

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, JANUARY 07, 2013**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, January 07, 2013 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 23 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	Present
5 Johnson, Karin	Excused
6 Plesha, Roger	Excused
7 Hampson, Sharon	Excused
8 Jerome, Peg	Present
9 Londre, Andrew	Present
10 Becker, Richard	Present
11 Schultz, Bill	Excused at 06:52 PM
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	Excused
21 Burke, Vicki	Excused at 06:38 PM
22 Spiker, Charles	Excused
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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- Travel policies and procedures. Handouts were provided to Supervisors to remind them of the policies and procedures surrounding County Board travel. Strong emphasis was placed on turning in travel authorizations and conference registration forms by the deadline. Supervisors were reminded that January 14, 2013 is the

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deadline for turning in necessary paperwork for any Supervisor wanting to attend the WCA Legislative Exchange in February.

- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Kruse attended a Frac Sand Mining Summit that the Health and Human Services Board hosted in November. It was well attended and even County Board Members from Iowa and Minnesota attended. They were informed that resources at the State level are not available to do silica research on how harmful it is to people.
 - Supervisor Predretti noted that the time for the PRD tours are at 4 PM instead of the 8 AM as noted on the committee calendar.
 - Chair Johnson noted there are a few vacancies on the Board of Adjustment and if Supervisors know of anyone who is interested to please contact her. Also, there are vacancies on the Winding Rivers Library Board.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

- There will be a Martin Luther King, Jr community celebration on Monday, January 21, 2013 at 7 PM at Viterbo University Fine Arts Center.
- Public Works will have a special meeting next Thursday before the County Board meeting at 4:30 PM to finalize property acquisition and a joint meeting with Public Works and Executive at 5 PM.

PROCLAMATION JANUARY 2013 - HIGHWAY SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION MONTH

WHEREAS, staff works so diligently to build safe roads for the residents of La Crosse County and visitors to travel upon; and, **WHEREAS**, maintenance such as snow plowing; salting; grading shoulders; mowing; repairing, sealing, sweeping, and paving roads and many other duties that keep La Crosse County highways clean and safe; and, **WHEREAS**, the safety of all traveling persons is ensured by the hard working men and women of the highway department. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of January 2013 as La Crosse Highway Safety Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of persons dedicated to ensuring safe roads for La Crosse County residents and visitors.

Motion by D. Meyer/R. Becker to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 6 excused - S. Doyle, S. Hampson, K. Johnson, R. Keil, R. Plesha and C. Spiker.

- Wisconsin Counties Association presentation
 - John Hockhammer from the WCA (Wisconsin Counties Association) gave a presentation on the WCA Legislative update, State-Local Finance and the Wisconsin State Budget. The main topics discussed were: Local/La Crosse County Finance, State Finance, State Budget priorities change over-time, State Budget also affects local finance decisions, 2013-2015 State Budget, and what can we expect for the future. Tax and spending decisions made at the state level significantly impact county finances and state aids equal ¼ of Statewide county budget. Statewide county aids are declining. The majority of county aid is derived from the General Purpose Revenue (GPR) in the state's general fund. Tax related changes to general fund revenues can impact county budgets. County property tax controls tightened at the same time county shared revenue was reduced by 19%. Some things to look for in the future are a proposed income tax cut, new transportation funding, continued property tax controls, more Medicaid funding, and a "rainy day" fund deposit.

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- La Crosse Airport report on local economic impact
 - Clinton Torp, manager for the La Crosse Airport, presented to the Board the economic impact and market analysis for the airport. He discussed the airport service area, contribution of the La Crosse Municipal Airport to the local and state economy, passenger distribution, leakage (travelers going outside the La Crosse Airport to travel), challenges the airport is facing, enplanement trends, and initiatives. Some of the challenges are major airlines reducing capacity at regional airports, upward pressure on ticket cost, Delta has announced the elimination of 50 passenger jets and likely less daily flights, reducing leakage with marketing and air service enhancement, and finally encouraging the use of the local airport.

ADJOURN

Motion by M. Kruse/A. Londre to adjourn at 7:44 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 21 ayes, 8 excused - V. Burke, S. Doyle, S. Hampson, K. Johnson, R. Keil, R. Plesha, B. Schultz and C. Spiker.

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, January 07, 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 JANUARY 2013.