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**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING  
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2010**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, July 15, 2010 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The County Clerk, Linda Stone, took roll call. 32 were present when Chair Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and those otherwise present, excused or absent are noted in the roll call detail:

<b>District</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
1	Richmond, Andrea	Present
2	Geary, Ralph	Present
3	Feehan, Bill	Excused
4	Johnson, Jai	Present
5	Konkel, Bradley	Present
6	Billings, Jill	Present
7	Plesha, Roger	Present
8	Freedland, Maureen	Present
9	Hampson, Sharon	Present
10	Wood, Margaret	Present
11	Kader, Audrey	Present
12	Flood, Bridget	Present, Excused at 08:50 PM
13	Brockmiller, Bill	Present
14	Medinger, John	Present
15	Mach, Beverly	Present
16	Sebranek, Gerald	Present
17	Meyer, Donald	Present
18	Johnson, Tara	Present
19	Keil, Robert	Present
20	Bina, Donald	Present
21	Manthei, Dennis	Present
22	Ebert, Ray	Present
23	Gamroth, Tammy	Present
24	Pfaff, Leon	Present
25	Schroeder, Jeffrey	Present
26	Burke, Vicki	Present
27	Pedretti, Marilyn	Present
28	Doyle, Steve	Present
29	Kruse, Monica	Present
30	Spiker, Charles	Present
31	Ferries, Dan	Present
32	Benrud, Arlene	Present
33	Berns, Jim	Excused
34	Wehrs, Tina	Present
35	Bilskemper, Joe	Excused

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT - STEVE DOYLE

- Moment of silence: Chair Doyle announced that past supervisor Jo Ann Scharpf had passed away recently, and all stood for a moment of silence.
- Picnic Update: Supervisor Sebranek gave a menu update on the County Board picnic to be held August 19<sup>th</sup> following the adjournment of the 9:00 a.m. Board meeting. The cost will be \$10 and supervisors were asked to notify and pay Supervisor Benrud, the County Clerk or Board Chair office.
- WCA Annual Conference: The deadline for registration is Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Supervisors will have to pay the late registration penalty fee after that. The Chair's office will also take care of hotel reservations. Supervisor Sebranek shared hotel information & fees and Chair Doyle noted that supervisors must pay the difference if they choose any of the more expensive accommodations. Chair Doyle noted that Supervisor Benrud shared information on making train reservations, which may be less expensive than taking one's personal vehicle.
- Employee I.D. Badges: Everyone needs to get an updated I.D. badge from the Personnel office. They can do so before or after committee meetings or the August County Board meeting or make other arrangements with Personnel if necessary.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
  - Europe: Supervisor Hampson did not have a conference report but she shared some interesting slides of various signage and policies that she encountered during her European vacation. One was the bicycle rental that is available with a card similar to a bus pass; the bicycles can be picked up and returned at various locations all over the city. Some signs were humorous such as "Don't Fall Off" and there was an interesting slide of a row of recycling bins out in the middle of nowhere.
  - County Fair: Supervisor Bina spent most of the day working at the La Crosse County Fair and encouraged everyone to attend and bring the family. There are no parking or entry fees, and the weather should be good the rest of the week.
  - ITBEC: Supervisor Benrud attended an ITBEC Conference at Lac du Flambeau. It was noted that we need to start using our own resources and we have many serious challenges such as the segregated transportation fund. There were several presentations including one from our representative Jim Ehram. There will be a trade conference in Ontario September 15-16. There is no cost to La Crosse County for either of these.
  - ITBEC: Supervisor Sebranek attended the same conference and reported on the speakers and other interesting aspects of the conference, including information on the many challenges government and taxpayers face, as well as some solutions, both current and future.
  - WCA Health Care Reform Seminar: Supervisor Freedland attended and learned there weren't too many answers because the regulations to the affordable health care act are still being written. There will be financial incentives to create model projects that reduce health care costs and grant money for employers providing disease prevention programs. We can expect government negotiations on employee health care to change, with employees being involved in health care cost savings.
  - Supervisor Burke, while also not a conference report, added information that could have been shared when the history of economic development was discussed at the Planning Meeting regarding Supervisor Kader's involvement in the early stages of that process.
  - COULEECAP: Grace Jones from Couleecap, Inc. gave an annual report to the Board. Each supervisor was given a report booklet so she spoke to other highlights. Couleecap services La Crosse, Monroe, Vernon and Crawford counties. In 2009 they served 16,174 families, or about 40,000 people; a couple of years ago it was only about 25,000 people so the need for their services has gone up radically. They raise all of their own funding with a staff of 79 employees; with the aid of stimulus funding they've created 22 jobs with

