordinance would be to keep open communications between all levels of government. Cotter stressed the importance of an agreement with all film production companies.

Confirm next ICC meeting date and time: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 6:00 PM

Adjournment on motion of Marra/Pappa at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by David Bretl, County Administrator and ICC Moderator