

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUBLIC HEARING AND ANNUAL MEETING PROCEEDINGS; TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Public Hearing and Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 25 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	Present
12 Holtze, Dave	Present
13 Meyer, Donald	Present
14 Schroeder, Jeffrey	Excused
15 Kruse, Monica	Excused
16 Ferries, Dan	Present
17 Berns, Jim	Present
18 Berg, Laurence	Excused
19 Downer, Thomas	Present
20 Doyle, Steve	Excused
21 Burke, Vicki	Present
22 Barlow, Patrick	Present
23 Pedretti, Marilyn	Present
24 Pfaff, Leon	Present
25 Ebert, Ray	Excused at 06:56 PM
26 Gamroth, Tammy	Present
27 Wehrs, Tina	Present
28 Keil, Robert	Present
29 Johnson, Tara	Present

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC HEARING COMMENCED:** Chair Johnson called the speakers to the podium.

- Bill Feehan spoke in opposition to the Administrator's proposed budget.
- **OUTLINE OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET –** Administrator O'Malley presented an overview of the 2014 recommended budget including the gross expenditures (\$162.3 million), 2014 tax levy, tax levy changes,

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collaboration, innovation and improvement, credit ratings, property tax levy, mill rate, and significant decisions that the Board will have to make in 2014.

- Mary Ann Gerrard – President of the UW-L Foundation, Joe Gow – UW-L Chancellor, and Josh Whitman – UW-L Athletic Director all spoke in favor of the donation to the UWL Stadium project.
- Gwyneth Straker spoke in favor of the Strong Seniors Program.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:** With no one else requesting to speak, the public hearing was closed. Motion by D. Holtze/A. Londre to close the Public Hearing passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 4 excused - L. Berg, S. Doyle, M. Kruse and J. Schroeder.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

##### **County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson**

- Supervisor Conference Reports
  - Supervisor Jerome attended a UW Extension Conference for 4-H youth and adult leaders in Stevens Point that covered statewide programming and leadership opportunities.
  - Supervisor Freedland and Supervisor Burke attended a conference on human trafficking sponsored by the La Crosse Community Foundation. It's the second or third growing criminal industry in the United States.
  - Supervisor Hampson attended a mass casualty training put on by FEMA. La Crosse County will need to look at how to upgrade emergency services to better plan for a mass casualty.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by R. Plesha/R. Becker to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting held October 7, 2013 and the Monthly Meeting held October 17, 2013, and the Claims list for \$2,570,882.51 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 4 excused - L. Berg, S. Doyle, M. Kruse and J. Schroeder.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 47-11/13 RE: SUPPORT FOR 2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 387 THAT PERSONS UNDER AGE 18 BE SUBJECT TO JURISDICTION OF JUVENILE COURT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS**

**WHEREAS**, under current law, a person 17 years of age or older who is alleged to have violated a criminal law is subject to the adult procedures in the Wisconsin criminal code in circuit court instead of the procedures in juvenile court; and, **WHEREAS**, under current law, a person 17 years of age or older who is alleged to have violated a civil law or municipal ordinance is subject to the jurisdiction and adult procedures of the circuit court or municipal court instead of the jurisdiction and procedures in juvenile court; and, **WHEREAS**, 2013 Assembly Bill 387 raises from 17 to 18 years the age at which a person who is alleged to have violated a criminal law or to have violated a civil law or municipal ordinance is subject to the jurisdiction of the circuit court unless the person has committed certain violent offenses, has previously been convicted of a crime or adjudicated delinquent; and, **WHEREAS**, based on recent evidence, juveniles are emotionally immature in several ways that undermine their decision-making capacity; and, **WHEREAS**, studies show that processing juveniles in adult court is not a deterrent to future offenses because of their emotional immaturity, and that using juvenile courts is more beneficial because treatment and rehabilitation are more available in such courts; and, **WHEREAS**, the provisions of 2013 Assembly Bill 387 balance the two conflicting priorities of the need for public safety and the welfare of young offenders, who often can turn their lives around. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse County Board does hereby support 2013 Assembly Bill 387 which provides that persons under the age of 18 years will be subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, unless the person has committed violent offenses, has previously been convicted of a crime or adjudicated delinquent. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board supports further legislation or an amendment to 2013 Assembly Bill 387 that requires the Stateto provide funding to cover additional costs to Wisconsin Counties due to the passage of the legislation. **BE IT FURTHER**

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**RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Walker, State Senator Jennifer Shilling, and State Representatives Steve Doyle and Jill Billings to urge the adoption of 2013 Assembly Bill 387. **FISCAL NOTE:** Projected annual cost to serve 17 year olds in the Human Services juvenile justice system as a result of passage of 2013 Assembly Bill 387 is estimated to be \$469,984.

