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Intergovernmental Cooperation Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 9, 2026
1:20 p.m. or directly after the Executive Council of the MMSD

City of Franklin
Franklin Public Library
9151 W. Loomis Road
Franklin, Wisconsin 53132

Members Present:

Dan Besson, Village of Hales Corners
Dan Bukiewicz, City of Oak Creek
John Stalewski, Village of West Milwaukee
Bryan Kennedy, City of Glendale
Dan Devine, City of West Allis
Dennis McBride, City of Wauwatosa
Wanda Montgomery, Village of Brown Deer
Mike Neitzke, City of Greenfield
Mike Hawes, Village of Greendale
Rebecca Ewald, Village of Shorewood
John Nelson, City of Franklin
Eido Walny, Village of Bayside
Jordan Primakow, City of Milwaukee
Jeremy Lucas, Milwaukee County

Excused:

Ken Tutaj, City of St. Francis
Christopher Noyes, Village of River Hills
Ken Jankowski, City of Cudahy
Christine Symchych, Village of Fox Point
Ann McCullough McKaig, Village of Shorewood
Jason Cyborowski, Village of Greendale
Jim Shelenske, City of South Milwaukee
Cavalier Johnson, City of Milwaukee
David Crowley, Milwaukee County

Guests Present:

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Andy Pederson, Village of Bayside
Kevin Shafer, MMSD
Jeff Stone, Kapur
Millie Coby, Employ Milwaukee
Karen Sparapani, MADACC
Patti Logsdon, Milwaukee County Supervisor
Charles Benson, WTMJ
Nick DeMarsh, Wisconsin Forward Together
Chris McGowen, Milwaukee County OEM
Kelly Hersh, City of Franklin
Diane Tsounis, Milwaukee County
Robert Whitaker, North Shore Fire
Charles Benson, TMJ4
Tim Vetscher, TMJ4
Tom Konieczka, Greenfield Fire
Michelle Eichman, City of Franklin
Navil Salous, City of Franklin
Danielle Brown, City of Franklin
Lauren Gottlieb, Franklin Health
Jo Chets, City of Franklin

I. Mayor Bukiewicz called the meeting to order at 1:18 pm.

II. Welcome to the City of Franklin

Mayor Nelson welcomed members to the City of Franklin. Lunch was provided by Crossroads Pizza which is in the oldest section of the city. The meeting room is named after Franklins third mayor who served from 1962-1970 and then again from 1976-1986. The library accepted \$250,000 for the community room and the entry way. At the dedication to the Library, the Fadrow family attended.

III. Approval of the January 12, 2026 meeting minutes.

It was moved by Mayor McBride, seconded by President Stalewski, to approve January 12, 2026 meeting minutes. All voted aye.

IV. Forward Together Wisconsin- Nick DeMarsh

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Nick DeMarsh presented the 2025 highlights from the FTW team. They collaborated with Green Homeowners United to make Wisconsin a leader in utilizing HOME and HEAR Funding. FTW Spring Direct Pay Tour highlights the Milwaukee Public Library and the Bayfield Rec Center. Milwaukee Public Schools are exploring Geothermal.

Direct Pay is a term used by the IRS as a new mechanism for tax-exempt entities investing in clean energy. It allows entities with no federal tax liability to make use of federal tax credits for the first time. Two direct pay examples include the City of Milwaukee MLK Library utilities Geothermal and Solar, with anticipated Direct Pay amount of \$500,000 plus. Also, Maplewood, Menasha School District with an anticipated pay of \$3-5 million.

The 2025 Reconciliation Bill dramatically changed clean energy tax credits. Other technologies were untouched and credits remained intact through 2023. These include battery storage and Geothermal. Full presentation is attached to these minutes.

V. **Social Media Policy Discussion – Mayor Nelson**

Mayor Nelson brought forward a discussion regarding social media policy and use in the municipalities. Mayor Nelson asked if member municipalities have social media policy. It was requested that any policies be forwarded to City Clerk Roeske for dissemination.

VI. **Gubernatorial Candidate Forum Discussion**

This item was moved to after item III. This is a recurring item through the event date. Charles Benson from WTMJ4 thanked the ICC for this opportunity to cover the upcoming Governor Forum.

He stated that a statewide debate is preferred and is the goal and the objective of the event. The proposed debate may be the most unique debate in states' history. WTMJ4 partner with Green Bay and other NBC affiliates in the State. They have ten reporters that cover just their own County. They would like to have all these reporters invite five to ten guests each and host a town hall style debate. Discussions would include talking about the issues at the county level. Charles advised he knew that the ICC had certain issues that would like to be brought forward at the forum. Mayor McBride agreed that the issues that Milwaukee County encounters may be the same as other counties in the State and that municipalities do not have the money to provide what is needed to residents on their own. The question posed to the State is how will the municipalities provide services to the constituents. Mayor McBride added that school

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districts are also unfunded. It was discussed that the ICC will produce concept of form along with WTMJ4. The forum will include the Governor contestants that will be moving to the November General Election.

