

MINUTES OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION COUNCIL (I.C.C.)  
MEETING OF OCTOBER 27, 2009  
*Draft Minutes*

Walworth County Administrator David Bretl called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. He thanked everyone for attending noting representatives of several municipalities had called his office advising they could not attend due to conflicts with local meetings.

Roll call was made by those present introducing themselves and their position within their municipality.

Present:

Walworth County Board Chair Nancy Russell  
County Deputy Administrator-Central Services Shane Crawford  
Town of Delavan Chair Dorothy Burwell  
Town of Troy Chair John Kendall  
Town of Walworth Chair Joe Abell  
Town of Walworth Supervisor Mike August  
Town of Whitewater Chair Ron Fero  
Town of Richmond Chair Wayne Redenius  
Town of Spring Prairie Supervisor Robert E. McIndoe  
Town of Spring Prairie Supervisor Beverly Gamache  
Village of East Troy President Bill Loesch  
Town of LaFayette Supervisor Joseph Pappa  
Village of Mukwonago Trustee Darlene Johnson  
Village of Mukwonago Administrator Paul Moderacki  
Town of Bloomfield Chair Ken Monroe  
Town of Geneva Chair Dan Lauderdale  
Town of Geneva Administrator Margaret Downing  
Town of Delavan Administrator John Olson  
Walworth County Board Supervisor Claudia Holst  
Village of Walworth Public Works Director Tim Boss  
Walworth County Department of Public Works Larry Price  
Town of Lyons Highway Department Dave Held

**Bob McIndoe made a motion to approve the agenda with a second by Ron Fero. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Bob McIndoe made a motion to approve the minutes of April 28, 2009 and May 26, 2009 with a second by Ken Monroe. The motion carried unanimously.**

*Introduction of and presentation by Josh Clements, University of Wisconsin-Extension, concerning energy efficiency grant options and services provided by his office*

Administrator Bretl introduced Josh Clements with a brief background of his education and experience. Josh Clements stated he has been with Walworth County since August working on natural resources and economic development questions. He noted he had sent everyone a letter regarding a grant program available with an application deadline of November 12<sup>th</sup>. He gave specific details of this grant program, no matching monies are required and advised he would be willing to work with anyone to answer questions and help with the preparation of the grant application. He listed the items that would be covered up to \$225,000. The Web address for this program is [www.energyindependence.wi.gov](http://www.energyindependence.wi.gov) with more information available through the Wisconsin Department of Commerce. His telephone number is 741-4968.

*Discussion concerning mandated regulations on roadway/highway signage (item requested by Delavan Town Chair Dorothy Burwell)*

Dorothy Burwell explained that the Highway Foreman for the town had attended a workshop wherein participants were advised of new federal regulations. Municipalities will be required to inventory all of their signs and determine if they meet the new reflectivity requirements. The equipment required to do this is costly. Deputy Administrator Crawford stated it is his understanding that the cost of this equipment is between \$25,000 and \$30,000 and suggested the county could purchase it and make agreements with municipalities to rent it. It was also noted a flash card could be used. As new information is available this could be a future topic of discussion. This plan will be implemented in 2012 and must be finished by either 2016 or 2017. If anyone is advised of a website, please let Administrator Bretl know. Administrator Bretl thanked Dorothy Burwell for bringing this to our attention and if new information is known it will be on the county's website.

*Discussion concerning Walworth County winter operations and salt sales to towns, cities and villages (to be presented by Deputy County Administrator Shane Crawford)*

Deputy Administrator Crawford gave everyone a salt storage fee cost savings analysis and explained the handout. If there is a better way to handle this matter, he would appreciate those comments. Bob McIndoe commented the state is not going to reimburse counties for plowing state roads as they have in the past. Deputy Administrator Crawford gave a brief history of the role counties have had in the past. Counties reduced their mowing on state roadways this summer but some mowing was done voluntarily by others after receiving permission from the state. This will not happen with plowing. Maintenance issues were also discussed and Deputy Administrator Crawford noted that the county has a contract with a local contractor and municipalities can piggyback on the county's contract. He encouraged everyone to purchase as much salt as possible to keep the price low.

*Discussion session concerning budgeting in a fiscal crisis and in an environment of declining revenue (moderated by County Administrator David Bretl)*

Administrator Bretl stated he did not have any new information but wanted participants to share ideas of how each municipality is dealing with their issues. The county has reduced positions

but has not asked employees to take furloughs, as benefits would still have to be paid. Among the items suggested were from towns that have reduced insurance benefits and asking employees to receive less. County Board Chair Nancy Russell informed everyone that with the new equalized valuation figures received by each town, some towns will pay less in county taxes while other will pay more. She offered to send provide the pie chart the county finance department prepared by e-mail giving her their e-mail address. Administrator Bretl noted the state's financial shape and feels it doesn't bode well for counties or local governments, as they will probably push their shortfalls down to us. Margaret Downing noted she had been very active in asking for stimulus money but they didn't get any while Kenosha County did and wondered why that happened. Administrator Bretl thought it was probably due to our high equalized valuations and lower incomes plus political connections.

*Discussion of future agenda items*

Administrator Bretl felt this is working well and noted that Sharon and Fontana are now sharing an agreement for building inspections. Bob McIndoe noted the Town of Spring Prairie is small and doesn't have much to share but he liked the sharing of ideas and information that is valuable. Deputy Administrator Crawford stated he is waiting for some signed agreements from some municipalities and if anyone has a question his direct number is 741-3104. You can call him with future agenda items. Bob McIndoe would like minutes earlier and Administrator Bretl stated that could be done by putting draft on them and put them on the website as requested.

*Set date and time for next Council meeting*

It was decided the next meeting will be February 23, 2010.

Dorothy Burwell thanked the county, specifically the Land Use and Resource Management Department, for holding the town and county planning workshop today and the board of adjustment training earlier this year.

**Ron Fero made a motion to adjourn with a second by Ken Monroe. The motion carried unanimously.**

Administrator Bretl adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy C. Burwell, Secretary

(Note: There was some confusion with the sign-in sheet at the October 27, 2009 I.C.C. meeting. We offer apologies if anyone's attendance at the meeting was inadvertently missed. Please review these draft minutes and inform the Walworth County Administrator's office of any changes needed to accurately reflect those in attendance at this meeting. Thank you.)