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD  
JUDICIARY AND LAW COMMITTEE**

Motion by V. Burke/T. Downer to approve. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 4 excused - L. Berg, S. Doyle, M. Kruse and J. Schroeder.

**RESOLUTION NO. 48-11/13 RE: APPROVAL OF TOWN OF CAMPBELL ZONING AMENDMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Campbell has adopted a zoning ordinance, which ordinance was approved by the La Crosse County Board by Resolution #52-1/13 on January 17, 2013; and, **WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. s. 60.62(3) states that no zoning ordinance or amendment to a zoning ordinance may be adopted by the town unless approved by the county board; and, **WHEREAS**, after a public hearing on October 8, 2013, the Town of Campbell approved a petition by Darcy Lenser to rezone parcel #4-556-0, located at 319 Hinkley Road, from the Rural District to the Residential District "B", conditioned upon no change to the original structure; and, **WHEREAS**, the Planning, Resources and Development Committee, after receiving input from Zoning, Planning and Land Information Department staff, recommend approval of the proposed zoning amendment. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves the amendment to the zoning district of the Town of Campbell zoning ordinance regarding parcel 4-556-0 approved by the Town of Campbell on October 8, 2013 in accordance with Wis. Stat. s. 60.62(3). **FISCAL NOTE:** No fiscal impact to La Crosse County.

**PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Motion by T. Wehrs/D. Holtze to approve. Discussion ensued. Corporation Counsel David Lange responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous roll call vote with 25 ayes, 4 excused - L. Berg, S. Doyle, M. Kruse and J. Schroeder.

**ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z317-11/13 RE: PETITION NO. 1928 TO AMEND THE LA CROSSE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE FILED BY KRIS GAUTSCH TO REZONE FROM RURAL DISTRICT TO COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, 1.413 ACRES TO OPERATE A HAIR SALON IN AN EXISTING RESIDENCE IN THE TOWN OF MEDARY**

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 1928 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by Kris Gautsch, N3363 State Rd 16, La Crosse, WI 54601 and having held a public hearing on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013 for a petition to rezone from the Rural District to the Commercial District, 1.413 acres to operate a hair salon in an existing residence with six employees and designated parking in the Town of Medary and described as follows: Outlot 1 of Certified Survey Map No. 25 in Volume 2, and; Lots 1 and 2 of Certified Survey Map No. 189 in Volume 2. Tax parcels 9-1043-2, 9-1044-0, and 9-1045-0. Property address N3363 State Rd 16. Town of Medary. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats.: the Committee did publish and receive proof of a Class II notice of the hearing; did receive receipts of mailing of the notices to the affected Town Clerk(s); did hold a public hearing to hear testimony and official correspondence; and, did receive and consider action from the affected Town Board(s). The Committee, under s. 59.69(5)(e)4, and under s. 91.48(1), Wis. Stats., has the authority to approve the petition as submitted; to disapprove of the petition; or, to modify and approve the petition. Having considered the entire record the Committee's recommendation is to: By a vote of five (5) in favor, zero (0) no, and two (2) excused (Pedretti, Ebert), the committee recommended approval of Zoning Petition No.1928 subject to no conditions. (If this petition is approved as a conditional zoning, deed restrictions must

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be recorded before zoning takes effect.) The County Board, under s.59.69(5)(e)5 Wis. Stats., has the authority to effectuate the petition by ordinance or to disapprove it. **The County Board** took the following action this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013. Approved the petition as submitted, becomes an ordinance.

**PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Motion by T. Wehrs/R. Becker to approve. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 4 excused - L. Berg, S. Doyle, M. Kruse and J. Schroeder.

**REOPEN PUBLIC HEARING:** Motion by T. Wehrs/P. Jerome to reopen the Public Hearing passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 4 excused – L. Berg, S. Doyle, M. Kruse and J. Schroeder.

- Andrea Reising, Judy Dietz, and Connie Eide spoke against cutting Home Health Services.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:** Motion by B. Schultz/D. Holtze to close the Public Hearing passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 4 excused – L. Berg, S. Doyle, M. Kruse and J. Schroeder.

**RESOLUTION NO. 49-11/13 RE: OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 349 LIMITING LOCAL CONTROL REGARDING NONMETALLIC MINING, AIR AND WATER QUALITY, AND HIGHWAY DAMAGE AND USE CONTRACTS**

