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**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING  
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2012**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, December 10, 2012 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The Deputy County Clerk, Amy Twitchell, took attendance. 27 supervisors were present when Chair Tara Johnson 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 Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
1 Richmond, Andrea	Present
2 Geary, Ralph	Present
3 Veenstra, Joe	Present
4 Freedland, Maureen	Present
5 Johnson, Karin	Present
6 Plesha, Roger	Present
7 Hampson, Sharon	Present
8 Jerome, Peg	Present
9 Londre, Andrew	Present
10 Becker, Richard	Present
11 Schultz, Bill	Present
12 Holtze, Dave	Present
13 Meyer, Donald	Present
14 Schroeder, Jeffrey	Present
15 Kruse, Monica	Present
16 Ferries, Dan	Present
17 Berns, Jim	Present
18 Berg, Laurence	Present
19 Downer, Thomas	Present
20 Doyle, Steve	Present
21 Burke, Vicki	Present
22 Spiker, Charles	Excused
23 Pedretti, Marilyn	Present
24 Pfaff, Leon	Present
25 Ebert, Ray	Present
26 Gamroth, Tammy	Present
27 Wehrs, Tina	Excused
28 Keil, Robert	Present
29 Johnson, Tara	Present

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:  
County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson**

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- New County Website – IT Staff
  - Michelle Jensen and Jami Hundt from the IT Department introduced and gave a quick overview of the new La Crosse County website including some of the new features available and updates.
- Supervisor Conference Reports and Announcements
  - Supervisor Kruse and Supervisor Karin Johnson attended the National Association of Counties, Healthy Counties Forum, in Atlanta, Georgia at the end of November. The title was “County Challenges and Opportunities in a Changing Health System”. They met with CVC representatives to hear about their priorities and initiatives, participated in round table discussions with health commissioners, supervisors, and directors throughout the country regarding the health challenges facing counties with limited funding. They also learned about initiatives changing approaches of service delivery. Director of the Georgia Health Policy Center provided an overview of the implication of the Affordable Healthcare Act on health policy and delivery. Supervisor Karin Johnson added that some of the other topics discussed were childhood obesity, “play deserts” - children not having a place to play; keeping communities healthy, the cost of healthcare, Medicaid expansion and the Fiscal Cliff.
  - Supervisor Freedland announced that Charlie Handy, La Crosse County Planner, was honored by Couleecap with the “People Helping People Award”. This award recognizes local citizens who are working on behalf of others in the community.
  - Supervisor Ferries announced Friday, December 21, 2012 is National Homeless Person Memorial Day. Please join the Salvation Army at the candlelight walk at 4:15 p.m. It starts at Burns Park, 8<sup>th</sup> and Main Street, and ends at Cameron Park, 5<sup>th</sup> and King Street.
  - Supervisor Burke noticed that in the Wisconsin Counties Magazine, La Crosse County Humane Officer Amiie Gabrijska received the Humane Officer of the Year award from the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.
- Recognition from the Wisconsin Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired
  - Human Service employees, Cheryl Neubauer, Steve Johnson, and service dog, Bennett, spoke of the recognition the La Crosse County received in Madison at the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired. Steve Johnson serves on the Wisconsin Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired Board of Directors, Legislative Committee and the Awards Committee. One of the things that the Council looks at is individuals and/or organizations that make a difference in the lives of those visually impaired throughout the State of Wisconsin. Steve Johnson nominated La Crosse County for the Exceptional Accommodation Award. On November 15<sup>th</sup>, this award was presented to La Crosse County.

**Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley**

**PROCLAMATION DECEMBER 2012 - MUNICIPAL CLERKS & POLL WORKERS RECOGNITION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Municipal Clerks and Poll Workers assist La Crosse County voters throughout the voting process by registering voters, issuing ballots, monitoring voting machines, explaining ballots to voters and ensures that each eligible voter is able to vote; and,

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**WHEREAS**, these individuals follow and enforce the laws that have been set by the government to maintain open and fair elections; and, **WHEREAS**, these individuals work hard to conduct fair and accurate elections while keeping long hours and a great attitude; and, **WHEREAS**, these Municipal Clerks and Poll Workers have a commitment to service excellence while maintaining complete integrity of elections; and, **WHEREAS**, many of these individuals have taken time off from their regular jobs to be a poll worker and to serve the public; and, **WHEREAS**, these individuals have helped to conduct 13 elections and implement numerous election and voting law changes over the past two years; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County Clerk's Office would like to publicly recognize the contribution and dedication of those who give their time and service as Municipal Clerks and Poll Workers. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board extend their gratitude and thanks to all of the Municipal Clerks and Poll Workers of La Crosse County for their hard work, integrity and dedication; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of December 2012 as Municipal Clerks and Poll Workers Month and urges all residents to recognize the valuable contribution Municipal Clerks and Poll Workers have made to allow La Crosse County to conduct successful elections.

Motion by M. Pedretti/K. Johnson to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 2 excused - C. Spiker and T. Wehrs.

**Proclamation December 2012 - Zoning, Planning and Land Information and Metropolitan Transportation Planning Month**

**WHEREAS**, the staff of these departments assist and advise individuals, businesses, professionals and governmental communities by uniformly administering the zoning, floodplain, shoreland, subdivision, telecommunication, nonmetallic mining ordinances, and consistently carrying out the provisions of the comprehensive land use ordinances; and, **WHEREAS**, they coordinate land information systems for the assessment, taxation, mapping, building permits, planning and the educational needs of the public and private sector, one of which is the county land records website; and, **WHEREAS**, they help provide a safe and efficient transportation system plan, obtaining transportation funding, which is maintained and funded partly through Wisconsin, Minnesota and federally required metropolitan transportation planning department. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of December 2012 as Zoning, Planning and Land Information and Metropolitan Transportation Planning Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contributions of the staff dedicated to promoting the public health, safety and a property tax base through encouraging planned and orderly land use development.

Motion by R. Becker/A. Londre to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 2 excused - C. Spiker and T. Wehrs.

- Upcoming 2013 Legislative Session and Issues: Representative Doyle & Representative Billings
  - Representative (Rep.) Doyle and Representative (Rep.) Billings gave an overview of what is going on at the State level. The message around the State is bi-partisanship and working together. Representative Doyle and Representative Billings currently do not know what proposals there will be; they can only speculate and want the Board's input when legislation is proposed. They hope to advocate on behalf of Wisconsin Counties Association, especially La Crosse County.

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- Highway & Health & Human Services Issues
  - Highway Commission Ron Chamberlain informed the Board of some key areas regarding transportation. One of the biggest issues coming up is the Memorandum of Understanding that is being entered into by the Wisconsin County Highway Association, the Wisconsin Transportation Builders Association and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. The biggest benefit to the counties in this Memorandum of Understanding is a fully funded level service model for state trunk highway maintenance. The new definition of maintenance is routine, preventive, and corrective.
  - Human Services Director Jason Witt informed the Board of the three main issues on the radar regarding Human Services: the main issue is the amount of funding available for income maintenance administration, community aids, and family care and the family care budget and having adequate funding.
- Administrator O'Malley informed the Board that in January, Chair Tara Johnson has arranged to have the Wisconsin Counties Association come and give an overview of the complexities of the State budget.
- Report on Programming in the County Jail: Education, Mental Health, Jail Ministry and Transition to Community
  - Jail Program Coordinator Mike Kiefer gave a presentation regarding educational programs offered to inmates. Deacon Tom Skemp presented on the programs that are offered through Jail Ministry. Steve Josephson addressed the issues regarding Mental Health. Kate Holinka went over the transition from jail to community. Sheriff Helgeson reiterated that we are leaders in Wisconsin and throughout the Country.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

- Supervisor Ebert would like an update on getting recycling containers on all 3 floors.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by J. Schroeder/R. Keil to adjourn at 7:54 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 2 excused - C. Spiker and T. Wehrs.

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

**I, Amy Twitchell , 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 Planning Meeting held Monday, December 10, 2012 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 12 OF DECEMBER 2012.**

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