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**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2010**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, June 17, 2010 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. Chair Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. The Deputy County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. All supervisors were present except as noted:

District	Name	Attendance
1	Richmond, Andrea	Present
2	Geary, Ralph	Present
3	Feehan, Bill	Present
4	Johnson, Jai	Present
5	Konkel, Bradley	Present
6	Billings, Jill	Present
7	Plesha, Roger	Present
8	Freedland, Maureen	Present
9	Hampson, Sharon	Excused
10	Wood, Margaret	Present
11	Kader, Audrey	Present
12	Flood, Bridget	Present
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 at 6:15 PM
30	Spiker, Charles	Present
31	Ferries, Dan	Present
32	Benrud, Arlene	Present
33	Berns, Jim	Present
34	Wehrs, Tina	Present
35	Bilskemper, Joe	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A) County Board Chair Report - Steve Doyle

- Chair Doyle noted the cheese and crackers is being provided by La Crosse County Dairy Promotions in recognition of June Dairy Month. Some dairy facts 2010 that they would like to have passed along: 1) La Crosse County has approximately 112 dairy herds with more than 9300 cows that produce an average of 17,000 pounds of milk per year per cow totaling more than 158 million pounds of milk; 2) Each dairy cow generates more than \$2,000 of direct income to producers and in turn \$15,000 - \$17,000 of economic activity locally; 3) It is estimated that agriculture provides more than 3500 jobs in La Crosse County alone with one-third from milk production and dairy processing; 4) La Crosse County milk producers and dairy industries contribute more than \$200 million to the county's economy and total agriculture contribution to La Crosse County is approx \$440 million; 5) Wisconsin's top commodity sold by dollar value is milk at more than \$4.5 billion annually and La Crosse County's top agricultural commodity is milk; 6) Nationally one farmer produces food for 155 people.
- This will be the last meeting for Human Services Director Jerry Huber. He will be missed and has been a great department head and deputy administrator. We all wish him well.
- COUNTY BOARD PICNIC UPDATE: Supervisor Benrud noted everything is progressing smoothly and a full menu with prices will be available at the next meeting. Chair Doyle also reminded supervisors that the August meeting will be in the morning instead of evening so note that on your calendars. The organizers need a count of who will be attending the picnic.
- WCA CONVENTION REGISTRATION: Anyone interested in attending in September needs to sign up as soon as possible with Margaret in the Chair's office; she will take care of the registration. It will cost more after the deadline, which is about mid-summer. La Crosse County has always had a good turnout for this convention.
- COUNTY E-NEWS: Interest has slowed down a little in the summer; about 200 people are receiving it right now. He is looking for contributions from any supervisor that is interested in writing an article from conferences that they have attended or issues they are dealing with in their committees.
- COUNTY BOARD PICTURE: Supervisor Plesha is able to take the picture whenever the board is ready. Chair Doyle suggested holding off until September when people are back from vacations and we can have a good turnout.
- SUPERVISOR CONFERENCE REPORTS:
 - Supervisor Brockmiller noted that the Legislative Committee met for the first time on June 7th. They decided that in addition to taking issues and recommendations from standing committees, they would be interested in hearing suggestions from members at large.
 - Supervisor Schroeder attended the WCA/WCHA summer conference in Wisconsin Dells and had a joint meeting with WCA Transportation and WCHA with most of it having to do with dollars. They talked about maintenance on rural roads and state highways and possible legislative efforts regarding increase of truck weight limits. There might be some emergency funding available through the State for roads that get beat up by overweight trucks. They also discussed legislative priorities for the next session and a resolution coming up next month regarding transfer of money out of the transportation fund. He also mentioned that this weekend is a big weekend for French Island with Island Days, Freedom Fest and the 4th Freedom Flight going out. Please join them if you can.
 - Supervisor Mach reported that she attended a couple of things regarding the Day in a Life on June 8th. She observed municipal court and they were dealing with children and several families; she noted that some of those situations are sad to observe but good to understand what is going on. She then toured the new Care Center on Mormon Coulee Rd. People working there are really enthused about what they are doing and they were very busy

