

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING  
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, DECEMBER 09, 2013**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, December 09, 2013 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, 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	Excused
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 Barlow, Patrick	Present
23 Pedretti, Marilyn	Present
24 Pfaff, Leon	Present
25 Ebert, Ray	Present
26 Gamroth, Tammy	Present
27 Wehrs, Tina	Present
28 Keil, Robert	Excused
29 Johnson, Tara	Present

A moment of silence was held in honor the life of Nelson Mandela who passed away.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson**

- Supervisor Conference Reports
  - Supervisor Kruse gave an update on the Heroin Taskforce which meets every two weeks. They have been gathering data on what's going on in this area

and the increase in drug overdoses and deaths. Supervisor Kruse also gave an update on the Disproportionate Minority Contact and Arrest Taskforce. This taskforce meets every six weeks and has been focused on gathering data on arrests rates, places of arrest and times of day.

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

#### **PROCLAMATION DECEMBER 2013 - 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 2013 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 A. Londre/R. Becker to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 2 excused - R. Keil and B. Schultz.

- Administrative Center update, including presentation regarding asbestos - Richard F. Stickler, Midwest Environmental Management Company, Wisconsin certified asbestos building inspector. Mr. Stickler spoke to the Board of the different forms of asbestos, the hazards of it and the issues regarding the asbestos problems with the Administrative Center that resulted in a 2004 inspection. Several different types of asbestos have been identified in the building. The major problem for this building is that the asbestos is friable (which is a dust). This building has forced air, it moves and re-circulates air, which is a concern for any removal and before major renovations without doing asbestos abatement first. The cost of asbestos abatement would be approximately \$1.2 million according to the study in 2004.

River Architects Chad Bloedel and Val Shute reviewed the four schemes they were asked to look at and the cost. Objective issues evaluations were done on each of the schemes for costs on asbestos abatement, constructions, data center relocation, relocation allowance, sale of administrative center and extra office build-out. Final estimated project cost, finished building area and estimated parking counts were presented. An evaluation was also done on subjective issues such as campus unity, staff productivity, life cycle, sustainability, accessibility, parking arrangement and more. Scheme A was presented as a renovation and ranked #2; Scheme B was a redesign and ranked #3; Scheme C was to relocate and ranked #4 but provided a lack of campus unity; and Scheme D was building new and ranked #1 but presented parking challenges. There is a January deadline decision on the possible sale of the Administrative Building from the offer from Borton and 360 Realty. [Click here to view the full presentation.](#)

- Update and overview of the Lakeview project and related decisions – Administrator O'Malley and Lakeview Administrator Wanda Plachecki updated the Board on the Lakeview project with location, details and decisions that will be coming on the campus plan. The West Salem School District offered to purchase 25 acres, 2

parcels and a driveway for \$25,000/acre. The current Lakeview is in need of demolition or replacement. One offer was made to purchase the building. It will be cheaper to sell the building than to incur the cost of demolition. Lakeview Health Care Center Campus has a current capacity licensed for 159 beds with a census of 142 and a proposed capacity of 102 beds. Concerns that need to be addressed include admissions of 75 clients/year and the census being below capacity; census as proposed would maintain current levy once Debt Service is included; at current census, it doesn't seem that an additional 40 bed nursing home bed can be supported; decreased capacity will decrease number of staff. There will be meetings with La Crosse Human Services, Mississippi Valley Health Services and Western Wisconsin Cares to clarify census demand and option. A meeting will also be held with Lakeview departments and employees regarding less FTE's.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

- Supervisor Berns asked for clarification on when a final decision would have to be made on the Administrative Center.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by J. Veenstra/A. Londre to adjourn at 7:59 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 2 excused - R. Keil and B. Schultz.

**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, December 09, 2013 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 20 OF DECEMBER 2013.**