

## **WCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Thursday, August 18, 2011

Jefferson Street Inn  
Wausau, WI

### **MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Buechel called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Alice Connors, Keith Langenhahn, Gus Wirth, Jr, Dick Koeppen, and Allen Buechel. **STAFF:** Mark D. O'Connell, Lyn Bradstreet, J. Michael Blaska, Jon Hochkammer, Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, and Ann Marie Austin.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by WIRTH, second by LANGENHAHN, to approve the minute of the May 5, 2011 Meeting and June 13, 2011 Teleconference Call. Motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Buechel commented on the State Budget now that the Budget is law. Counties survived the process as well as can be expected considering the deficit the state was facing. The NACo conference in Portland, Oregon was well attended with good information and good networking opportunities. The featured speakers Bob Woodruff and Aron Ralston were excellent. Bob Woodruff, ABC news correspondent, was seriously injured by a roadside bomb in Iraq and Aron Ralston, mountain climber, escaped death by severing his right forearm.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. O'Connell introduced the newest addition to the WCA staff, Anne Marie Austin. The Wisconsin Breakfast Caucus at the NACo Annual Conference and Legislative Exchange has not been well attended the last few years. WCA is considering other options such as caucusing with other states or having a reception in the afternoon. WCA provides vehicles for WCA Field Representatives Dave Dumke and Bill Korrer which is more cost effective since they accumulate so many miles. Both vehicles needed replacement. Since Dave Dumke retired a new vehicle was purchased for Bill Korrer. The President of the Wisconsin County Highway Association (WCHA) resigned due to the acrimony within the Association surrounding motion 352. Mr. O'Connell discussed the transportation issue with the Governor's office and had an exceptional meeting with Representative Robin Vos. The WCHA and WCA Legislative Associate Doug Parrot met with Transportation Secretary

Mark Gottlieb who resolved to bring all parties together to resolve issues with the legislature. The legislative staff received many positive comments for producing excellent budget papers and summaries. The Budget Repair Bill Consortium, sponsored by Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation and WCA, led by Phillips Borowski, continues to make progress in developing models of best practices to assist counties with personnel issues due to the elimination of collective bargaining.

**ASSOCIATION ISSUE:**

a. Report on WCA Constitution Committee: Michael Blaska updated the Committee on the progress of the WCA Constitution Committee. The proposed amendments will be considered at the Annual Business Meeting at the WCA Annual Conference in Wisconsin Dells. One of the amendments allows past presidents to serve on the WCA Board of Directors as ex-officio members without voting rights. Another provides an additional seat on the board of directors for counties with a population greater than 600,000.

**OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by WIRTH, second by KOEPPEN, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.