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- on their first day open. A church was remodeled, and they seem to be happy with the way that it was put together; it should be a good asset.
- Supervisor Bina pointed out that the fair will be coming up the middle of next month; July 14th – 18th. There is a flyer in the entrance way of the Administrative Center side door for anyone that is interested. The RCD received a grant of \$265,000 for looking for emerald ash borers. They went to a spot along the river between Genoa and Victory and will be doing some harvesting. The ash borer is within 50 miles of Goose Island Park and with the right winds if the moths are out there, they may have a problem in the near future. You can treat trees individually but that can get costly. There is no corrective measure yet.
 - Supervisor Benrud attended the Wisconsin County Highway Association (WCHA) Summer Conference in Wisconsin Dells with Supervisor Schroeder. They had a motivational speaker on how to improve your attitude. They also had federal and state transportation legislative review on where we are at and what we can expect for Wisconsin. In 2009, Wisconsin ranked the worst in the country. We have more commitments than revenue. It will be a slow recovery as we need to maintain what we have. High speed rail is scheduled for 2013; they toured an ethanol plant and the new Juneau County Highway Department. She moderated a session with the DOT on signage; stop, yield, and speed signs that are replaced every 10 years.
 - Supervisor Sebranek reported that at the June Southwest ITBEC meeting they gave \$1,000 scholarship for nurses training. When you see the American Legion locomotive in parades and on trips, be it known that they charge a small fee and all the money goes to support student nurses. It's nice to know an organization supports this considering the shortage of nurses. Supervisor Benrud and Sebranek have been friends for 35 years and in that time he has seen her lobby in Washington and Madison many times on behalf of La Crosse County. She was recognized 4 years ago from La Crosse County with a plaque for her many efforts. She just returned from a week-long conference with WCHA, and is happy to announce that Supervisor Benrud is the first woman in 100 year history to chair that organization. She will serve as chair at their 100th year conference next year. Congratulations were given with a round of applause.
 - Supervisor Billings wanted to update the board on the Family Policy Board that met today; they are energized by the evolution of the board. Pending official appointments, the officers will be; Grace Jones from Coulee Cap as chair, Mike Desmond of the Boys and Girls Club as vice-chair, Jill Billings and Grace Jones as chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the Executive Committee. They are planning to have a retreat where they will set priorities; people are very excited about this and it will be a positive thing for La County and the Human Services Department.
 - Supervisor Wood attended a WALHDAB (Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards) Annual Conference in conjunction with WCHA in Middleton and the main information coming out of that is how health services are not supported very well in this state. Wisconsin ranked 49th or 50th and there is a resolution coming up regarding this. She was elected president elect for WALHDAB next year and will be president the year after that. Congratulations were given with a round of applause.

B) Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

- Administrator O'Malley acknowledged Jerry Huber, who will be leaving La Crosse County. After 12 years, the impact that Jerry has had on La Crosse County, State and Nation in Human Services is second to none in Administrator O'Malley's career. He has been a pleasure to work with and will be greatly missed. The supervisors responded with a standing ovation. Jerry Huber thanked them for the great party and card and spoke of some of the challenges that face him in New York. He

thanked his management team and said that credit needs to go to them. He is confident that Steve Doyle and Steve O'Malley, even with a tough budget ahead, will move La Crosse County forward.

- **PROCLAMATION JUNE 2010: PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES MONTH**

WHEREAS, the County Parks system and our Natural Resources are an integral part of the La Crosse County Community; and, **WHEREAS**, the quality of our Parks and Natural Resources provides safe and healthy places for residents and visitors to recreate and enjoy; and, **WHEREAS**, residents and visitors are encouraged to educate themselves and adopt responsible lifestyles that preserve the beauty and value of our Parks and Natural Resources; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County employees from the Facilities Department and the Department of Land Conservation serve to educate, protect, maintain and enhance the quality of our Parks and Natural Resources; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the Month of June 2010 as La Crosse County Parks and Natural Resources Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution made by County employees dedicated to the welfare of our Parks and Natural Resources for the benefit of our residents and visitors of La Crosse County.

OFFICE OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Motion by B. Brockmiller/J. Schroeder to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 34 ayes and 1 excused - S. Hampson.

- **FOLLOW UP TO COUNTY BOARD RETREAT:** He requested supervisors to fill out the evaluation form on their desk if they have one and give their feedback on what should be covered at the county board retreat and input regarding priorities for La Crosse County for the next two years. They should be turned in to Margaret in the Board Chair's office by the end of the month.
- **POLICY PLANNING MEETINGS:** Two of the major agenda items for July's meeting are following up on supervisor's requests: 1) overall report on history and role of county economic development efforts and 2) update and status report on landfill gas project and negotiations going on with the County and Gundersen Lutheran. The August meeting will have the annual comprehensive financial report from the auditors.
- **UPDATE ON BUDGET AND NEXT STEPS:** Administrator O'Malley gave a Powerpoint presentation on updates to the 2011 budget and budget issues. He noted that there still are no easy answers; the budget workshop will kick off next week. Top major budget challenges include an increase of 2.61% for 2010 and that is the lowest increase of past 11 years with no increase of operating levy. Most items were cut or held to 0%. In 2011 the last debt of LEC payment will be factored in and will cause 2.7% increase with no other increase of spending. State budget begins in July 2011 but we need to adopt a budget in November 2010. Therefore there are no means to determine where cuts will be until a new governor is elected. Economists are predicting a very difficult time for states and locals over the next 2 budget years and may delay recovery as budgets are balanced by major layoffs. The most complicated issue is that all counties are subject to a 3% levy freeze yet that would be insufficient to meet rising costs. The rate limit would force deeper cuts by not permitting this county to do the 3% levy if equalized value, the total value of property in the county, actually drops. The new governor's budget will not be submitted to the legislature until February 2011; we must adopt our budget in November 2010, on the calendar year. Given the history of budget challenges for the State of Wisconsin, what they generally do is backload imposed cuts and decreases on local governments (counties and cities) into the next year. State budget cuts are likely to have the greatest impact in 2012 and 2013. 21% of the county budget comes from property tax, 8% from solid waste revenue and the remaining 70% from fees and charges or State and Federal revenues. Future cuts should be tied to program area of the State/Federal cut. Three different parts of

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property tax levy include operating, library and debt levy, and each of those are divided into your total tax base to come up with a separate tax rate. La Crosse County property taxes are one of the lowest in the state. The average tax levy is \$41.09 million. That is 42% higher than La Crosse and \$12.1 million less property taxes per year. Cost Drivers for 2011 are increased service demand, limited revenue, across the board cuts cannot work with smallest departments, residential care in mental health, family and children remain highly volatile, Lakeview operating and capital costs, highway maintenance and capital needs, while investment interest and sales tax revenue are down. He will be asking supervisors for the top budget priorities they want us to look at as we go through the budget process.

