

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING  
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, APRIL 08, 2013**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, April 08, 2013 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 22 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	Excused
12 Holtze, Dave	Excused
13 Meyer, Donald	Excused
14 Schroeder, Jeffrey	Present
15 Kruse, Monica	Present
16 Ferries, Dan	Present
17 Berns, Jim	Present
18 Berg, Laurence	Excused
19 Downer, Thomas	Present
20 Doyle, Steve	Excused at 06:50 PM
21 Burke, Vicki	Present
22 Spiker, Charles	Excused
23 Pedretti, Marilyn	Present
24 Pfaff, Leon	Present
25 Ebert, Ray	Excused
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**

- Supervisor Conference Reports
  - Supervisor Kruse attended the Western WI Joint Public Health Legislative meeting. It's a joining of Wisconsin Public Health Association, Wisconsin

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Environmental Health Association and Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards.

- o Supervisor Burke announced that the Sheriff's Department will be having a chicken Q on Thursday from 11am – 6pm. Supervisor Burke attended an arts project on the north side as a representative on the City Arts Board.
- o Supervisor Veenstra attended the Human Services Department appreciation luncheon.

### **Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley**

#### **PROCLAMATION APRIL 2013 - 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 responsibilities of county government.

The 2013 theme is  
"Smart Justice Creating Safer Communities"

**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 A. Londre/P. Jerome to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 7 excused - L. Berg, R. Ebert, D. Holtze, D. Meyer, B. Schultz, C. Spiker and T. Wehrs.

- Presentation by WISDOT on upcoming projects in La Crosse County
  - o Highway Commissioner Ron Chamberlain announced that the Dresbach Bridge Project has already started. They will construct a new bridge and then drop the old bridge. Exit 3 interchange will be updated throughout 2013, 2014 and 2015 from a free flowing interchange to a diamond exchange.
  - o WI DOT Project Supervisor Steve Flottmeyer gave an overview of the road projects affecting La Crosse County roads through 2022. The Interstate projects discussed were the Dresbach Bridge, I-90/Exit 3 improvements, STH 157 interchange bridge, STH 16 interchange, I-90 from the Minnesota Line to Black River Bridge, USH 53 – Livingston St through Burlington Northern Railroad Bridge, I-90 – La Crosse to Sparta, STH 16 to CTH C. Projects planned for La Crosse Rural Highways include USH 53 and CTH S interchange ramp, US 53 – La Crosse to Galesville, STH 35 to North County Line, STH 33, STH 162, STH 16 – Gillette St to STH 157, STH 157 to S. Kinney Coulee Road, STH 33 – La Crosse City limits to Forest Ridge Road, and STH 16 – I-90 to West Salem, La Crosse St to Gillette St, Gillette St to STH 157. The road projects planned for the City of La Crosse include Cass St, South Ave, Jackson St, Lang Dr, Mormon Coulee Rd, and La Crosse St.
- County Surveyor – Department Overview

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- o County Surveyor Bryan Meyer gave a presentation on the Surveyor's department. County Surveyors are either appointed, elected or the position is left vacant. Currently there are 32 full time, 30 part time and 10 counties in the State of WI with none. The five main roles of a County Surveyor include Public Lands Survey System (PLSS), Survey Records, Survey Map review, work for other agencies and assist with lots of questions. Their primary focus is on the Public Lands Survey System which establishes corners for property lines. Surveyors also assist with questions from land owners, attorneys, realtors, title companies, local units of government, other county agencies, assessors and appraisers, foresters and zoning.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

- Supervisor Freedland asked for information regarding extra territorial powers
- Supervisor Richmond asked for an update on the new computers

**ADJOURN**

Motion by R. Keil/A. Londre to adjourn at 7:28 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 21 ayes, 8 excused - L. Berg, S. Doyle, R. Ebert, D. Holtze, D. Meyer, B. Schultz, C. Spiker and T. Wehrs.

**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 08, 2013 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 9 OF APRIL 2013.**