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benefits. In addition to staff they had 78,791 hours of volunteer labor. They had an \$8.5 million dollar budget last year; \$2.9 of that went directly to services in La Crosse. She thanked those Board members that have and do serve on their Board. As Chairperson of the new Family Policy Board she will be interacting with the Board on Human Service issues. In 2009 they started the Coulee Community Land Trust; there is currently one in Onalaska and they hope to have 15 by the end of this year. This project creates permanently affordable home ownership opportunities for families at 80% of county median income; a family of four earning up to \$50,800 would be eligible. Another new project is the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP); this involves properties already foreclosed on. After purchase they demolish & build or do a gut and rehabilitation to bring it up to neighborhood standards or better. There are nine NSP projects currently and three pending. They are also involved in a new construction project in the Village of Rockland working with Quality Hardwoods, the Village and the County to build workforce housing. They are hoping to pick up 16 of the 55 lots in phases, as they are still raising funds. They hope to be able to sell a three bedroom home for \$80,000. At the completion of the report, she responded to questions from the Board.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Motion by D. Meyer/J. Schroeder to go into closed session at 6:29 pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes Section 19.85 (1)(g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved **To Wit: Skipperliner Industries, Inc. Chapter 128 Business Liquidation** passed on a unanimous voice vote with 32 ayes and 3 excused - J. Bilskemper, J. Berns and B. Feehan.

**OPEN SESSION:** Motion by J. Medinger/R. Ebert to reconvene into open session at 6:57 P.M. passed on a unanimous voice vote with 32 ayes and 3 excused - J. Bilskemper, J. Berns and B. Feehan. Chair Doyle announced that only the item listed was discussed and no action was taken in closed session.

#### ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR GARY INGVALSON

- September Meeting Dates: Due to the Labor Day Holiday the Planning Meeting, Public Works and Infrastructure and any other affected meetings will need to reschedule. Hearing no strong objection, Chair Doyle rescheduled the September County Board Planning Meeting to Monday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. and asked that other affected meetings be scheduled around that change.

Cards and correspondence on bulletin board: WCA Educational Seminar "Parliamentary Procedure in Focus" on Monday, August 23, 2010 at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point from 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. Contact the Chair's office to register for that.

**CHAIR CHANGE:** First Vice Chair T. Johnson took the Chair.

#### **APPOINTMENT**

Motion by S. Doyle/D. Meyer to re-appoint **Marc Schultz** to the Joint Board Of Harbor Commissioners for a three year term to expire July 31, 2013 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 32 ayes and 3 excused - J. Bilskemper, J. Berns and B. Feehan.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by R. Plesha/G. Sebranek to approve the minutes of the County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting held June 17, 2010 and the claims list for \$10,896,729.12 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 32 ayes and 3 excused - J. Bilskemper, J. Berns and B. Feehan.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 812 FILED BY ERNEST M & JOAN M PADGETT TO OPERATE A CONTRACTOR'S BUSINESS ALONG WITH A STORAGE OF UTILITY**

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**TRAILERS; AND PARK A MOTOR COACH BUS ON OCCASIONS FOR CLEANING AND REPAIRS ON 0.75 ACRES OF LAND THAT IS ZONED AGRICULTURE DISTRICT "A" & RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT "A: IN THE TOWN OF CAMPBELL**

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered the application filed by: Ernest M & Joan M Padgett, 1711 Lakeshore Dr, La Crosse, WI 54603 and having held a public hearing on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010 to operate a contractor's business along with storage of utility trailers; and park a motor coach bus on occasions for cleaning and repair on 0.75 acres of land that is zoned Agriculture District "A" & Residential District "A" in the Town of Campbell on land described as follows: Part of Gov't Lot 9 in Section 19, T16N, R7W described in tax parcels 4-716-0 and 4-718-1. Town of Campbell. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats. and s. 17.36 Zoning Code: the Committee did publish and receive proof of a Class II notice of the hearing; did receive receipts of mailing of the notices to the affected Town Clerk(s); did hold a public hearing to hear testimony or correspondence from the people; and, did receive and consider action from the affected Town Board(s). The Committee and the affected Town Board(s), under s. 17.36(4), have the authority to approve the application with integral conditions or to disapprove of the application. Having considered the entire record the Committee's recommendation is to: Approve with 8 conditions. By unanimous vote, the Committee recommended approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 812 subject to the following 8 conditions:

1. Permit granted to operate a construction business with storage of up to three (3) utility trailers in total including any personal trailers.
2. No outside storage of construction materials or ladders.
3. No employee vehicles to be parked on site and no parking on County Road.
4. The utility trailers shall be screened with an appropriate fence or solid line of trees.
5. After-the-fact permits are required for any construction on the two (2) lots that have not been obtained by Mr. Padgett or previous owners.
6. The grass and grounds shall be maintained to not allow erosion, noxious weeds or long grass; and gravel shall be added to driveway where parking occurs.
7. All construction tools and trailers shall be reported yearly to the local assessor.
8. This permit is non-transferable.

Any deviation or alteration of the conditions set forth in this permit shall constitute a violation of the terms of this Conditional Use Permit and shall be subject to prosecution and penalties under the terms of this Ordinance. A new public hearing and permit must be granted to extend or alter any of the conditions set forth herein. **THE COUNTY BOARD** took the following action this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010: Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

**PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Motion by D. Meyer/D. Manthei to approve passed on a voice vote with 31 ayes, 1 nay - J. Billings, and 3 excused - J. Bilskemper, J. Berns and B. Feehan.

**ZONING PETITION NO. Z239-7/10 NO. 1844 FILED BY NATHAN & AMANDA TUCKER, OBO PHILLIP A FARRINGTON TO REZONE FROM EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO AGRICULTURE DISTRICT "A IN THE TOWN OF BURNS**

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 1844 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: Nathan & Amanda Tucker, N5908 County Road E, Bangor, WI 54614; OBO Phillip A Farrington, W1613 Farrington Rd, Bangor, WI 54614 and having held a public hearing on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010 to rezone from Exclusive Agriculture District to Agriculture District "A" the following described land in the Town of Burns. That part of the NE-NW of Section 16, T17N, R6W lying Northeasterly of the northeasterly right-of-way of County Road E. Town of Burns. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats.: the Committee did publish and receive proof of a Class II notice of the hearing; did receive receipts of mailing of the notices to the affected Town Clerk(s); did hold a public hearing to hear testimony and official correspondence; and, did receive and consider action from the affected Town Board(s). The Committee, under

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s. 59.69(5)(e)4, Wis. Stats., has the authority to approve the petition as submitted; to disapprove of the petition; or, to modify and approve the petition. Having considered the entire record the Committee's recommendation is to: Approve. By a unanimous vote, the Committee recommended approval of this rezoning to Agriculture District "A" pending the Town of Burns including this parcel in their Land Use Plan as residential use. (If this petition is approved as a conditional zoning, deed restrictions must be recorded before zoning takes effect.) **The County Board**, under s. 59.69(5)(e)5 Wis. Stats., has the authority to effectuate the petition by ordinance or to disapprove it. The County Board took the following action this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010: Approved the petition with conditions, becomes an ordinance after Town Board includes this parcel for residential use in the Land Use Plan.

**PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Motion by D. Meyer/B. Brockmiller to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 32 ayes and 3 excused - J. Bilskemper, J. Berns and B. Feehan.

**WITHDRAWN PERMIT:**

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 813 FILED BY SHELDON E EVERSON TO OPERATE A DUMPSTER ROLL OFF BUSINESS OPERATING WITH TWO (2) TRUCKS AND 20-40 DUMPSTERS, SIGNAGE, FOUR (4) EMPLOYEES & VEHICLES AT HIS RESIDENCE ON 2.76 ACRES OF LAND THAT IS ZONED AGRICULTURE DISTRICT "A" IN THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON

D. Meyer noted that this permit application was withdrawn by the applicant in Committee so it did not need to be acted upon by the Board.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 814 FILED BY JON BERGH, PRESIDENT OF WET COULEE KAYAKS, INC, OBO RICHARD E AND MARY L STORANDT TO OPERATE A KAYAK & CANOE CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS ON PART OF A 40 ACRE PARCEL ON LAND THAT IS ZONED EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF HAMILTON**