VICE CHAIR T.JOHNSON TOOK THE CHAIR

APPOINTMENTS

Re-appoint **Chris Sander** to the Transportation Coordinating Committee for a three year term to expire June 30, 2013.

Re-appoint **Don Bina** to the Transportation Coordinating Committee for a three year term to expire June 30, 2013.

Re-appoint **Richard Running** to the Transportation Coordinating Committee for a three year term to expire June 30, 2013.

Re-appoint **Vicki Burke** to the Mississippi Regional Planning Commission for a six year term to expire July 15, 2016.

COUNTY BOARD CHAIR

Motion by S. Doyle/J. Medinger to approve the four appointments as presented passed on a unanimous voice vote with 34 ayes and 1 excused - S. Hampson.

CHAIR S. DOYLE RESUMED THE CHAIR

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by R. Plesha/G. Sebranek to approve the minutes of the County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting held May 10, 2010, as corrected and the Monthly Meeting held May 20, 2010, as corrected, and the Claims List for \$6,770,404.81 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 34 ayes and 1 Excused - S. Hampson.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-6/10 RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SHERIFF TO PURCHASE FINGERPRINT SYSTEM AND TO TRANSFER FUNDING FROM I.T. AND JAIL ASSESSMENTS UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE

WHEREAS, it is necessary to replace the fingerprint equipment/system in the Sheriff Department because the current vendor will no longer provide maintenance and support for the existing equipment; and, **WHEREAS**, two vendors submitted proposals in response to a request for proposal process; and, **WHEREAS**, the two proposals were evaluated by a team consisting of the Jail Administrator, two Jail Sergeants, three jailers, the I.T. VisionAir programmer, and the County Purchasing Manager; and, **WHEREAS**, the evaluation team selected ID Networks as the most advantageous vendor at a cost of \$36,840; and, **WHEREAS**, ID Networks has a successful history of integration with VisionAir, has 24 hour/7 day per week support service, and is currently used by other Wisconsin counties; and, **WHEREAS**, the I.T. Department is able to contribute \$9,000 for this purchase due to its integration with the VisionAir Software system; and, **WHEREAS**, Jail Assessment funds are applicable to cover the remaining cost of this purchase because the fingerprint equipment is used to process inmates into the jail. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that \$27,840 be transferred from the Jail Assessment Undesignated Fund Balance to the Sheriff Department for purchase of the fingerprinting system from ID Networks for \$36,840. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that \$9,000 be transferred from the I.T. Department budget to the Sheriff Department to complete the total funding required for this purchase. **FISCAL NOTE:** Jail Assessment Undesignated Fund balance is \$1,219,978 as of YE2009. Total

funding being transferred to Sheriff is \$36,840 as follows: \$9,000 will be transferred from I.T. account 1040-86026 to the Sheriff account 1120-86050. \$27,840 will be transferred from Jail Assessment Undesignated Fund balance to the Sheriff account 1120-86050.

**JUDICIARY AND LAW COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Supervisor T. Johnson yielded the floor to Supervisor V. Burke to read the resolution into the record. Motion by V. Burke/A. Kader to approve. Discussion ensued. Supervisor V. Burke spoke to the resolution and noted that this was to be purchased next year but the current vendor was unable to give the support that was necessary and the purchase needed to be made at this time. Purchasing Manager Bryan Jostad responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 34 ayes and 1 excused - S. Hampson.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-6/10 RE: AUTHORIZE LA CROSSE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WISCONSIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR CENTURYLINK
WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Community Development Block Grant for Economic Development Program, administered by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Commerce, for the purpose of economic development; and, **WHEREAS**, after a public hearing and due consideration, the La Crosse County Economic Development Fund Board recommends that an application be submitted to the State of Wisconsin for the following project: CenturyLink, Inc. - Working Capital; and, **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Board has reviewed the need for the proposed project and the benefits to be gained from CenturyLink consolidating a customer service center in the City of La Crosse thereby retaining 620 full-time positions and creating 20 new full-time positions in the City. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does approve and authorize the preparation and filling of an application for the above-named project; and the Board Chair is hereby authorized to sign all necessary documents on behalf of the County; and that authority is hereby granted to the La Crosse County Economic Development Fund, Inc. to take the necessary steps to prepare and file the appropriate application for funds under this program and administer the loan in accordance with the Department of Commerce loan conditions. **FISCAL NOTE:** \$4,506,000 would come from the State of Wisconsin, Community Development Block Grant for Economic Development (CDBG-ED) program to include \$6,000 for administration by the Economic Development Fund and a \$4,500,000 loan to CenturyLink. No local funds from either La Crosse County or the Economic Development Fund will be used as a part of the incentive package to CenturyLink. The loan repayment will be deferred until the forgiveness measurement date of December 31, 2014. For the portion not forgiven, the remaining loan balance of principal and accrued interest shall be due and payable.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND INC. BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by T. Johnson/V. Burke to approve. Discussion ensued. Corporation Counsel William Shepherd responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 34 ayes and 1 excused - S. Hampson.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-6/10 RE: SUPPORT FOR RESTORING FAIRNESS BY CORRECTING THE DISPARATE IMPACT OF THE TAX RATE LIMIT AT A TIME OF DECLINING PROPERTY VALUES

