

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING  
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, APRIL 09, 2012**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, April 09, 2012 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 28 supervisors were present when Chair Tara Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. and those otherwise present, excused or absent are noted in the roll call detail:

<b>District Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
1 Richmond, Andrea	Present
2 Geary, Ralph	Present
3 Feehan, Bill	Present
4 Johnson, Jai	Present
5 Johnson, Karin	Present
6 Billings, Jill	Present
7 Plesha, Roger	Present
8 Freedland, Maureen	Excused
9 Hampson, Sharon	Present
10 Wood, Margaret	Present
11 Kader, Audrey	Present
12 Flood, Bridget	Excused
13 Brockmiller, Bill	Excused
14 Medinger, John	Present
15 Mach, Beverly	Present
16 Sebranek, Gerald	Present
17 Meyer, Donald	Excused
18 Johnson, Tara	Present
19 Keil, Robert	Present
20 Bina, Donald	Excused
21 Manthei, Dennis	Excused
22 Ebert, Ray	Present
23 Gamroth, Tammy	Present
24 Pfaff, Leon	Excused
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	Present
34 Wehrs, Tina	Present
35 Bilskemper, Joe	Excused at 07:49 PM

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- Supervisor Conference Reports
  - Supervisor Kruse attended a Health Summit at Western Technical College. The La Crosse Medical Science Health Consortium put this summit together and brought together stakeholders in medical and mental health issues related to making La Crosse County the healthiest county by 2015. The summit was divided into four broad issues; chronic disease, injury and violence, mental health, and infectious diseases.
  - Supervisor Billings attended a bill signing at Granddad's Bluff by the Governor. Highway Commissioner, Ron Chamberlain put a lot of energy behind this bill and testified at Madison on two occasions on this bill.
  - Supervisor Medinger attended the Mayo Healthcare Presentation on civil rights for people in healthcare institutions for non English speaking and limited English speaking patient's access in healthcare.
- Recognition of Retiring and Outgoing Supervisors
  - Chair Johnson and Past Chair Doyle presented plaques of recognition to Supervisors who were not returning to the County Board. They included: Don Bina, Bill Feehan, Jill Billings, Jai Johnson, Dennis Manthei, John Medinger, Bev Mach, Margaret Wood, Bridget Flood, Gerald Sebranek, Audrey Kader, Joe Bilskemper, and Arlene Benrud.

### Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

#### PROCLAMATION APRIL 2012 - VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION MONTH

**WHEREAS**, April is Volunteer Recognition Month; and **WHEREAS**, many of our residents spend hours volunteering their time and energy to improve La Crosse County services and programs; and **WHEREAS**, it is important to acknowledge the effort volunteers have put forth to strengthen our County's communities and services; and **WHEREAS**, Volunteers can make a difference in countless ways; and **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has provided opportunities for people to become actively engaged in enhancing their communities; and **WHEREAS**, Residents of La Crosse County have consistently been involved as volunteers through Hillview and Lakeview Healthcare Centers, the La Crosse County Aging Unit, and UW-Extension; **NOW, THEREFORE**, we as members of the La Crosse County Board, do hereby proclaim the week of April 15 – 21, 2012 as "*Inspire by Example*" **VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION WEEK**

Motion by J. Medinger/M. Kruse to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 7 excused - D. Bina, B. Brockmiller, B. Flood, M. Freedland, D. Manthei, D. Meyer and L. Pfaff.

#### PROCLAMATION APRIL 2012 - LA CROSSE COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

**WHEREAS**, La Crosse County employs nearly 1,400 people, working with an annual budget of \$135 million dollars. Yet at the same time La Crosse County maintains the fifth lowest tax levy out of the seventy two Wisconsin Counties; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County Employees and the County Board of Supervisors are committed to excellence, integrity, pride and respect, encouraging creativity as a source of new ideas to continuously improve services; and, **WHEREAS**, Counties enhance the quality of life in countless ways including: protecting health and public safety; enforcing laws and ordinances; operating the court system; maintaining vital public records; conducting elections; maintaining and plowing the roads; preventing abuse & neglect of the most vulnerable; assisting the elderly, poor and mentally ill; disposing of solid waste; enhancing environmental protection; planning for economic development and being prepared for community responses to emergencies and disasters. **WHEREAS**, National County Government Month (NCGM) is celebrated each April by the nation's counties to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and

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responsibilities of county government. The 2012 theme is "Healthy Counties, Healthy Families." **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of April La Crosse County Government Month.

Motion by M. Wood/B. Mach to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 7 excused - D. Bina, B. Brockmiller, B. Flood, M. Freedland, D. Manthei, D. Meyer and L. Pfaff.