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered the application filed by: Jon Bergh, President of Wet Coulee Kayaks, Inc., 495 Old Cemetery Rd, Roberts, WI 54023; OBO Richard E & Mary L Storandt, 1600 Waterloo Ave., West Salem, WI 54669 and having held a public hearing on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010 to operate a kayak & canoe construction business on part of a 40 acre parcel covering an area 50-ft surrounding the existing 40-ft X 80-ft pole building, with the storage of one transport trailer on land that is zoned Exclusive Agriculture District in the Town of Hamilton on land described as follows: Part of the SW-SE of Section 14, T17N, R8W being an area 50-ft immediately adjacent to and surrounding the existing 40-ft X 80-ft pole building. Town of Hamilton. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats. and s. 17.36 Zoning Code: the Committee did publish and receive proof of a Class II notice of the hearing; did receive receipts of mailing of the notices to the affected Town Clerk(s); did hold a public hearing to hear testimony or correspondence from the people; and, did receive and consider action from the affected Town Board(s). The Committee and the affected Town Board(s), under s. 17.36(4), have the authority to approve the application with integral conditions or to disapprove of the application. Having considered the entire record the Committee's recommendation is to: Approve with 9 conditions. By unanimous vote, the Committee recommended approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 814 subject to the following 9 conditions:

1. Permit is granted to operate a Kayak and canoe business in an existing pole building at N6144 County Road C.
2. Off-street parking shall be maintained for up to 2 vehicles.
3. One transport trailer may be stored on site.
4. 2 employees allowed.
5. Hours of operation: Monday thru Friday: 8 AM – 5 PM & Saturday: 8 AM – Noon

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6. Carpenter tools and equipment shall be reported to the local assessor yearly.
7. One (1) 15 sq. ft. unlighted sign may be attached to building only.
8. A Zoning/Occupancy permit is required for the commercial use of the property.
9. This permit is non-transferable.

Any deviation or alteration of the conditions set forth in this permit shall constitute a violation of the terms of this Conditional Use Permit and shall be subject to prosecution and penalties under the terms of this Ordinance. A new public hearing and permit must be granted to extend or alter any of the conditions set forth herein.

**THE COUNTY BOARD** took the following action this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010: Approved subject to conditions as outlined

### **PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Motion by D. Meyer/D. Bina to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 32 ayes and 3 excused - J. Bilskemper, J. Berns and B. Feehan.

#### **REFERRED PETITION:**

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: ZONING PETITION NO. 1846 FILED BY MARY SCHEEL; OBO FOUR LOONS LLC TO REZONE FROM COMMERCIAL DISTRICT "B" WITH CONDITIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUMS TO COMMERCIAL DISTRICT "B" WITH NO CONDITIONS IN THE TOWN OF MEDARY

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 1846 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: Mary Scheel; OBO Four Loons LLC, 3549 Lakeshore Dr, La Crosse, WI 54603 and having held a public hearing on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010 to rezone from Commercial District "B" with conditions for residential condominiums pursuant to Zoning Petition No. 1779 to Commercial District "B" with no conditions the following described land in the Town(s) of Medary. Lot 2 of Certified Survey Map No. 90 Volume 14 and all of 16 Pines Condominium. Town of Medary. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats.: the Committee did publish and receive proof of a Class II notice of the hearing; did receive receipts of mailing of the notices to the affected Town Clerk(s); did hold a public hearing to hear testimony and official correspondence; and, did receive and consider action from the affected Town Board(s). The Committee, under s. 59.69(5)(e)4, Wis. Stats., has the authority to approve the petition as submitted; to disapprove of the petition; or, to modify and approve the petition. Having considered the entire record the Committee's recommendation is to: Approve. By unanimous vote, the Committee recommended approval of this rezoning to Commercial District "B" with no conditions. (If this petition is approved as a conditional zoning, deed restrictions must be recorded before zoning takes effect.)

Motion by D. Meyer/D. Bina to approve. Discussion ensued. Zoning, Planning and Land Information Director Jeff Bluske responded to questions from the Board. Motion by A. Richmond/M. Pedretti to refer the petition back to the Committee. Discussion on the referral ensued. Bluske responded to questions from the Board. The motion to refer back to committee passed on a roll call vote with 23 ayes, 9 nays - S. Doyle, R. Ebert, J. Medinger, J. Johnson, D. Meyer, D. Manthei, D. Bina, C. Spiker and B. Brockmiller, and 3 excused - J. Bilskemper, J. Berns and B. Feehan.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 21-7/10 RE: APPROVAL OF THE REPLAT OF SECOND ADDITION TO ROCKLAND CEMETERY**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Burns Board has caused to be re-platted the Second Addition to Rockland Cemetery located in the SW¼ - NW¼ of Section 36, Township 17 North, Range 5 West, Town of Burns; and, **WHEREAS**, pursuant to s. 157.07, Wis. Stats., the County Board of supervisors is required to approve said cemetery plat before it can be duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby approve the replat of Second Addition to Rockland Cemetery, Town of Burns, La Crosse County, Wisconsin. **FISCAL NOTE:** There is no fiscal impact to La Crosse County.

