

**Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, October 21, 2019**  
**Dodge County Administration Building**  
**Juneau, Wisconsin**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Russell Kottke, Chairman at 9:30 a.m.

**Attendance:**

See attached attendance sheet

**The requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law were met.**

**The agenda was approved** (motion 1<sup>st</sup> Marquette - 2<sup>nd</sup> Columbia)

**The minutes were approved** (motion 1<sup>st</sup> Marquette - 2<sup>nd</sup> Dodge)

**Legislative Report:** Joan Ballweg- (attached report)

- Speaker's Task force on Suicide Prevention has \$10,000 grants to assist with suicide prevention and Hopeline. Also, grant opportunities to train gun shop owners training on what to look for in terms of suicidal customers. Grants available for gun holding for people who might have suicidal ideation
- October is Manufacturing Month. Wisconsin has one of the highest employments in manufacturing than any other state. There is a program that allows high school to give credential for trades education
- CWD sampling in Green Lake and Marquette Counties
- See the report on the Transportation Budget update regarding the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP)

**Discussion on County Issues:**

WCA's report---- Highlights include:

- Assembly and Senate will meet in November
- 19 bills signed into law
- Governor called special session on gun violence November 7
- Continues to be a rift between executive and legislators. Delay in confirmation of cabinet appointments
- Supplemental Transportation budget -- the cut went to the schools—Money allocated to different sectors --- About 23 million in county budget, asked for an advisory panel, the panel will review all applications (about 20% of applications will get funded— applications due December 6)
- Highway safety bill still outstanding, Highway safety package, adding 30 minutes of education about the work zone traffic, highway flaggers could call in traffic citations similar to crossing guards and bus drivers.
- Bill on Special election costs

- Bill on a trucking weight limit on highways -- how will that affect county roads?
- Birth cost recovery- women on medicaid, the state could locate father to pay up to \$5,000. Governor eliminated recovery cost completely. DCF created an intact family rule where is a father was living with the mother, they could not recover costs from father.
- Driver of falling birth rates is a decrease in teenage pregnancy.

**Presentation Given by:** Nate Olson-Dodge County Land Resources and Parks on Dodge County Broadband Project---Joe Marsick (Handouts attached)

Broadband is high speed internet. Fed and State have a minimum standard for broadband. Importance of broadband really looks at economic development and all aspects of business. (see handout) Good access to high speed broadband is imperative. Attracts populations to live in communities with broadband. Quality of life increases with broadband. Dodge County created an ad hoc committee (public/private) to make recommendations to full county board. RFI to find out who might be willing to work with the group. Netwurx and Bertram communications were two communication companies willing to work together on this project.

Dodge County applied for a PSC (Public Service Commission) Broadband Expansion grant (dodge county put \$100,000 dollars two consecutive years) The two companies are also putting money in, in-kind donations (ie, land for towers, towns putting forth money) Jefferson County and Dodge work together on economic development under THRIVE and will apply under that umbrella to strengthen the application.

Right now there are 25 projects they are looking at. Looking at where to get access. This is something that should be done regionally and not just locally. This is something that should be looked at by everyone. Letters of support are important. Cross sector, business, nonprofit, towns, legislators, etc...)

Nate said this is the infrastructure of the future.

Joe Marsick talks about the history.

Meeting Discussion --

- Some counties are funding positions in Agriculture and 4-H development. Concern about Extension not being here in the future.
- Concern about libraries.
- Concern about WEA Trust, Group Health Trust, or State plan discussion about what others are using

**Next meeting:** November 18th, Marquette County

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. by order of the Chair**

Respectfully submitted,

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*Russell Kathe*