- Health Department report on Obesity Prevention Program and Complete Streets Program
  - Linda Lee gave a presentation on the Communities Putting Prevention to Work Grant for La Crosse County 2011 highlights. \$2.2 million was awarded to La Crosse County Health Department in March 2010. \$1.1 dollars of funding shared with community organizations to accomplish grant goals. All activities and goals involved community partnerships. A 26 person leadership team from a variety of community organizations helped guide grant activities.

**ORDINANCE NO. 100-4/12 TO AMEND S. 1.42(1) OF CHAPTER 1 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN REGARDING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of La Crosse does hereby ordain as follows:

**Section 1.** Section 1.42(1) of the County Code is amended to read:

1.42 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(1) Membership. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the County Board Chair, the 2 Vice Chairs, and the Chair of each Standing Committee. The County Board Chair shall be the chair of the Executive Committee. The County Board Chair may appoint additional Supervisors to the Executive Committee to maintain the membership at 9 Supervisors. In addition, the immediate past County Board Chair may serve as a member of the Executive Committee for 1 year from the last date that he or she held office as County Board Chair provided that he or she continues to be a Supervisor.

**Section 2.** This Ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.

**TARA JOHNSON, County Board Chair**

**GINNY DANKMEYER, County Clerk**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Motion** by J. Billings/S. Hampson to approve. Discussion ensued. Motion by V. Burke/B. Feehan to amend 1.42(1) to read; The County Board Chair may appoint an additional at large supervisor to the Executive Committee to maintain the membership at 9 Supervisors. Discussion ensued. The **motion** to amend failed on a roll call vote with 19 nays, 7 ayes - V. Burke, B. Feehan, D. Ferries, R. Geary, A. Kader, R. Keil and J. Schroeder, 1 abstention - J. Johnson, 8 excused - J. Bilskemper, D. Bina, B. Brockmiller, B. Flood, M. Freedland, D. Manthei, D. Meyer and L. Pfaff. **Motion** by R. Plesha to call the questions/close debate. Chair Johnson recognized Supervisor Feehan to speak. **Motion** by B. Feehan/V. Burke to amend by striking the last sentence that reads; The immediate past chair my serve as a member of the Executive committee for 1 year from the last date that he or she held office as County Board Chair provided he or she continues to be a supervisor. Discussion ensued. Corporation Counsel David Lange responded to questions from the Board. Chair Johnson ruled the amendment made by Supervisor Feehan as out of order. Corporation Counsel has ruled that the scope of the amendments may only be made regarding the at large membership of the Executive Committee. **Motion** by R. Geary to challenge the Chair's decision to overrule Supervisor Feehan's amendment. Discussion ensued. The Chair's motion was affirmed on a roll call vote with 20 ayes, 7 nays - V. Burke, R. Ebert, B. Feehan, D. Ferries, R. Geary, A. Kader and J. Schroeder, 8 excused - J. Bilskemper, D. Bina, B. Brockmiller, B. Flood, M. Freedland, D. Manthei, D. Meyer and L. Pfaff. **Motion** by J. Billings/G. Sebranek to waive the rules to act on an ordinance at its' first consideration. (2/3 vote of members present required) Discussion ensued. The motion to approve

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passed on a roll call vote with 19 ayes, 8 nays - J. Berns, V. Burke, R. Ebert, B. Feehan, D. Ferries, R. Geary, A. Kader and J. Schroeder, 8 excused - J. Bilskemper, D. Bina, B. Brockmiller, B. Flood, M. Freedland, D. Manthei, D. Meyer and L. Pfaff. **The original motion to amend** Ordinance 1.42(1) of Chapter 1 passed on a roll call vote with 22 ayes, 4 nays - V. Burke, B. Feehan, D. Ferries and R. Geary, 1 abstention - A. Kader, 8 excused - J. Bilskemper, D. Bina, B. Brockmiller, B. Flood, M. Freedland, D. Manthei, D. Meyer and L. Pfaff.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

- Supervisor Geary requested a report on a proposal to transport Frac Sand outside of La Crosse and if there is, the locations and roads being used.
- Supervisor Geary requested an update on Hillview assisted living, and census numbers there.
- Supervisor Spiker requested clarification from Dave on amendments to ordinances that are allowed.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by G. Sebranek/J. Billings to adjourn at 8:30 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 8 excused - J. Bilskemper, D. Bina, B. Brockmiller, B. Flood, M. Freedland, D. Manthei, D. Meyer and L. Pfaff.

**STATE OF WISCONSIN )**

**COUNTY OF LA CROSSE )**

**I, Ginny Dankmeyer , 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 Planning Meeting held Monday, April 09, 2012 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 17 OF APRIL 2012.**