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Motion by D. Meyer/D. Bina to approve contingent upon Circuit Court approval of vacating the first plat. Discussion ensued. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote with 32 ayes and 3 excused - J. Bilskemper, J. Berns and B. Feehan.

**FIRST CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE**

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: ORDINANCE NO. 82 TO AMEND THE "FUTURE LAND USE MAP" INCORPORATED AS PART OF S.31.03(4) OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN. Motion by Meyer for the first reading and to hold over to next month. Discussion ensued. Planner Charlie Handy responded to questions from the Board. The ordinance was held over for 30 days and is on file and open for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk and on the La Crosse County web site at: www.co.la-crosse.wi.us. Upon adoption and publication it will be incorporated into the La Crosse County General Code of Ordinances.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-7/10 RE: ACKNOWLEDGE "THE BEST OF PUBLIC SERVICE"**

**WHEREAS**, the following employees have been a faithful part in providing "The Best of Public Service" to La Crosse County:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Kathleen A. Bjorge	Child Support Department	20+
Candice K. Hillary	Human Services – Clinical Department	36+
Dorothy C. Schmaltz	Health Department	18+
John J. McGivern	Lakeview Health Center	23+

**WHEREAS**, it is the wish of the County Board of Supervisors to acknowledge long and faithful service on behalf of the citizens of La Crosse County; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that a resolution extending our congratulations be recorded in La Crosse County Board Proceedings and a certificate of our actions be presented as an expression of our gratitude.

**COUNTY BOARD CHAIR; COUNTY CLERK**

Motion by T. Johnson/A. Richmond to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 32 ayes and 3 excused - J. Bilskemper, J. Berns and B. Feehan.

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-7/10 RE: AUTHORIZE FORMATION OF THE AD-HOC REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. s. 59.10(3)(b) sets forth the ground rules for counties in the State of Wisconsin for creating supervisory districts; and **WHEREAS**, the County Board shall "within 60 days after the population count by block, established in the decennial federal census of population, and maps showing the location and numbering of census blocks become available", but no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> following the year of each decennial census (July 1, 2011), propose a tentative county supervisory district plan setting forth the number of supervisory districts and tentative boundaries, hold a public hearing on the proposed plan and adopt a tentative plan; and **WHEREAS**, the formation of an ad-hoc redistricting committee will assist the County Board in complying with the requirements of federal and state law in creating the new supervisory districts; and, **WHEREAS**, it is proposed that the Ad-hoc Redistricting Committee consist of 12 members as follows: 7 County Board members and 3 citizen members appointed by the County Board Chair, the City of La Crosse Council President or her/his designee, and a representative from the League of Women Voters; and, **WHEREAS**, the Ad-hoc Redistricting Committee shall be responsible for creating a proposed supervisory district plan that complies with federal law principles governing state election-law requirements including the "one person, one vote" principle said to be embodied in the Equal Protection Clause of the United States Constitution; and, **WHEREAS**, as part of their responsibilities, the Ad-hoc Redistricting Committee shall make recommendations to the

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County Board as to the size of the Board and the boundaries of the supervisory districts and that such recommendations shall be subject to Board approval; and, **WHEREAS**, the Committee/County Board shall follow the requirements of Wis. Stats., notably s. 59.10(3)(b), when creating supervisory districts in La Crosse County:

- The proposed plan may be amended after the public hearing.
- The Board shall solicit suggestions from municipalities concerning the development of an appropriate plan.
- The Board shall "transmit to each municipal governing body in the county the tentative plan that is adopted."
- Each district shall consist of "whole wards or municipalities."
- Each district shall be "designated to be represented by one supervisor, and all districts shall be substantially equal in population."
- "In the tentative plan, the Board shall, whenever possible, place whole contiguous municipalities or contiguous parts of the same municipality within the same district."
- The Board is required then to hold another public hearing and adopt a final districting plan; and
- The Chairperson of the board shall file a certified copy of the final districting plan with the secretary of state.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby authorize the County Board Chair to form the Ad-hoc Redistricting Committee to consist of a total of 12 members including the following: 7 County Board members and 3 citizen members appointed by the County Board Chair, the City of La Crosse Council President or her/his designee, and a representative from the League of Women Voters. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Ad-hoc Redistricting Committee shall recommend to the County Board a proposed supervisory district plan that is in compliance with state and federal law regarding redistricting and that sets forth the number of supervisory districts and the boundaries of the districts and the plan shall be subject to approval by the County Board. **FISCAL NOTE:** No monies were appropriated for redistricting in the 2010 budget. Any costs needed for redistricting could be included in the 2011 budget or approved by the County Board at a later date.