WHEREAS, Counties are subject to two separate levy constraints, the 3% "levy freeze cap" Wis Stats 66.0602 and the "tax levy rate limit" Wis Stats 59.605(2); and, **WHEREAS**, the "levy freeze cap" permits all Counties to increase the operating tax levy by up to 3%, and the "tax rate limit" establishes the 1992 operating levy rate for each County as the maximum ceiling, not permitting the County to exceed this 1992 rate unless approved by a referendum; and **WHEREAS**, the Operating Levy Tax Rate is a function of the Levy divided

by the Total Equalized Value, so that in a time of declining property values, some Counties will quickly reach the 1992 operating rate limit and would not be able to increase their operating tax levy by the 3% permitted for all Counties to meet the rising costs of underfunded mandated programs; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has the 15th lowest tax rate and 5th lowest Tax Levy per capita of all 72 Wisconsin Counties and has over \$2.25 million of unused tax levy authority under the levy freeze cap, yet would be unable to increase the operating tax levy by 3% if the Total Equalized Value declines by more than 2%, while other Counties with higher tax rates and a higher levy per capita would be permitted to increase their operating levy by up to 3%; and **WHEREAS**, using the 3% allowable increase of 66.0602 (1)(d) as the controlling factor to take precedence over the 1992 rate limit, could create a second option to a referendum for a County to exceed the 1992 rate limit, while still restricting the rise in a County tax levy so that all Counties would be permitted the same 3% limit. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors urge the Wisconsin Counties Association to support legislation in it's legislative platform to correct the disparate impact on some Wisconsin Counties of the tax rate limit at a time of declining property values by adding the following exception for a County to exceed the 1992 rate limit in addition to the referendum option: s. 59.605(3) TAX BASE: if a county's allowable levy under s. 66.0602 (1) (d) is greater than the allowable levy under s. 59.605(2) then the county is exempt from the limit under 59.0605(2) in that tax year, and the Department of Revenue shall modify the Operating Levy Rate for subsequent years to this new rate. **FISCAL NOTE:** If the Wisconsin Counties Association is successful in gaining this legislative change, all Counties would be subject to the same 3% limit, regardless of decline in property values because of the recession.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by T. Johnson/B. Brockmiller to approve. Discussion ensued. Administrator O'Malley responded to questions and comments from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a roll call vote with 27 ayes, 7 nays - R. Geary, R. Ebert, J. Schroeder, J. Bilskemper, J. Berns, B. Feehan and A. Richmond and 1 excused - S. Hampson.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-6/10 RE: APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT CONTRACT FOR \$219,400

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) created the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, including competitive local government grants; and, **WHEREAS**, the State Department of Commerce - Office of Energy Independence has approved \$219,400 of EECBG funding for La Crosse County to assist with three energy conservation projects: \$100,000 toward Solar Hot Water for the LEC addition, \$100,000 toward Solar Hot Water for Lakeview Health Center and \$19,400 toward the conversion of Rotary Lights to Light Emitting Diodes-LED technology; and, **WHEREAS**, the estimated cost for LEC addition Solar Hot Water is \$206,062, to be reduced by a Focus on Energy award of \$49,498, leaving a local match of \$56,564,; and,

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for Lakeview Health Center Solar Hot Water is \$164,624, to be reduced by a Focus on Energy award of \$24,975, leaving a local match of \$39,649; and,

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of Rotary Lights conversion to LED is \$129,697, to be reduced by a Focus on Energy award of \$4,000, leaving a local match of \$106,297 from all sources including \$19,400 County matching pledge; and, **WHEREAS**, Rotary Lights is a non-profit annual event produced by volunteers, soliciting food and funding for local food shelves and over 80 public service organizations during the holiday season, and the conversion to LED will reduce replacement expenses and energy costs by up to 90%, representing one of the largest community energy conservation demonstration projects in the region, while improving cost effectiveness for the benefit of those served. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board approves acceptance of the EECBG contract for \$219,400, and authorizes the Board Chair to sign the documents upon approval of the Corporation Counsel, and that staff are directed to seek contractor bids for the two Solar Hot Water systems to present to the County Board for consideration.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County pledge of \$19,400 is contingent upon a matching pledge by the City of La Crosse for \$19,400 toward the Rotary Lights conversion to LED. **FISCAL NOTE:** The LEC construction project allocates up to \$150,000 for Solar Hot Water, the Lakeview capital budget has funding available due to savings in the cost of the Nurse Call system bids, and the Sustainability Budget Org #6529 line 79243 budget has a total of \$25,000 available for Special Energy Project.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by T. Johnson/J. Billings to approve. Supervisor T. Johnson retained the floor and made a motion to divide the vote into 3 parts; \$100,000 toward LEC addition Solar Hot water, \$100,000 toward Solar Hot Water for Lakeview Health Center and \$19,400 toward the conversion of Rotary Lights to Light Emitting Diodes-LED technology. Motion by T. Johnson/R. Ebert to divide the question was not debatable and passed on a roll call vote with 18 ayes, 16 nays – A. Benrud, D. Bina, V. Burke, S. Doyle, B. Flood, J. Johnson, A. Kader, R. Keil, M. Kruse, J. Medinger, D. Meyer, M. Pedretti, L. Pfaff, R. Plesha, C. Spiker, M. Wood and 1 excused – S. Hampson. Chair Doyle opened the floor for discussion on the solar hot water for the LEC (Law Enforcement Center) addition. Discussion ensued. Facilities Director Jim Speropulos responded to questions from the board. The motion to approve \$100,000 of the Conservation Block Grant toward solar hot water for the LEC addition passed on a unanimous voice vote with 34 ayes and 1 excused – S. Hampson. Chair Doyle then opened the floor for discussion or questions on the solar hot water for Lakeview. Seeing none, he called for the vote. The motion to approve \$100,000 of the Conservation Block Grant toward solar hot water for Lakeview Health Center passed on a unanimous voice vote with 34 ayes and 1 excused – S. Hampson. Chair Doyle then opened the floor for discussion on the conversion of Rotary Lights to LED technology. Discussion ensued. Administrator O'Malley responded to questions and comments from the board. The motion to approve \$19,400 toward the conversion of Rotary Lights to LED technology contingent upon a matching pledge by the City of La Crosse as stated in the resolution passed on a roll call vote with 27 ayes, 7 nays - R. Ebert, M. Freedland, J. Medinger, J. Berns, D. Manthei, D. Ferries and B. Feehan and 1 excused - S. Hampson.

