



*Developing
leaders
for today
and tomorrow*

Session 4 – County Government

Location: Waupaca County Courthouse
811 Harding Street
Waupaca, WI 54981 Phone: 715-258-6230 (UWEX)
Room 42 – Lower Level of Courthouse

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2007 - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Session Objectives:

- Increased knowledge of various county department functions/responsibilities
- Increased ability to interview and give a short, informative presentation
- Tour of courthouse and law enforcement center
- Increased ability to develop a vision of the future

Agenda:

- 8:00 - 8:05am: **Welcome** – Lisa Witkowski, Moderator
- 8:05 - 8:15am: **Welcome to the Courthouse and County Government** – County Board Chair Dick Koeppen
- 8:15 – 8:25am: **Introduction to Session 4**
 - **Review of November Session** – Mike Koles
 - **Distribute Press Release** - Mike Koles
- 8:25 – 8:40am: **Reading Material Roundtable** – Mark Sether

- **8:40 – 8:50am: It's your life Interviews – In Depth**
Bill Zeinert and Kokie Larson
- **9:00 - 9:45am: Participant Interview of County Departments**
- [County Clerk, Mary Robbins – Jan Young](#)
- County Treasurer/Land Information Officer, Clyde Tellock – Mary Jane Baehman
- Register of Deeds, Mike Mazemke – Jan Rademacher
- Zoning Administrator, Dave Rosenfeldt - Jake Wagner
- UW - Extension Department Head, Connie Abert – Tera Holtz
- Corporation Counsel, Jeff Siewert – Bill Zeinert
- District Attorney, John Schneider – Trinitie Wilke
(John will most likely be assisted by one of his assistant DAs)
- Clerk of Courts, Terrie Tews-Liebe – Ann Klemp
- Chief Deputy of Sheriff's Department, Al Kraeger – Kokie Larson
(replaces Sheriff Brad Hardel)
- Highway Commissioner, Dean Steingraber – Suzanne Wozniak
- Personnel Director, Mandy Welch – David Tichinel
- Finance Director, Jim Bernhagen – Andrew Hintz
- Judge Ray Huber and Judge's Asst. Debby Berndt – Mark Sether, Jodilynn Zilmer
- County Board Chair, Dick Koeppen – Louie Clark
- Land and Water Conservation Director, Bruce Bushweiler – Amy Barker
- Solid Waste/Recycling/Parks, Roger Holman – Lisa Witkowski, Ginger Miller
- **9:45 - 10:00am: Break and Presentation Preparation**

10:00am – 12:00pm: Class Project Work

- **Step 1:** Class Project Clarification and Sign Up (as needed)
 - **Step 2:** To date, you have **G**enerated and **O**rganized issues and opportunities and **S**electd (via voting) priority topics to address. Each topic contains multiple issues and opportunities. In order to be an effective team you might find it necessary to narrow the list and focus on the specific issue/s and/or opportunity/ies within your topic area that you would like to address.
 - **Step 3:** Once you've narrowed and focused (if needed), your team will be asked to develop a "vision of the future". To "facilitate" this (remember in Latin this means make easier), we will have an educational session on visioning.
- **12:00 - 12:45pm: Lunch and Presentation Preparation**
 - **12:45 - 2:30pm: Report on County Department Responsibilities (2 to 4 minutes for each presentation)** – Participants report to other class participants and County Department Heads who are available to listen (for those of you who have an interview partner, I would prefer you each do a presentation)
 - **2:30 to 4:00pm: Tour of County Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center –** Maintenance Director, Leighton Trice and Chief Sherriff's Deputy, Al Kraeger (The class will be split into two groups and each will take a 45 minute tour and then switch. ***The switch will take place in the basement of the courthouse in the hallway of the Room LL42 area***)
 - **4:15pm: Preparation for Madison, Open Discussion, Evaluation and Adjournment – Mike Koles**

Reading Material List

- Introduction to Waupaca County Government
- UWEX Fact Sheet "County Government in Wisconsin"
- Excerpt from Chapter 5 of "The Leadership Challenge", by James Kouzes and Barry Posner, 2002.
- "Wisconsin at the Crossroads: How tough times, changing demographics and political gridlock are threatening Wisconsin's future", Wisconsin Way, Summer 2007
- Wisconsin Counties Association 2007-2009 Biennial Budget Analysis **pages 1 and 2 on levy limits**

OPTIONAL READING

- "County Government: History, Services, Funding", Wisconsin Counties Association (There is a lot of duplication of the UWEX Fact Sheet and Introduction to Waupaca County Government, but it does have more detail on some topics for those so inclined)

- Wisconsin Counties Association 2007-2009 Biennial Budget Analysis **all pages except 1 and 2 on levy limits**
(For those that want to understand the impact of the state budget on counties in detail, I encourage you to read the full document. I do want you to read the first section on levy limits as these have a gargantuan impact on county government)

Next Session:

- **Wednesday, January 9 (leave Waupaca County Courthouse at 12:00 PM and Thursday, January 10, 2008 (arrive back at Waupaca County Courthouse at about 6:30 p.m.)**
- **Session will be held in the Wisconsin State Capitol**

Sessions 4 and 5 Responsibilities

Session 4 Press Release Writer – David Tichinel

Session 5 Reading Material Reviewer – Jodilynn Zillmer

Session 5 Moderators – Louie Clark and Ginger Miller