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Motion by T. Johnson/J. Medinger to approve. Discussion ensued. Second Vice Chair J. Billings took the chair so Chair Doyle could engage in the discussion. Motion by R. Ebert/J. Schroeder to remove "and a representative from League of Woman Voters" from the Now Therefore Be It Resolved and change "3 citizen members" to "from 3 to 4 citizen members". Discussion on the amendment ensued. The amendment failed on a roll call vote with 26 nays, 6 ayes - R. Ebert, J. Schroeder, G. Sebranek, D. Manthei, D. Ferries and D. Bina and 3 excused - J. Bilskemper, J. Berns and B. Feehan. Discussion on the resolution continued. The resolution as presented passed on a unanimous roll call vote with 32 ayes and 3 excused - J. Bilskemper, J. Berns and B. Feehan.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-7/10 RE: APPROVAL OF SALE OF VACANT LOTS IN MEADOW PARK ESTATES**

**WHEREAS**, on June 4, 2010, judgment was entered in La Crosse County Circuit Court vesting La Crosse County with an estate in fee simple absolute in 55 vacant lots in Meadow Park Estates located in the Village of Rockland as a result of the action for foreclosure of tax liens by proceeding in rem pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 75.521; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has received real estate appraisals on the following described lots: Lots 4, 5, 13, 14 and 16 in Block 4 of Meadow Park Estates; Lots 1 and 2 in Block 5 of Meadow Park Estates; Lot 1 in Block 6 of Meadow Park Estates; and Lots 4, 5 and 7 in Block 8 of Meadow Park Estates; and, **WHEREAS**, each of the above described lots have a market value as of June 11, 2010 in the amount of \$17,000 as determined by the appraiser; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has advertised the sale of the above vacant lots by publication of a Class 3 Notice in the La Crosse Tribune as required by Wis. Stats. s. 75.69 for the sale of tax delinquent real estate; and, **WHEREAS**, the County may accept the bids most



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advantageous to it, but at the first attempt to sell the properties, every bid less than the appraised value of \$17,000 per lot shall be rejected; and, **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of La Crosse County to accept the highest bid for each lot, but any bid less than the appraised value of the property shall be rejected in accordance with the state statute. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair and/or the County Administrator is authorized to accept the highest bid that is most advantageous to La Crosse County for each of the above described vacant lots in Meadow Park Estates that have been advertised for sale by publication of a Class 3 Notice in the La Crosse Tribune, but every bid less than the appraised value of the property shall be rejected. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair and County Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to accomplish the sale of said properties, after approval by the Corporation Counsel. **FISCAL NOTE:** The revenue from the sale of tax delinquent property is first used to satisfy outstanding unpaid tax liens. The average amount of unpaid liens owed on each lot is as follows: real estate taxes - \$275.47; interest - \$1,094.26; penalties - \$547.36; and special assessments - \$14,548.62 = total average amount owed per lot - \$16,465.70. Any remaining revenue will be receipted into the current fiscal year in a new sale of county property revenue account in the economic development org 1061-56015.

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#### **PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

Motion by T. Johnson/B. Brockmiller to approve. Discussion ensued. Corporation Counsel Deputy Dave Lange, Finance Director Gary Ingvalson and Community Development Specialist responded to questions from the Board. The resolution passed on a unanimous voice vote with 32 ayes and 3 excused - J. Bilskemper, J. Berns and B. Feehan.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 25-7/10 RE: AUTHORIZATION TO FORM AD-HOC ASSESSMENT REFORM STUDY COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the WI Department of Revenue (DOR), through Secretary Roger Irving, proposes to change the current municipal assessment of real and personal property; and, **WHEREAS**, the DOR has studied and found valid concerns over local assessment and state equalization practices which warrant property assessment reform; and, **WHEREAS**, the DOR proposes recommendations that will benefit Wisconsin's taxpayers and generate trust again by implementing an annual full market value assessment, with cost savings by eliminating the equalization process; and, **WHEREAS**, additionally, the proposal will require the collection of data through assessment districts using advanced technology which will also reduce the costs of providing full value assessments every 5 to 6 years; as well as maximizing the purchasing power of municipalities to procure assessment services; and, **WHEREAS**, the DOR proposal was developed at many state-wide public hearings with input from all levels of government, members of the assessment industry and experts in property valuation. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors does hereby form an ad-hoc committee to collaborate with all towns, villages and cities in the County to further study cost savings, i.e. contracts vs. full time assessment district employees, placement and staffing of assessment district offices, certification, better training and overall improvement of the current assessment process using state certified assessment software. **FISCAL NOTE:** No County funds have been budgeted for this study. Any future costs would need to be approved by the County Board.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