ZONING PETITION NO. Z234-6/10 NO. 1841 FILED BY: THOMAS A CERESA ACTING IN BEHALF OF MAPLE GROVE COUNTRY CLUB, INC, CRAIG S. REEDY, AND RONALD HOUSER, C/O KENT D AND DELANE D SPARLAND TO REZONE PARCEL 1 FROM RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT "C" TO COMMERCIAL DISTRICT "B", AND PARCEL 2 FROM RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT "A" TO AGRICULTURE DISTRICT "B", IN THE TOWN OF HAMILTON

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 1841 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: Thomas A Ceresa, W4127 Ceresa Dr, West Salem, WI 54669; acting in behalf Of Maple Grove Country Club, Inc, W4142 County Road B, West Salem, WI 54669; Craig S. Reedy, N4042 County Road M, West Salem, WI 54669; and Ronald Houser, 874 Country Club Ln, Onalaska, WI 54650; Ceresa Drive Homeowners Association, c/o Kent D & Delane D Sparland, W4238 Ceresa Dr, West Salem, WI 54669 and having held a public hearing on the 1st day of June 2010 to rezone Parcel 1 from Residential District "C" to Commercial District "B", the following described land in the Town of Hamilton. Parcel 1 – Outlot 1 & Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4 of Maple Grove Estates; Outlots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 and Lots 45, 46, 47 & 48 of First Addn. to Scenic Valley Addn; Lots 7 & 8 of Maple Grove Estates & N ½ of vacated Franklin St adjacent on the south; and Lots 10 & 11 of Scenic Valley Addn. Together with access over a private drive called Ceresa Dr. Town of Hamilton and to rezone Parcel 2 from Residential District "A" to Agriculture District "B", the following described land in the Town of Hamilton. Parcel 2 – That part of the S ½-SE of Section 8, T16N, R6W described in tax parcels 7-232-1 and 7-234-1; and those parts of the Gov't Lots 5 & 6 and part of the NE-SE in Section 8, T16N, R6W formerly in First Addn. to Maple Grove Estates described in tax parcels 7-228-1, 7-230-1, 7-231-1, 7-232-1 and 7-234-1; EXCEPT part lying southerly of Scenic Valley Addn. All in the Town of Hamilton. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats.: the Committee did

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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: By a vote of 5 in favor (2 excused – Keil/Manthei) the Committee moved to request separate votes on Parcel 1 and Parcel 2. By a vote of 5 **to deny**, the Committee recommended to deny the rezoning of Parcel 1 based on number of residents in opposition, no public access by Town Road and use is NOT consistent with the County Land Use Category. By a vote of 5 **to approve** (2 excused – Keil/Manthei) the Committee recommended to approve the rezoning of Parcel 2 to Agriculture District "B" for continued use as a golf course and driving range. (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 17th day of June, 2010: Denied Parcel 1 and Approved Parcel 2 of the petition, becomes an ordinance.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by D. Meyer/B. Flood to deny Parcel 1. Discussion ensued. It was decided the Board would vote separately on parcel 1 and parcel 2 as the committee did. Zoning, Planning and Land Information Director Jeff Bluske pointed out on a map the parcels in question, gave some clarification to the resolution and responded to questions and comments from the Board. Corporation Counsel William Shepherd noted that a protest petition was filed but because the Parcel 1 Committee recommendation was to deny, only a majority vote is required. Parcel 2 will require three-fourths of the members present to pass. The motion to deny Parcel 1 as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 34 ayes and 1 excused - S. Hampson. Motion by D. Meyer/B. Flood to approve Parcel 2. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 34 ayes and 1 excused - S. Hampson.

