

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2013**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, June 10, 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:

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	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 at 06:32 PM
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	Present
28 Keil, Robert	Present
29 Johnson, Tara	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- Introduction of Russian Delegation Hosted by World Services of La Crosse
 - Deb Lutjen of World Services of La Crosse introduced the Russian Delegation. They are here to learn about our government through a federally funded program called Open World. It brings emerging leaders from Eurasian

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Countries to the United States for ten days to explore American Democracy and learning about life in the Coulee Region. The delegation will be in Room B190 from 3pm – 5pm tomorrow to share a Youth Parliament Model that they use in Russia.

- County Board Picnic Survey Results
 - There was a tie between July 19th and August 16th for the date of the picnic. Supervisor Keil suggested July 19th and with no objections, the date for the County Board Annual Picnic was set for July 19th. Food will be catered, there will be no music and Supervisor Keil will check into boat rides.
- Changes to Agenda Mailing Process – There was a change in the processing of mail in La Crosse and the agenda was sent out a day earlier to compensate for this change. Supervisors noted that they got their agendas with plenty of notice for the meeting.
- Board Automation Training at July Planning Meeting - Training on the new laptops will be at the July 8th Planning meeting. That will be the only item on that agenda and if Supervisors do not attend this meeting for training, they will not receive a laptop.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Hampson attended the Vital Aging Conference. Currently in the Hmong culture the children take care of the elders, but that system is starting to fail. There will soon be an influx of Hmong elders in the nursing homes that they need to be ready for.
 - Supervisor Burke announced that on Wednesday June 19th from 7:30am – 9:30am there will be a conversation about heroin in our community at the Viterbo University Board Room in the Reinhart Center. There will also be the 2nd annual Criminal Justice Resource Fair in the Justice Center at 12pm on Monday June 24th. Supervisor Burke also recommended visiting the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge if you have not done so yet.
 - Supervisor Schroeder attended the WCHA Summer Conference. They reviewed and discussed WCA and WCHA legislative priorities, strategies, and future legislative issues.
 - Supervisor Ferris announced that the La Crosse area Veterans Court in conjunction with the Veterans Mentor Program will have their first graduate on June 12th at 8:45am in Branch III.
 - Supervisor Jerome also attended the Vital Aging Conference and noted that the speakers were very informative and inspirational.
 - Supervisor Londre attended the Neighborhood USA Conference in Minneapolis. A common discussion point of how neighborhoods have been improved across the United States has been through cross-governmental partnerships.
 - Chair Johnson acknowledged the diverse interests that board members put in on top of their regular duties and committee meetings.
 - Supervisor Pfaff invited everyone to the June Dairy Days Breakfast this Saturday morning in West Salem at Hoffman Farm on Hoff Road off of County Road C.
 - Administrator O'Malley announced that the La Crosse County Register of Deeds, Cheryl McBride, was elected the President of the Register of Deeds Association.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

PROCLAMATION JUNE 2013 - PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES MONTH

WHEREAS, the County Parks system and our Natural Resources are an integral part of the La Crosse County Community; and, **WHEREAS**, the quality of our Parks and Natural Resources provides safe and healthy places for residents and visitors to recreate and enjoy; and, **WHEREAS**, residents and visitors are encouraged to educate themselves and adopt responsible lifestyles that preserve the beauty and value of our Parks and Natural Resources; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County employees from the Facilities Department

and the Department of Land Conservation serve to educate, protect, maintain and enhance the quality of our Parks and Natural Resources; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the Month of June 2013 as La Crosse County Parks and Natural Resources Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution made by County employees dedicated to the welfare of our Parks and Natural Resources for the benefit of our residents and visitors of La Crosse County.

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

- Couleecap Annual Report
 - Grace Jones from Couleecap presented their Annual Report. Couleecap serves Crawford, La Crosse, Monroe, and Vernon Counties in Western Wisconsin. In 2012 the budget was \$7.8 million. Each year they raise this money. About \$3 million was spent in La Crosse County, they employ 10 residents of the county, and serve 38,744 people overall with approximately 18,500 from La Crosse County.
 - Eight homes have been built in Rockland; 4 are for sale and 3 have interested buyers. Six rental units are leased up, and Couleecap will soon develop market-rate housing in Rockland.
 - Couleecap was able to provide housing rehabilitation services for 18 homes last year, weatherized 143 homes in La Crosse County, distributed over 3 million pounds of food, and 130,000 volunteer hours provided to their agency.
 - Monica Kruse and Maureen Freedland are on the Couleecap Board.
- Update on Gas to Energy Project
 - Nick Nichols gave an update on the Gas to Energy Project at Solid Waste. The first full month of operation was March 2012. In the 10 months of 2012 when it was in operation they brought in over \$178,000 of income for that project and they averaged over 90% of up time and in December it was 99% of the time. An original goal was to max out gas production to Gundersen Health System over the course of three years. They are not at that point yet but expect to max out the system at the end of 2014 which is one year ahead of schedule. This project was recognized by the EPA in 2012 as the project of the year for the Methane Outreach Program.
- Status of Park Plaza Development
 - The Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and County will be at Executive Committee this Wednesday and will come to the full board at the June Monthly Board meeting. It still needs to go through all development issues through the City of La Crosse. Preliminary rezoning is currently before the City of La Crosse and then there needs to be a final rezoning where they walk out with a permit to start building.
- Update on Lakeview Facilities and Site Plan
 - Lakeview Administrator Wanda Plachecki gave an overview of the site plan. Lakeview is running out of time with the building aspect of this. There are a lot of damaged areas on the roof, parking lot and pieces that are falling apart. There will be a joint meeting on June 24, 2013 between La Crosse County, West Salem School District, Village of West Salem, and there could be a quorum of the Veteran's, Aging and Long Term Care Committee. This meeting will provide information to the village and school district that they requested. When tearing down Lakeview, the county will work with the West Salem School District as they are looking to expand the middle school. The architects will continue to work on design and initial concept drawings. They will also continue to work with the State on terms of closure of the FTD and incentives for FTD to close that facility and ongoing conversations they are having with this project and incentives for that.
- Report on Administrative Center Committee
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- o Supervisor Veenstra explained the main issue with the Administrative Building is cost of repair versus construction and space utilization. An RFP was issued and a number of individuals have done a walkthrough of the building. Proposals will be opened on June 17th at 1:05pm and interviews on June 27th by the committee. Brian Fukuda gave an overview of the downtown campus and options for the administrative functions. Pending maintenance issues are forcing a decision soon as major work will need to be done in the next couple of years. The two major issues with remaining status quo are the asbestos abatement and inefficiencies of space. Relocating to a different facility may be more cost effective and efficient if there is interest from the RFP process and would allow a more efficient design and save on operational costs. The next meeting will be on June 27th.
- Status Report on Chapter 1 Workgroup
 - o Administrator O'Malley, Supervisor Hampson and Corporation Counsel Dave Lange have met to go over the Chapter 1 Code of Ordinance. Code of Ordinances are not static, they are constantly changing. They have reduced the description of elected and department head positions and kept that description to duties and applicable State Statutes. They also looked at the special committees, boards, commissions, and standing committee membership.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Update of the Cary Report.

ADJOURN

Motion by R. Keil/D. Ferries to adjourn at 7:43 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - K. Johnson, J. Schroeder and C. Spiker.

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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, June 10, 2013 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 13 OF JUNE 2013.