T. Johnson yielded the floor to Supervisor R. Geary. Motion by R. Geary/V. Burke to approve. Discussion ensued. Zoning, Planning and Land Information Director Jeff Bluske responded to questions from the Board. The resolution passed on a roll call vote with 21 ayes, 11 nays - T. Wehrs, R. Keil, R. Ebert, L. Pfaff, J. Schroeder, J. Johnson, D. Meyer, D. Manthei, D. Ferries, D. Bina and C. Spiker and 3 excused - J. Bilskemper, J. Berns and B. Feehan.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 26-7/10 RE: APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Joint City/County Emergency Medical Services Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") was formed for the purpose of, among other things, establishing standards and contracting for emergency medical services in La Crosse County, reviewing provider performance, and reporting performance to the Commission and other municipal governmental entities; and **WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. s. 66.0301 provides that any city, village, town or county may authorize intergovernmental cooperation by contracting with other municipalities including a commission created under this section for the receipt or furnishing of services or the joint exercise of any power or duty required or authorized by law; and, **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Statutes authorize the governing body of any city, village, town or county to purchase, equip, operate and maintain ambulances and contract for ambulance service with one or more providers for conveyance of the sick or injured; and **WHEREAS**, the Commission on behalf of the County of La Crosse and the cities, villages, and towns located in La Crosse County has negotiated a fair and equitable agreement for emergency ambulance services with Tri-State Ambulance, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Tri-State") which provides for the conveyance of the sick or injured by Tri-State at no cost to the local taxpayers and also provides that the performance of Tri-State is subject to review by an Independent Oversight Entity with reports on the performance of Tri-State provided to the Commission on at least an annual basis; and, **WHEREAS**, it is the best interests of all citizens of La Crosse County that the County Board authorize acceptance of the Agreement for Emergency Ambulance Services for a continuous period of 5 years subject to the terms and conditions of that agreement. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby authorize acceptance of the Agreement for Emergency Ambulance Services between the Commission and Tri-State on behalf of La Crosse County. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby authorizes the County Board Chair to execute the Agreement on behalf of La Crosse County. **FISCAL NOTE:** The Agreement provides that Tri-State shall not receive any reimbursement or subsidy from the Commission. All charges for emergency ambulance service shall be billed directly by Tri-State to the user of such service. Tri-State shall retain all income for emergency ambulance services performed under this Agreement.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by T. Johnson/M. Wood to approve. Discussion ensued. Chair S. Doyle responded to questions from the board. The resolution passed on a roll call vote with 28 ayes, 2 nays - R. Ebert and D. Manthei, 2 abstentions - J. Johnson and A. Kader and 3 excused - J. Bilskemper, J. Berns and B. Feehan.

**RESOLUTION NO. 27-7/10 RE: APPROVAL OF HEALICS, INC. FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Health Department and the Personnel Department have worked with Bryan Jostad, County Purchasing Agent to review Health Risk Appraisals for staff; and, **WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent has received proposals from Gundersen/Lutheran, Skemp St. Francis, and Healics, Inc., and that Healics, Inc. is the only provider meeting the requirements of La Crosse County as to venipuncture blood draws, and has more years of experience; and, **WHEREAS**, Health Risk Appraisals of employees will allow early detection of medical issues to allow focus and attention on prevention and early cure; and, **WHEREAS**, Health Risk Appraisals are recognized in the nation as an effective cost containment program for health insurance programs and HRA's provide education and assistance to improve employee wellness; and, **WHEREAS**, Healics, Inc. is one of the largest professional groups providing HRA services to 70,000 employees in 2009, and is cost reasonable and responsive to the needs of the La Crosse County wellness program. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Healics, Inc of Menominee Falls, Wis is approved as an HRA provider and the Health Department and the Personnel Department are authorized and directed to implement a Health Risk Assessment program for County employees through Healics, Inc. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Personnel Director is authorized to sign the 2010 Fee

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Schedule attached hereto, acknowledging Healics, Inc. fees for the calendar year. **FISCAL NOTE:** The estimated first year cost is \$20,000 for which adequate funds have been budgeted in the Occupational Health budget. Actual cost will depend on how many employees take advantage of the program.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by T. Johnson/J. Billings to approve. Discussion ensued. Personnel Director Robert Taunt responded to questions from the Board. The resolution passed on a unanimous voice vote with 32 ayes, and 3 excused - J. Bilskemper, J. Berns and B. Feehan.