ZONING PETITION NO. Z235-6/10 NO. 1839 FILED BY DAVE CORNELL, AGENT FOR CLEMENTS FAMILY INC, D/B/A FOX HOLLOW GOLF COURSE, ROADSIDE AND FOX HOLLOW BANQUETS AND ACTING IN BEHALF OF DONNA TREMAIN TO REZONE FROM AGRICULTURE DISTRICT "A" TO COMMERCIAL DISTRICT "B" IN THE TOWN OF BARRE

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 1839 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: Dave Cornell, N3287 County Road OA, La Crosse, WI 54601; agent for Clements Family Inc, D/B/A Fox Hollow Golf Course, Roadside & Fox Hollow Banquets; and acting in behalf of Donna Tremain, W3745 County Road M, West Salem, WI 54669 and having held a public hearing on the 1st day of June 2010 to rezone Parcel 1 from Agriculture District "A" to Commercial District "B", the following described land in the Town of Barre. Parcel 1 – Part of the NE-NE of Section 29, T16N, R6W lying westerly of the creek and northerly of Old County Road O and northeasterly of County Road O; EXCEPT that part already zoned Commercial District "B"; and that part of said NE-NE lying northerly of the following described line: Commencing at the northwest corner; thence S42°47'18"E 802.23'; thence N66°57'06"E 301.40' to west right-of-way of County Road OA & the POB of said line; thence S66°57'06"W 301.40'; thence Northwesterly 680' more or less to a point on the west line of said NE-NE 231' south of said northwest corner & the terminus of said line. EXCEPT that part already zoned Commercial District "B", being 3.1 +/- acres; Town of Barre AND to rezone Parcel 2 from Agriculture District "A" and Commercial District "B" to Agriculture District "B", the following described land in the Town of Barre. Parcel 2 – Lot 3 of Fox Hollow Addition, ALL that part of the NE ¼, and that part of the SE-NW of Section 29, T16N, R6W lying west of County Road OA, east and southerly of Fox Hollow Drive, and southerly of the following described

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line: Commencing at the northwest corner of the NE-NE; thence S42°47'18"E 802.23'; thence N66°57'06"E 301.40' to the west right-of-way line of County Road OA & the POB of said line; thence S66°57'06"W 301.40'; thence Northwesterly 680' more or less to a point on the west line of said NE-NE 231' south of said northwest corner & the terminus of said line. EXCEPT the following parcels: 1) Fox Hollow Addition, EXCEPT Lot 3; 2) Lot 2 Certified Survey Map No. 128 Volume 6; 3) Certified Survey Map No. 124 Volume 6; 4) Part of the SE-NE added to and described in tax parcel 2-357-3; 5) Part of the E ½-NE described in tax parcel 2-351-1; 6) Lot 2 of Certified Survey Map No. 93 Volume 8; 7) R.P.S. Condominium; 8) Fox Hollow Condominium; and 9) Lots 3 & 4 of Certified Survey Map No. 9 Volume 7, being 109.2 +/- acres. Town of Barre. 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 a vote of 5 in favor (2 excused – Keil/Manthei) the Committee recommended approval of the rezoning affecting both Parcel 1 to Commercial District "B" and Parcel 2 to Agriculture District "B". (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 17th day of June, 2010: Approved the petition as submitted, becomes an ordinance.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by D. Meyer/R. Geary to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 34 ayes and 1 excused - S. Hampson.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 810 FILED BY STEVEN L AND LYNN L HOCKENBERY TO OPERATE A CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS WITH OUTSIDE STORAGE OF AN 8.5-FT X 18-FT ENCLOSED UTILITY TRAILER ON .50 ACRES OF ZONED RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT "A" IN THE TOWN OF CAMPBELL

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered the application filed by: Steven L & Lynn L Hockenbery, 2904 Pierce Ave, La Crosse, WI 54603 and having held a public hearing on the 1st day of June, 2010 to operate a construction business with outside storage of an 8.5-ft X 18-ft enclosed utility trailer on 0.50 acres of land that is zoned Residential District "A" in the Town of Campbell described as: Lot 9 Block 2 Richmond Addition. 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**. By a vote of 5 in favor (2 excused – Keil/Manthei) the Committee recommended approval of this permit subject to the following 7 conditions:

1. Permit allowed to run a construction business.
2. No employees on site or employee vehicles.
3. No outside storage of business equipment except one trailer.
4. No advertising of any kind on site or on trailer.
5. One unmarked utility trailer allowed, no ladders allowed on trailer during storage at residence.
6. Assessor to be notified yearly of personal property associated with the business to determine exempt status.
7. This permit is non-transferrable.

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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 17th day of June, 2010: Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by D. Meyer/J. Schroeder to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 34 ayes and 1 excused - S. Hampson.

ZONING PETITION NO. Z236-6/10 NO. 1840 FILED BY JOSEPH W KATCHEVER AND TAMI M PLOURDE TO REZONE FROM RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT "A" TO AGRICULTURE DISTRICT "A" IN THE TOWN OF MEDARY

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 1840 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: Joseph W Katchever & Tami M Plourde, W5985 County Road OS, Onalaska, WI 54650 and having held a public hearing on the 1st day of June 2010 to rezone from Residential District "A" to Agriculture District "A", the following described land in the Town of Medary. Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map No. 22 Volume 3. 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: **Deny**. By a vote of 5 to deny (2 excused – Keil/Manthei) the Committee recommended to deny this rezoning based on neighbors opposition and County Conditional Use Plan calls for untenured Residential use, NOT Agriculture. (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 17th day of June, 2010: Denied the petition.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by D. Meyer/D. Manthei to deny as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 34 ayes and 1 excused - S. Hampson.

