

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION COUNCIL
MEETING OF OCTOBER 25, 2011

Minutes

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

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

County officials present: Walworth County Administrator David Bretl, County Board Chair Nancy Russell, Deputy Administrator-Central Services, Shane B. Crawford, Walworth County Circuit Court Branch IV Judge, Hon. David Reddy and Walworth County Clerk, Kim Bushey.

Municipal and town representatives present: John P. Marra, Village of Williams Bay; Bill Loesch, Village of East Troy; Wayne Redenius, Town of Richmond; Jim Connors, City of Lake Geneva; Ryan Simons, Town of Delavan; Ken Monroe, Town of Bloomfield; Cecil Logterman, Town of Darien; and, Dave Duwe, Town of Sugar Creek

Others in attendance: Mary Nicoson, Vice President/Office Manager, First Citizens State Bank – East Troy; and, Edgar “Skip” Mosshamer, Professor, Aurora University

Approval of agenda

Wayne Redenius made a motion to approve the agenda with a second by Ken Monroe. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of June 28, 2011 ICC meeting minutes

Jim Connors made a motion to approve the June 28, 2011 minutes with a second by Bill Loesch. The motion carried unanimously.

Implementation of Walworth County OWI Court (Hon. David Reddy, Branch IV Walworth County Circuit Court Judge)

Administrator Bretl briefly explained the background of the creation of the OWI court and introduced Hon. David Reddy. Judge Reddy explained this program is about saving lives and saving money. The staff attended training in Michigan and he showed a short video about the program. Waukesha County has a very successful program. He explained the qualifications to qualify for OWI court. It must be your third offense and this is a treatment program and a person needs to want to get into treatment. He explained there are ten agencies that cooperate in the program. There are four phases, each of which lasts 12 weeks, explaining each phase in detail. He noted individuals are encouraged to participate as the program offers minimum mandatory jail time, minimum mandatory fine, minimum license revocation, treatment and support. This is a voluntary

program. The funding is through Probation and Parole through Act 100. They do expect mistakes and the action taken depends on the seriousness and what phase they are in and how often they slip up. In answering several questions he noted Waukesha County has a 60% success rate. Dr. Thompson put the program together three or four years ago but people had to pay for the treatment themselves. There have been 75 people in the program and 73 were successful. The hope is that if someone is having a problem they will feel comfortable asking for help. He also noted that if this program is successful, drug treatment might be added as well.

Administrator Bretl stressed this program is in response to the possibility of having to add on to the jail and the cost of doing that. He also noted that Judge Reddy is willing to take the “show on the road” and would be happy to present this program to local groups.

Qualified Energy Conservation Bond (QECB) Program (Steve Kornetzke, Robert W. Baird & Company, Inc.)

Administrator Bretl stated Walworth County has a bond allocation from the state and the state has informed the county if they were not going to use the bonding, the state would like the allocation back so they can offer the program to another county. This presentation is to allow municipalities the opportunity to use the bonding. He then introduced Steve Kornetzke who gave a detailed explanation of the program. He advised this is specific to energy saving projects and only for public tax-exempt entities. He noted the types of bonds available and the current interest rates. Administrator Bretl stated the county would probably turn the allocation back.

County Elections – process for filing, campaign financing, etc. (Kim Bushey, Walworth County Clerk)

Clerk Bushey informed those present of the deadlines for filing for election for local public offices. She then explained the background of the intergovernmental cooperation with regard to elections. This includes the publication of election notices, the original purchase of election equipment and their annual maintenance as well as the WisLine program available to elected officials. She emphasized the savings to local municipalities back in 2001 when the county board voted to purchase the election tabulation machines on a countywide basis. This allows the local clerks to transfer data electronically on one system.

Clerk Bushey noted there would be extra elections next year as it is the presidential election year. We have new laws in place as well as the redistricting year. One of the laws is the new Vote ID law requiring each voter to sign the poll book. Act 45 changes the presidential preference primary from February to April. Senate Bill 116 will move the September primary partisan election to the second week of August and that changes deadlines. There are changes in the absentee ballot returns, as ballots postmarked the day of the election will be accepted until Friday following the election. This will require clerks to work on Good Friday, as that is the Friday after the election. There are also recall elections, which will require recall primaries and recall elections possible.

She stated she cannot stress enough the need for training for clerks and for the election inspectors and the need for support from each municipality for that training. The county will support as much training as possible. Cecil Logterman thanked Clerk Bushey for her help with the Town of Darien's clerk. Wayne Redenius advise the Town's Association is giving a three-hour session on the election.

Administrator Bretl thanked Clerk Bushey for her presentation noting these changes will have costs involved. As municipalities set their tax levies he hopes they would think about these added expenses.

Administrator Bretl also announced the county is doing a presentation on serving on the county board. This is scheduled for November 11, 2011 and if anyone is interested or knows of someone who might be interested to call his office.

Adjournment

John Marra made a motion to adjourn with a second by Ken Monroe. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Bretl adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy C. Burwell, Secretary