#### **FAILED RESOLUTION:**

**PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE: RE: PLACING ADVISORY REFERENDUM QUESTION ON NOVEMBER BALLOT**

WHEREAS, according to the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, over the past decade, the State of Wisconsin has transferred approximately \$1.2 billion from the state's segregated transportation fund to the state's general fund and replaced it with approximately \$800 million in General Obligation (GO) bonds. Thereby, reducing the amount available for transportation purposes by approximately \$400 million; and, WHEREAS, Wisconsin's practice of transferring money from the segregated transportation fund to the general fund has eroded the public's confidence that the "user fees" they pay through the state gasoline tax and vehicle registration fees will be used for their intended purpose; and, WHEREAS, Wisconsin's practice of replacing the dollars transferred from the state's segregated transportation fund with GO bonds puts our state in the precarious position of bonding to fund ongoing operations; and, WHEREAS, the Pew Center on the States recently released a report that included Wisconsin as having one of the ten worst budget situations in the country and specifically cited transferring money from the transportation fund to fund ongoing operations as an example of one of the practices that has put Wisconsin in such an untenable position; and, WHEREAS, the debt service for these bonds will have to be paid for out of the state's general fund which hinders its ability to fund other programs like Shared Revenue, Youth Aids, Community Aids and courts in the future; and, WHEREAS, using the state's general obligation (GO) bonds in this way has hurt the state's bond rating. A report issued by CNN in 2009 listed Wisconsin as having the second worst GO bond rating in the country; and, WHEREAS, gas tax and vehicle registration fees comprise over 90% of the state's segregated transportation account. Revenues from these two sources have been declining and are inadequate to meet the existing transportation needs in this state; and, WHEREAS, Wisconsin's transportation infrastructure is a fundamental component in its ability to attract and retain business and produce jobs; and, WHEREAS, the citizens of La Crosse County deserve the right to have their voices heard on this important issue; and, WHEREAS, providing constitutional protection much like our neighbors in Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan and Ohio already have is the only way to ensure that this practice will not continue. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby approve that the following question be put to the voters of La Crosse County in an advisory referendum during the November 2010 election: "Should the Wisconsin Constitution be amended to prohibit any further transfers or lapses from the segregated transportation fund?" BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is directed to cause a copy of the Notice of Referendum to be published in the county's official newspaper as required by law. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this resolution and a copy of the results of the advisory referendum to the Wisconsin Counties Association. **FISCAL NOTE:** The County Clerk estimates that the cost of including the above referendum on the November ballot will be \$3,000 to cover the cost of a larger ballot, the publication of the notice and staff time in the County Clerk's office.

Motion by C. Spiker/J. Schroeder to approve. Discussion ensued. Highway commissioner Dennis Osgood gave background on the resolution and responded to questions from the board. Motion by G. Sebranek/J. Medinger to call the question/close debate required two-third of members present and failed on a roll call vote with 19 ayes, 12 nays - T. Wehrs,

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T. Johnson, R. Geary, R. Ebert, M. Pedretti, M. Freedland, J. Schroeder, J. Johnson, J. Billings, C. Spiker, B. Mach and A. Benrud and 4 excused - J. Bilskemper, J. Berns, B. Flood and B. Feehan. Discussion continued. The resolution required two-thirds of the full Board and failed on a roll call vote with 22 ayes, 9 nays - V. Burke, T. Johnson, S. Hampson, S. Doyle, M. Wood, M. Kruse, J. Medinger, J. Billings and B. Mach and 4 excused - J. Bilskemper, J. Berns, B. Flood and B. Feehan.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by G. Sebranek/B. Brockmiller to adjourn at 9:19 p.m. passed on a unanimous voice vote with 31 ayes and 4 excused - J. Bilskemper, J. Berns, B. Flood and B. Feehan.

**STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE )**

**I, Linda Stone, La Crosse County Clerk, in and for the County of La Crosse, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Journal of Proceedings of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors at the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting held Thursday, July 15, 2010 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY 2010.**