TMJ4 is not getting paid for the event. WUWM has space for the estimated 500-600 seats needed to host. WUWM advised that the venue is within the ICC's approved budget for the event. Mayor Kennedy advised this was a unique event with broad investment.

News Director Tim Vetscher advised that they are happy to partner with ICC and WUWM while also partnering with all NBC affiliates in the state. Proposed logistics for the event would be a Monday through Friday day of the week, for one hour, between 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Next steps will include the ICC committee meeting and hopefully securing a potential agreement sometime in March.

VII. Treasurer Report

President Besson provided the balances of the accounts. The State has a total of \$308,751.53. TriCity accounts hold \$22,262.00 and \$1,163.42. Please remember to pay the 2026 ICC Dues for membership for your municipality.

VIII. Review the contracts of shared services between Milwaukee County and the municipalities (recurring item)

None.

IX. Discussion and decision(s) regarding pending legislation which may have an impact on the ICC communities (recurring item)

Jordan Primakow advised the Assembly is done for the rest of the year starting the 18th of February. The Senate will be wrapping up in the middle of March. Housing packages will be of interest to communities, including WEC loans. President Besson noted there was a proposal in the Assembly to change zoning restrictions, it did not pass however the Senate is looking at it. Mayor Neitzke advised the Senate passed SB467 which requires any new wheel tax proposal to go to referendum during any regularly scheduled election.

X. Updates from the members of the ICC regarding subjects listed below:

1. MADACC (Director Sparapani, Mayor Neitzke)

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Director Sparapani advised that they did find a new veterinarian. There will be three upcoming vaccine clinics. MADACC portion of the audit is complete. Attendance at board meetings is very low and they are struggling to maintain a quorum. The next meeting is April 21, 2026, at 1:30 pm.

2. EMS (President Besson, President Montgomery)

No report.

3. Lakefront Development Commission (Mayor Bukiewicz, John Stalewski)

No report.

4. Community Development Block Grant (Diane Tsounis)

No report.

5. Land Information Council (Mayor Neitzke)

Mayor Neitzke had shared a large amount of information via email with the ICC members.

6. County Emergency Management & Communications (Director Libal)

This morning, Wisconsin Emergency Management notified OEM that FEMA reviewed and confirmed that the denial appeal was upheld for the August flooding. OEM is anticipating still having access to Wisconsin Disaster Fund. Information on the fund was sent to municipalities Emergency Management directors.

7. Employ Milwaukee (City of Milwaukee)

Millie advised the Earn and Learn worksite application is now open. They are pushing for five hundred more youth this year. ServeMKE is a no cost labor program in the hospitality industry. New location is wonderful and they have moved in and are getting settled.

8. Legislative Update – Jeremy Lucas/Jordan Primakow

No report.

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9. **Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee** (President Ann McCullough
McKaig)
No report.

XI. Roundtable

Bayside- Last Monday the new Northshore library opened after six years of effort. The library sees approximately 600-700 people a day. March 14th at 2:00 pm is the official ribbon cutting, invitations are forthcoming. The next ICC meeting will be hosted in the library.

Brown Deer- President Montgomery advised they will be hosting the 3rd Annual Black History month program on February 17th. They will be recognizing three African American history makers in the village. They have partnered with the school district so the children will be involved as well as the community. They will close out with a soul food meal.

Channel 12 did a story on the mail delivery in Brown Deer. For two to two and half week's residents were not getting mail. Last year USPS did a review and reduced the Village mail routes from 33 to 27 routes.

Cudahy- No report.

Fox Point-

Franklin- No report.

Glendale- Mayor Kennedy authored a piece on debt service and will forward to City Clerk Roeske to share with members.

Greendale- No report.

Greenfield- No report.

Hales Corners- No report.

Milwaukee- SistaStrings from the City of Milwaukee accompanied Brandi Carlile at the Superbowl.

Milwaukee County- No report.

Oak Creek – Looking at many proposals for new business in the city and they are being very selective.

River Hills- No report.

St. Francis- No report.

Shorewood- No report.

South Milwaukee- No report.

Wauwatosa – Wauwatosa will be having their Black History celebration at the Wauwatosa Civic Center on February 19th at 6:00 pm.

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West Milwaukee – There will be a town hall on February 19th hosted by Representative Prado and Senator Carpenter at the West Milwaukee Community Center.

West Allis – No report.

Whitefish Bay – No report.

XII. Items for Future Meetings

City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County Clerk Discussion- March 2026
Monthly Gubernatorial Candidate Forum update

XIII. Schedule Future Meeting – Next meeting March 9, 2026 Village of Bayside

XIV. Adjournment

Mayor Devine moved, seconded by Mayor Kennedy, to adjourn the ICC meeting of February 9, 2026 at 2:45 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Mayor Daniel Bukiewicz, secretary

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