

Intergovernmental Cooperative Council Minutes  
January 18, 2011

\*Meeting was moved temporarily to Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center and the new meeting time is now 7:30 a.m.

Present:       Dr. Brenda Dietrich (USD 437)  
                  Norton Bonaparte (City of Topeka)  
                  Rich Davis (MTAA)  
                  Mike Wilson (MTAA)  
                  Dr. Cynthia Hornberger (W.U.)  
                  Dr. Rob Balsters (Seaman)  
                  Dr. Ned Nusbaum (501)  
                  Tammy Austin (501)  
                  Commissioner Ted Ensly (SN County)  
                  Commissioner Shelly Buhler (SN County)  
                  Rusty Doty (Shawnee Heights)  
                  Gina Milsap (TSCPL)  
                  Michelle Henry (TSCPL)

It was mutually determined by the group present that the new meeting time will be 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. and we will meet in the Vogel Room at Washburn University. \$100/organization will be invoiced for breakfast.

The next meeting date is Feb. 15, 2011.

**Agreement:**

The current ICC Agreement was reviewed and discussed. Several changes were suggested and will be incorporated into a draft document that will be e-mailed to the current Council for feedback. It will also be reviewed by USD 437 Board attorney. Invitations to join the ICC will be extended to the 12 Townships in Shawnee County and Kaw Valley School District. The intent is to have a draft document that has been reviewed by all for the next ICC meeting in February.

\*The rotation cycle for chairing the ICC is attached to these minutes.

\*We have discovered a letter from Soldier Township Fire Department, dated June 26, 2009, stating their board voted not to renew the ICC Membership for 2009. Dr. Dietrich will contact them again and ask if that is still their intent.

**Discussion Items:**

**We will do some research** on how we can show the value of our particular services to the community. Some may not know the current service levels and may not understand that without sufficient revenue, core services will decline. We need to find ways to clearly show the hard data that will support the fact that all of the taxing entities are doing a good job with our

patron's tax dollars. This is a continuation of the "Return on Investment" discussion from previous meetings.

**Data to research:**

- Any seminal studies on the role of each taxing entity in economic development? Gina distributed "Taxpayer Return on Investment in Florida Public Libraries" and described the value calculator on the library web-site.  
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- How do we impact the local economy? Perhaps we could look at:
  - Vendors you do business with in Shawnee County and the dollars spent.
  - Payroll...the dollars that stay in Shawnee County
- What are the intangibles?
  - Quality of Life
  - Cultural Impact
  - ??? Anything else?
- Need to agree on the assumptions we are using

**Communicating the information:**

- a. Need to remember the audience....What will make the information important to them?
- b. All data must be accurate.
- c. Media Event focusing on ICC (working together) and the return Shawnee County receives for their tax dollars.
- d. Already a connection with Heartland Visioning and the Governmental Relations Sub-Committee (Commissioner Buhler)
- e. Editorial Board meeting