

Specialist Biographical Information



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Programming Areas

- General topics of local governance
- Local government finance and budgeting
- Topics of current interest

Audience and Partners

- Local government officials and their associations (Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin Towns Association, League of Wisconsin Municipalities)
- County UWEX educators
- Wisconsin Department of Revenue and the Internal Revenue Service
- Other state agencies (Department of Administration, Legislative Fiscal Bureau, Department of Natural Resources)
- Nonprofit associations (i.e., Wisconsin Taxpayer Alliance)

Team Membership

- Local Government – Local Government & Finance
- Criminal Justice Team

Educational Resources

Publications

- 2007, "[Frequently Asked Questions About Fire Departments](#)," Kate Lawton for 2007 Town Official Workshops.
- 2011, "The Annual Town Budget," and "Statutory Requirements for

Municipal Budgets,” and “Capital Improvement Planning,” by Kate Lawton.

- 2010, “[Basic Review of the Property Tax](#),” by Kate Lawton.
- 2005, “[Property Tax Timeline](#),” by Kate Lawton and Sonia Dubielzig.
- Annual [County Sales Tax Updates](#).
- Annual Update of the [GREAT software](#).

Workshops, Wislines and Other Programs

- Annual [Fall Budget and Finance workshops](#) for town and village officials.
- [New Officials Spring Workshops](#) (town officials in odd-numbered years and county officials in even-numbered years).
- [Current Issues Affecting Local Government Officials WisLine](#) annual series (includes certified training for board of review members).
- Specific presentations to local government officials with county faculty and at local government conferences.

Online Tools

- “[Conducting the Annual Board of Review](#)” online program. Participants must register and pay for the program.
- All programs from the [Current Issues WisLine](#) series are audio-streamed and available online.
- [GREAT](#) (Graphing Revenues, Expenditures and Taxes) software currently in CD format and available at all county offices.
- [GREAT Mapping](#) software, developed by Matt Kures, is available for download from the Local Government Center website.

Research and Outreach

- I am currently working with county faculty and external partners in the Criminal Justice system to fashion an [online resource](#), community dialogue forums, and county workshops on the CJ system.