

WCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 24, 2011

Radisson Hotel La Crosse
La Crosse, WI

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: President Buechel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.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, and Jon Hochkammer. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Lee Holloway, Milwaukee County Board Chair and Kelly Bablitch, Milwaukee County Intergovernmental Relations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by WIRTH, second by CONNORS, to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Buechel attended the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. The breakout sessions, presenters and speakers were all very good. A military psychologist spoke about the problems facing returning military personnel. The WCA Breakfast Caucus was well attended. Three of Wisconsin's congressmen joined the breakfast and spoke to the delegates. All-in-all it was a great experience.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mark O'Connell talked about his recent presentations to both Waupaca and Barron counties. A lot of activity in Madison over the past couple months. The Budget Repair Bill (BRB) will not be published on March 25, 2011 due to a pending court case. The legislature will make substantial changes to the Governor's Budget, such as restoring recycling. The Budget addresses about 90% of the structural deficit. Joint Finance is likely to make most of the changes after May 25 when revenue estimates are due. John Reinemann will provide more information on the Budget tomorrow. J. Michael Blaska reported on the progress of the WCA Constitution Committee. The Committee did not support an amendment giving past presidents an automatic seat on the Board of Directors. Currently five of seven that are eligible already serve on the Board and they felt adding the amendment could have the potential of substantially increasing the size of the Board. The Committee supported the current language allowing three of the five constitutional officers to serve on the Board. The

Committee decided to wait until the census numbers were available before taking action on additional board seats for populous counties. Milwaukee county distributed a letter requesting the following action: provide one board seat for every 300,000 in population; provide Milwaukee County with a seat on the executive committee and create a steering committee to examine WCA hiring practices and recommend appropriate policies to promote workplace diversity.

ASSOCIATION ISSUES:

a. Consideration of 2011 WCA Conference Theme/Program Ideas: Motion by LANGENHAHN, second by KOEPPEN, to approve the Conference Theme “Addressing Challenge with Innovation” and direct WCA staff to find speakers for twenty program time slots. Motion to amend by WIRTH, second by CONNORS, to add a program on Interoperability. Motion to amend carried. Motion as amended carried.

b. Consideration of Employee Compensation and Benefits: Motion by CONNORS, second by KOEPPEN, to convene into closed session under s. 1985(1)(c) to discuss personnel issues. The roll was called: Alice Connors aye; Keith Langenhahn aye; Gus Wirth, Jr., aye; Dick Koeppen aye; and Allen Buechel aye. There were five ayes, zero nays, motion carried.

Motion by KOEPPEN, second by LANGENHAHN, to convene into open session. The roll was called: Alice Connors aye; Keith Langenhahn aye; Gus Wirth, Jr., aye; Dick Koeppen aye; and Allen Buechel aye. There were five ayes, zero nays, motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by CONNORS, second by KOEPPEN, to adjourn. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.