



Neighbors

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Intergovernmental Cooperation Council Survey

In April of this year, a survey was provided to ICC members to assist County staff in evaluating the ICC's effort and planning for future ICC meetings. The results of the eighteen (18) survey responses we received are provided on page 2 of this newsletter. Comments in the survey responses included, "Good exchange of ideas," "Great forum for sharing ideas," and, "Worth the effort; an opportunity to sound off and good way to get acquainted with our neighbors." The County Board approved of Walworth County continuing participation in the ICC. New cooperative agreements will be mailed out to all ICC members in the near future.

Highlight on County Municipalities

Town of Geneva Cooperative Agreement

Geneva Township forwarded a copy of its agreement with the City of Lake Geneva for stump grinding services. You can check out the agreement on the ICC web page under the "Cooperative Agreements" link. There is a link to the ICC web page from the County Board of Supervisors web page.

Following our discussion at the April 28, 2009 ICC meeting, the town of Geneva passed along the name of the tornado siren company used by the town: Jefferson Fire and Safety, Inc., 7617 Donna Drive, Middleton, WI 53562.

County Procurement Card Rebate

At the April 2009 ICC meeting, the county's purchasing manager, Peggy Watson, mentioned the topic of procurement cards. A procurement card is essentially a credit card used by government. Like some personal credit cards, purchases made using a procurement card can be eligible for a "cash back bonus." The county will receive a rebate of \$26,495.40 this year from J.P. Morgan Chase as a result of purchases we have made. In addition to qualifying the county for the rebate, the procurement card or "P-card" can simplify the accounts payable process. One example of that is the large-volume use of the P-card for the roadwork on County Highway ES. Another example is procurement of road salt, which the county pays for by use of our P-card. If you would like to learn more about the procurement card, call Peggy Watson in the County purchasing division at 262.741.7261.

County to Offer Training for Towns Officials

The county's Land Use and Resource Management Department is currently planning training sessions to be offered this fall. One training session will be specifically for town plan commissions; another session is being planned for local realtors, builders and contractors. The training is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2009. We will let you know the time for the meetings when they are set.

Next ICC Meeting

The next ICC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 6:00 PM.

ICC Survey Results

Below are the results of the survey that was provided to ICC members in April 2009. These survey responses will assist County staff in evaluating the ICC's effort and planning for future ICC meetings.

Meeting Attendance	No	Yes				Total Responses
February 26, 2008	6	12				18
May 27, 2008	4	14				18
August 26, 2008	6	12				18
November 25, 2008	5	13				18
January 27, 2009	6	12				18
April 28, 2009	4	14				18
Worth the time?	Yes	No				
	18	0	One comment: most of the time			18
Meeting time (6 PM)	Fine	Morning preferred	Afternoon preferred	Other		
	13	1	2	2		
Meeting date (4th Tuesday every month)	Convenient	Conflicted				
	17	1				18
Meeting length (90 minutes)	Fine	Shorter	Longer			
	17	1	0			18
Meeting frequency (quarterly)	18	0	0			18
Meeting location (County Government Center)	18	0	0			18
ICC Newsletter <i>Neighbors</i>	1 (poor)	2 (below average)	3 (average)	4 (above average)	5 (excellent)	
	0	0	6	5	5	16
			Note: Two survey responders did not read the newsletter.			
Meeting moderator (County Administrator)	Preferred	Would prefer elected official on ICC	No preference			
	16	1	1			18