

MINUTES OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION
COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2009

Walworth County Administrator David Bretl called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Roll call was made by those present introducing themselves.

Present:

Walworth County Board Chair Nancy Russell
Town of Delavan Chair Dorothy Burwell
Town of Geneva Chair Dan Lauderdale
Town of East Troy Chair John Stoesser
Town of Spring Prairie Bob McIndoe
Town of Darien Chair Cecil Logterman
Village of East Troy President Bill Loesch
Village of Genoa City Trustee Bill Antti
Town of Delavan Supervisor Frank Jones
Town of Sharon Chair Ed Vanderveen
Town of Sugar Creek Chair David Duwe
Town of Linn Supervisor Mike Palmer
Town of Lyons Chair Bill Mangold
Town of Richmond Chair Wayne Redenius
Town of Walworth Chair Joe Abell

Also Present:

Walworth County Sheriff David Graves
Town of Geneva Administrator Margaret Downing
Walworth County Purchasing Manager Peggy Watson
Executive Director Walworth County Development Alliance Fred Burkhardt
Town of Delavan Administrator John Olson

Bob McIndoe made a motion to approve the agenda with a second by Bill Loesch. The motion carried unanimously.

Bob McIndoe made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction that he is from the Town of Spring Prairie not Springfield. The motion was seconded by Bill Mangold and carried unanimously.

Collaboration in placement of tornado sirens

Dan Lauderdale stated the towns of Geneva and Linn have been collaborating on the placement of sirens as there were residents who could not hear tornado warning sirens. They are in the process of drafting an agreement to share the expenses. Sheriff Graves pointed out that Emergency Management is recommending sirens be augmented by

weather radios which cost about \$35 per radio. County Board Chair Russell questioned who determines when the sirens are sounded. Sheriff Graves responded his department sounds the sirens for every community except the cities of Lake Geneva, Delavan and Whitewater. Administrator Bretl thought this could be explained in our newsletter. Dan Lauderdale states he has information if any community needs to make a study to justify the expense to the community.

Cooperative Purchasing Opportunities

Peggy Watson stated she had made a presentation to this group about a year ago. She noted that legal counsel should be consulted to determine if a municipality could belong to the cooperative group in order to comply with local ordinance. She gave examples of how municipalities have saved money by joining with the cooperative group to make purchases. She advised the Town of Geneva was looking for a specific service and her staff was able to research the issue and give resources for them. It is also possible for municipalities to piggyback on a county contract and save money that way. She explained the use of credit cards for payment to receive a rebate. Contractors like this method of payment as they get their money earlier and the municipality gets a rebate. State contracts are used as well for cell phones and furniture. She gave everyone a list of contractors and services the county uses along with her business card. She stressed if anyone has a questions to call her and she and her staff will be happy to help negotiate the websites listed. Joe Abell questioned the distribution of salt as he feels the county gets and uses more salt than is available for his town and he is concerned about the safety of his residents as well. Peggy Watson replied that he should call Sandy Kulik of the Public Works office, as there are state requirements that must be met. Administrator Bretl stated he was concerned about the use of credit cards but with the proper rules in place it has worked well.

County & municipality participation in the 2010 U.S. Census

Administrator Bretl introduced Frank Lamm of the Census Bureau noting that April 1, 2010 will be census day. There is a lot of work that must be done to ensure that there is a complete count taken. Frank Lamm explained he is a partnership specialist for five counties to help get the word out to all citizens. They want to make sure that the hard to enumerate groups are counted which are those people who did not return the census form that was mailed to them. The Census Bureau must deliver the final count to Congress by the end of 2010. In 2000 the bureau established complete count committees, which worked very well, and they wish to do this again. A county committee could be formed to help local communities. Information could be put in utility bills, information could be handed out during a local activity, such as 4th of July festivities etc. The process of determining who has returned their form, how they obtain the information from those individuals and the role of the committee was discussed at some length. Cecil Logterman stated that the town and village of Darien mail out a newsletter to every resident with bilingual content.

Bob McIndoe pointed out he comes from a small rural community and wondered if Spring Prairie could work with the county. Administrator Bretl stated that if the county board authorized it, it could be done through this group. A liaison person could be identified who could work with the county and the complete count committee. ___Lamb stated materials or funding from the Census Bureau would need to be requested by an organized group through a letter of request to the regional office. **County Board Chair Nancy Russell made a motion that this meeting constitute the first meeting of the county complete count committee with a second by Bob McIndoe. A roll call vote was conducted:**

Town of Geneva, yes; Town of East Troy, yes; Town of Spring Prairie, yes; Town of Darien, yes and he will try to bring in the Village of Darien; Town of Sharon, yes; Village of East Troy, yes; Village of Genoa City, yes; Town of Delavan, yes; Town of Sugar Creek, yes; Town of Linn, yes; Town of Lyons, yes; Town of Richmond, yes; Town of Walworth, yes; Walworth County, yes. The motion carried.

Administrator Bretl stated he would get a meeting date for the next meeting. Frank Lamm stated he would send a packet of information to Administrator Bretl. The role of the county in the past was briefly discussed. Frank Lamm stated that Wisconsin was number one ten years ago with a 75% return rate while the rest of the country was at a 67% rate. There is a lot of information available on the Census website.

Evaluate ICC accomplishments and establish next meeting date or officially disband the Council

Discuss potential future ICC meeting dates

Administrator Bretl gave out a survey for those present to complete and he will tabulate the results. Wayne Redenius stated he has very much enjoyed the meetings. There were excellent topics and sharing of ideas. It is good to have the cities and villages here too. Bob McIndoe stated the sharing of ideas from other communities has been a valuable aspect of these meetings. He liked having the legislators present at our meeting. Cecil Logterman expressed his appreciation of the group and reported on the intergovernmental meetings the towns of Darien and Delavan have been having with the Village of Darien and City of Delavan relating to fire department services and facilities. They are doing a feasibility study for the future. Dan Lauderdale stated the towns of Linn and Geneva and Village of Williams Bay are doing the same thing. Bill Mangold stated they are working on boundary agreements.

Bob McIndoe made a motion to continue the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council with a second by Ed Vanderveen. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Bretl stated this will go to the county board. Continuing the quarterly cycle, the next meeting would be July 28, 2009.

Enforcement of town ordinances by Walworth County Sheriff

Administrator Bretl noted that those municipalities that have their own police departments could excuse themselves if they so desired. Sheriff Graves explained his position in providing services to communities that rely on the Sheriff's Department for public safety. He noted he has set up satellite offices for his deputies to better serve the public. He was approached by the town of Spring Prairie about enforcing their town ordinances. No other county does this at the moment. The county has had several discussions about how to accomplish this and they will be using the town of Spring Prairie as a model. He explained how he has liaison officers in those communities without a police force who attend town meetings and report back to him. The first decision is what ordinances are to be enforced. The money realized from tickets will go to the county. The District Attorney does not have the capability to take on this new task and he is working with the Corporation Counsel's office who will handle this. All tickets will go through the court commissioner. There are eleven different towns without police departments. He briefly discussed the different ordinances each town probably has and how this is something that would need to be addressed if the Spring Prairie model is successful and other towns request Sheriff services.

Wayne Redenius stated a big issue for towns is the smart growth issue. He noted Michael Cotter will be attending the next county Wisconsin Towns Association meeting and encouraged town representatives to attend.

Joe Abell made a motion to adjourn with a second by Bob McIndoe. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Bretl adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy C. Burwell, Secretary