ZONING PETITION NO. Z237-6/10 NO. 1842 FILED BY JAMES AND ROBERTA DEGENHARDT, ACTING IN BEHALF OF ROBERT S & GLORIA D NUTTLEMAN & THE NUTTLEMAN TRUST TO REZONE FROM TRANSITIONAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO AGRICULTURE DISTRICT "A" IN THE TOWN OF HAMILTON

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 1842 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: James & Roberta Degenhardt, 369 Clark St N, West Salem, WI 54669; acting in behalf of Robert S & Gloria D Nuttleman & The Nuttleman Trust, N4639 County Road M, West Salem, WI 54669 and having held a public hearing on the 1st day of June 2010 to rezone from Transitional Agriculture District to Agriculture District "A", the following described land in the Town of Hamilton Lot 2 of Certified Survey Map No. 102 Volume 13. Town of Hamilton. 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 a vote of 5 in favor (2 excused – Keil/Manthei) the Committee recommended approval of this rezoning to

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Agriculture District "A". (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 17th day of June, 2010: Approved the petition as submitted, becomes an ordinance.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by D. Meyer/D. Bina to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 34 ayes and 1 excused - S. Hampson.

ZONING PETITION NO. Z238-6/10 NO. 1843 FILED BY PHYLLIS M AND RICHARD T THALDORF TO REZONE FROM EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO AGRICULTURE DISTRICT "A" IN THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 1843 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: Phyllis M & Richard T Thaldorf, W5378 County Road T, Holmen, WI 54636 and having held a public hearing on the 1st day of June 2010 to rezone from Exclusive Agriculture District to Agriculture District "A", the following described land in the Town of Farmington. Part of the SE-NE of Section 14, T18N, R7W described as commencing at the E $\frac{1}{4}$ corner of said Section 14; thence N45°47'07"W 1238.5' to a point on the north right-of-way of County Road T & the POB; thence along said right-of-way N58°20'03"W 396'; thence N31°39'57"E 220'; thence S58°20'03"E 396'; thence S31°39'57"W 220' to the POB. Town of Farmington. 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 a vote of 5 in favor (2 excused – Keil/Manthei) the Committee recommended approval of this rezoning to Agriculture District "A". (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 17th day of June, 2010: Approved the petition as submitted, becomes an ordinance.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by D. Meyer/J. Schroeder to approve. Discussion ensued. Zoning, Planning and Land Information Director Jeff Bluske responded to questions. The motion to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 34 ayes and 1 excused - S. Hampson.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-6/10 RE: AUTHORIZATION TO SUPPORT AN APPLICATION TO THE WISCONSIN WORKING LANDS INITIATIVE PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURE CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM (PACE)

WHEREAS, the Farmland Preservation Committee has received applications from property owners in La Crosse County for the purchase of an agricultural conservation easement on their properties; and **WHEREAS**, the Farmland Preservation Committee has assessed these applications and determined that the properties listed on attached EXHIBIT A meet the general purposes, objectives and provisions of the PACE program set forth in Chapter 32 and that purchase of agricultural conservation easements on said properties is compatible with the County's long-range goals regarding farmland preservation, and that said properties are located within areas designated for farmland preservation in the La Crosse County Comprehensive Plan and Farmland Preservation Plan, and, **WHEREAS**, each landowner's commitment to convey a conservation easement on their property and the County's commitment to accept such an easement is contingent upon the agricultural

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conservation easement being eligible to receive the state grant funding acceptable to the landowner in lieu of a local match and the parties successfully negotiating the language of the conservation easement; and **WHEREAS**, the Planning, Resources & Development Committee has reviewed the recommendations of the Farmland Preservation Committee and approves the applications for the conservation easements listed on EXHIBIT A and recommends that the County Board approve such applications for submittal to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby approve the applications to convey conservation easements set forth on EXHIBIT A and certifies that the purchase of the easements on the nominated properties are compatible with the long-range farmland preservation goals of La Crosse County. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that each landowner accepted for the PACE Program shall incur the costs associated with the conveyance of the conservation easement on their property to La Crosse County. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Planner shall submit this resolution and other necessary documentation to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for consideration of the grant funding and the landowners shall also be notified of the approval of their application by the County Board. **FISCAL NOTE**: Funding for staff work on the PACE Program was included in the 2010 budget. All other funding for the program will come from state grants and payment by each landowner to La Crosse County for the costs incurred for the conveyance of the easement on their property.

**FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Motion by D. Meyer/T. Johnson to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 34 ayes and 1 excused - S. Hampson.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-6/10 RE: AGE OF JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin in the 1990s began to rewrite the Juvenile Code, Chapter 938 of WI Statutes, to reflect national policy focusing on accountability and public safety; and, **WHEREAS**, a specific modification of the Juvenile Code in Wisconsin during the 1990s was changing the age of adult jurisdiction to 17 years of age from 18 years of age; and, **WHEREAS**, current research indicates that in most cases juveniles are best served and the interests of the community are best protected from juvenile criminal behavior when the presumptive age for circuit court jurisdiction is age 18 years; and, **WHEREAS**, if the age of adult jurisdiction is returned to 18, all 17-year-old offenders will once again become the responsibility of county human/social service departments; and, **WHEREAS**, as state funding to counties for juvenile corrections (youth aids) is already insufficient, full support for a change in the age of juvenile court jurisdiction should not occur unless full funding is provided to counties to offset the costs of serving 17-year-old delinquents. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors indicates their support to change the age of adult jurisdiction back to 18 years of age based on current research in adolescent development and best practice; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors recommends to the state a Legislative Fiscal Bureau study to determine the true costs to counties to implement this change in the Juvenile and Adult Criminal Codes and potential ways in which to fund the change; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be shared with the Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin County Human Services Association, and the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. **FISCAL NOTE**: No fiscal impact on La Crosse County to request the study.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
JUDICIARY AND LAW COMMITTEE
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Motion by J. Billings/D. Meyer to approve. Discussion ensued. Motion by J. Medinger/M. Freedland to amend "cannot" to "should not" in the last "Whereas" and to omit the first "Be

It Further Resolved". Discussion ensued. Human Services Director Jerry Huber responded to questions from the Board. Discussion ensued on the amendment. The motion to amend passed on a unanimous voice vote with 34 ayes and 1 excused – S. Hampson. Discussion continued on the resolution as amended. V. Burke, Chair Doyle and Administrator O'Malley responded to questions from the Board. B. Flood spoke from experience regarding this resolution. The motion to approve, as amended, passed on a unanimous voice vote with 34 ayes and 1 excused - S. Hampson.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-6/10 RE: FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH BY THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stats. s. 252.03, every local health department shall immediately investigate and promptly take all measures to prevent, suppress and control communicable diseases; and, **WHEREAS**, currently there is no state financial support to reimburse local health departments for the cost of carrying out the state mandate for communicable disease prevention and control; and **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County utilizes approximately \$250,000/year of local tax levy to meet the obligation of communicable disease control that protects both local and statewide population; and, **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin ranked 2nd to last in the United States in 2008 for state support of local public health funding. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby encourage Governor Jim Doyle, Senator Dan Kapanke, Representatives Mike Huebsch and Jennifer Shilling and the Wisconsin Counties Association in its legislative platform to support State of Wisconsin funding to local health departments to cover a portion of the cost of communicable disease prevention and control mandated by Wis. Stat. s. 252.03. **FISCAL NOTE:** The per capita funding for public health by the State of Wisconsin in 2008 was \$10.50 compared to Minnesota's per capita funding at \$16.25. Minnesota's national health ranking is improving while Wisconsin's ranking is declining.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Motion by J. Billings/B. Brockmiller to approve. Discussion ensued. Motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 34 ayes and 1 excused - S. Hampson.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-6/10 RE: CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW PLANNING AND FOLLOW UP

WHEREAS, under the federal Adoption & Safe Families Act (ASFA) of 1997, states were required to have a Child & Family Services Review (CFSR) by the federal government approximately every five (5) years; and, **WHEREAS**, the purpose of the CFSR is to monitor state compliance with 45 indicators of safety and permanency for children in the child welfare system; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse, Milwaukee, Sauk and Columbia Counties in April all participated in the most recent CFSR for the State of Wisconsin; and, **WHEREAS**, there was substantial improvement within many of the CFSR indicators this time compared with the first CFSR in Wisconsin, but there were several major areas which were out of compliance (ie, time for children to be adopted, time for reunification of children to their biological homes, timelines of initial assessments, etc.); and, **WHEREAS**, the state Department of Children & Families (DCF) has to submit a Program Improvement Plan to the Administration of Children & Families (ACF) of the federal Department of Health and Human Services by Fall 2010; and, **WHEREAS**, family and children's services in Wisconsin are significantly underfunded at the state and federal levels and further compliance with these federal standards would require additional funding and/or restructuring of child welfare services in the state; and, **WHEREAS**, with the opportunity to examine outcomes in child welfare brought on by the most recent CFSR, the state should commission a study regarding the funding and structure of child welfare services in the future for the state. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors ask the Wisconsin legislature, the Department of Children and Family Services, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and the Wisconsin County Human Services Association to commission a legislative study regarding child welfare funding and structure in the state. **BE IT**

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors ask that this study be part of the state's Program Improvement Plan from the most recent CFSR; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be sent to the La Crosse County legislative delegation, the Wisconsin Counties Association in its legislative platform, the Wisconsin County Human Services Association, and the state Department of Children & Family Services. **FISCAL NOTE:** There are no fiscal obligations for the county for this resolution.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Motion by J. Billings/T. Johnson to approve passed on a voice vote with 31 ayes, 1 abstention - B. Feehan and 1 excused - S. Hampson.

SUBJECTS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Supervisor T. Johnson requested an update for Skipperliner at the next Policy Planning Meeting.

Supervisor T. Johnson followed up on Supervisor R. Geary request regarding funding on non-county entities.

Supervisor A. Richmond asked for updates regarding Park Plaza.

ADJOURN

Motion by G. Sebranek/B. Konkel to adjourn at 8:44PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 34 ayes and 1 excused - S. Hampson.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)

COUNTY OF LA CROSSE)

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Deputy 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, June 17, 2010 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 24 OF JUNE 2010.