

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, AUGUST 05, 2013**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, August 05, 2013 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 19 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:

District Name	Attendance
1 Richmond, Andrea	Present
2 Geary, Ralph	Present
3 Veenstra, Joe	Present
4 Freedland, Maureen	Excused
5 Johnson, Karin	Excused
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	Excused
15 Kruse, Monica	Present
16 Ferries, Dan	Excused
17 Berns, Jim	Excused
18 Berg, Laurence	Present
19 Downer, Thomas	Present
20 Doyle, Steve	Present
21 Burke, Vicki	Excused at 06:45 PM
22 Spiker, Charles	Excused
23 Pedretti, Marilyn	Present
24 Pfaff, Leon	Absent
25 Ebert, Ray	Present
26 Gamroth, Tammy	Excused
27 Wehrs, Tina	Excused
28 Keil, Robert	Excused
29 Johnson, Tara	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance Magazine Subscription – Chair Johnson inquired about whether Supervisors want to continue this subscription. Supervisors expressed interest in continuing the subscription.
- Supervisor Conference Reports

- o Supervisor Kruse attended the first Juvenile Justice Disproportionate Minority Contact and Incarceration Taskforce Meeting. There was great representation from a lot of different community organizations. Two main issues will be why La Crosse County has a higher number of juvenile arrests and why minorities are disproportionately represented in that group of juveniles arrested and contacted.
- o Supervisor Londre and Supervisor Karin Johnson attended the Young Elected Official Network in Washington DC. Wisconsin had the second highest delegation of young elected officials.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

PROCLAMATION AUGUST 2013 - COUNTY AGING MONTH

WHEREAS, the County Aging Unit provides information and assistance to all county senior residents; and, **WHEREAS**, good nutrition is important to the community and is insured through two dining programs; and, **WHEREAS**, home-delivered meals provide an opportunity for a low cost first intervention to allow residents to remain living independently in their own homes; and, **WHEREAS**, quality of life of aging residents is insured through transportation programs, caregiver support, organized activities as well as assistance in filing forms and applying for benefits; and, **WHEREAS**, all staff of the La Crosse County Aging Department work together to provide a healthy and safe environment in the aging community. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of August as Aging Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of persons dedicated to insuring that the aging residents of La Crosse have the opportunity to live a healthy and productive life.

Motion by D. Holtze/D. Meyer to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 19 ayes, 1 absent - L. Pfaff, 9 excused - J. Berns, D. Ferries, M. Freedland, T. Gamroth, K. Johnson, R. Keil, J. Schroeder, C. Spiker and T. Wehrs.

- Presentation by CliftonLarsonAllen – Audit Report on La Crosse County’s 2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)
 - o Renee Messing of CliftonLarsonAllen presented the audit report. Supervisors received a summary of the full report. Significant audit areas include; transaction cycles (cash receipts, cash disbursements, payroll, and financial reporting and monthly close process), cash and investments including restricted balances, receivables (taxes, grants and other), property and equipment, long-term obligation and related accounts, fund balance and net position, revenues and expenditures / expenses, and financial statements and related disclosure. The auditors’ report includes the changes for clarity standards (new audit standards) – management’s and auditors’ responsibilities and the audit opinion that financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Financial results for the General Fund include revenues and transfers in, expenditures and transfers out, revenues over (under) expenditures, the fund balance at the beginning of the year, and the fund balance at the end of the year. The fund balance components include the nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned. La Crosse County’s policy is on the more conservative side and is within the structure of the policy. Other governmental funds include the three major funds of a higher dollar amount and include Human Services, Debt Service, Business, and nonmajor which include Land Record Assessment, Old Landfill, Aging, Health, and others. Enterprise Funds include Hillview Healthcare Center, Solid Waste, and nonmajor. Enterprise Funds include Hillview Healthcare Center, Solid Waste, and nonmajor of Robert G. Carroll Heights Apartments, Hillview Terrace, Lakeview Nursing Home Facility, and household hazardous materials. Internal Service Funds include County Highway and self-insurance. The audit report also includes significant disclosures. Those disclosures are accounting

policies, cash and investments, receivables, capital assets, long-term debt, detail of fund balances, and a restatement. The Auditor's communication letter is standard communication letter between the auditor's and the board. It talks about the accounting policies, accounting estimates, disclosures, adjustments, management representations, and other items such as no difficulties or disagreements or matters discussed prior to engagement and other information in the financial statement document.

- The Finance Department received the highest award you can receive in local government accounting from GFOA (Governmental Finance Officers Association). This is the 7th year in a row that the Finance Department staff has received this award.
- Report on 2014 Health Insurance Plan and Funding
 - Administrator O'Malley presented an overview on the health insurance plan and funding. The new plan offers a consumer driven health plan. There will be a choice of networks at enrollment of MMSI (Mayo Clinic Health System) or Gundersen network, higher deductible, and a health reimbursement account (HRA). The HRA will be administered by Mid-America and helps to pay for medical expenses tax free. The deductible will increase to \$1,000 for single and \$2,000 for a family plan. The employee will receive \$500/single and \$1,000/family into their HRA. The employee will also receive \$250 if they participate in the Health Assessment. The HRA fund builds for future medical expenses and rolls over to the next year if not used.
- County Administrator's Overview of 2014 Budget Challenges
 - The main achievements of the 2013 recommended budget: after 3 years of 0% operating levy the budget increases the operating levy by 1.15% to raise \$314,000 designated only for highway maintenance or jail staff; the recommended budget is \$482,000 below levy limit; 2013 budgets sets stage for future decisions. 2014 budget decisions include jail staffing for direct supervision pod, Lakeview facilities size and location, Administrative Center design of remodel or replacement, highway funding level and debt strategy, financial position is still strong and interest rates are low, rate limit was eliminated but levy limit still restricted to value of new construction, and budgeting for 0% wage increase and 0% change in health insurance premium with higher deductibles and HRA.

ADJOURN

Motion by B. Schultz/A. Londre to adjourn at 7:28 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 18 ayes, 1 absent - L. Pfaff, 10 excused - J. Berns, V. Burke, D. Ferries, M. Freedland, T. Gamroth, K. Johnson, R. Keil, J. Schroeder, C. Spiker and T. Wehrs.

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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, August 05, 2013 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 AUGUST 2013.