**WHEREAS**, the expansion of industrial sand mining and processing in western Wisconsin raises significant local public health, economic, environmental, and quality of life issues; and, **WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 349 has been introduced in the Wisconsin Legislature to restrict local governmental authority to regulate nonmetallic mining and to limit certain governmental powers; and, **WHEREAS**, the Bill prohibits local governmental units from imposing restrictions related to water or air quality and water quantity; requiring monitoring of water or air quality and water quantity; establishing or enforcing a standard of air or water quality; or issuing permits related to water or air quality and water quantity; and, **WHEREAS**, the Bill removes the power of a county to administer an air pollution control program with requirements that are consistent with or stricter than those in relevant state law; and, **WHEREAS**, the Bill prohibits a county from enacting or enforcing a nonmetallic mining reclamation ordinance that requires an operator to obtain a permit other than a reclamation permit, includes a standard of air or water quality, or is more restrictive than Wisconsin DNR standards; and, **WHEREAS**, the Bill prohibits counties from imposing any fee or other charge on a highway user for damage to highways caused by the highway user unless the county has entered into a contract with a highway user to reimburse the municipality or county for the cost of repairs to a highway that meets certain specific requirements, including a requirement that the proportion of damages caused specifically by the highway user must be determined by an engineer selected by the user and the county and paid equally by the user and county; and, **WHEREAS**, the health, safety, economic, environmental, and quality of life impacts of these operations are primarily issues of local concern. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse County Board hereby supports local control of nonmetallic mining and the health and highway issues referred to in this resolution and opposes Senate Bill 349 and any state legislation that would preempt the ability of towns and counties to craft their own regulations tailored to their individual circumstances. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Walker, Senator Shilling, Representatives Doyle and Billings, Wisconsin DNR Secretary Stepp, and the Wisconsin Counties Association. **FISCAL NOTE:** No cost to the County of La Crosse

**PLANNING RESOURCES & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD  
PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

Motion by D. Meyer/A. Londre to approve. Discussion ensued. Motion by M. Freedland/S. Hampson to amend by adding to the Now Therefore It Be Resolved, after "nonmetallic mining" by adding "and the health and highway issues referred to in this resolution" passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 4 excused - L. Berg, S. Doyle, M. Kruse and J. Schroeder. The motion to approve as amended passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 4 excused - L. Berg, S. Doyle, M. Kruse and J. Schroeder.

**FIRST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE**

ORDINANCE NO. 120 TO AMEND CHAPTER 11 "PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES" OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Motion by K. Johnson to move the first reading. Administrator O'Malley responded to questions from the Board. The ordinance will be held over for 30 days and is on file and open for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk and on the La Crosse County web site at: [www.co.la-crosse.wi.us](http://www.co.la-crosse.wi.us). Upon adoption and publication it will be incorporated into the La Crosse County General Code of Ordinances.

**FIRST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE**

ORDINANCE NO. 119 TO AMEND S. 13.05 OF CHAPTER 13 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN ENTITLED "LICENSES AND PERMITS"

Motion by K. Johnson to move the first reading. Administrator O'Malley responded to questions from the Board. The ordinance will be held over for 30 days and is on file and open for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk and on the La Crosse County web site at: [www.co.la-crosse.wi.us](http://www.co.la-crosse.wi.us). Upon adoption and publication it will be incorporated into the La Crosse County General Code of Ordinances.

**ORDINANCE NO. 121-11/13 TO AMEND SS.2.01(1), 2.01(2)4, 23, 24 & 29, 2.02(7)(A), 2.02(12) AND 2.03(1) OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN ENTITLED "GOVERNING BODY"**

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of La Crosse does ordain as follows:

**Section 1.** Section 2.01(1) is amended to read:

2.01(1) Governing Body. The governing body of La Crosse County shall be known as the "La Crosse County Board of Supervisors". The County Board shall be composed of 29 Supervisors with 1 Supervisor to be elected from each of the 29 Supervisory districts.

**Section 2.** Sections 2.01(2) 4, 23, 24, and 29 are amended to read:

4. FOURTH SUPERVISORY DISTRICT  
City of La Crosse – Wards 9 and 12, together with the property annexed by the City of La Crosse, Ordinance #4727, adopted January 10, 2013.
23. TWENTY-THIRD SUPERVISORY DISTRICT  
Village of Holmen – Ward 1, together with the property annexed by the Village of Holmen, Ordinance #9-2013, adopted September 12, 2013; and Town of Holland – Wards 2, 3, 4 and 5.
24. TWENTY-FOURTH SUPERVISORY DISTRICT  
Town of Onalaska – Wards 1, except for the property annexed by the Village of Holmen, Ordinance #9-2013, adopted September 12, 2013; Town of Holland – Ward 6; Town of Hamilton – Ward 1; and Town of Farmington – Wards 1 and 2.
29. TWENTY-NINTH SUPERVISORY DISTRICT  
Town of Shelby – Wards 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6, except for the property annexed by the City of La Crosse, Ordinance #4727, adopted January 10, 2013.

**Section 3.** Section 2.02(7)(a) is amended to read:

(7)(a) All resolutions shall be drafted by the Corporation Counsel Office, the County Clerk, the Personnel Director, the Auditor/Finance Director, the County Administrator, or the Deputy County Administrator to assure uniformity of format and proper content. Upon

completion, the resolution shall be forwarded to the County Administrator, Auditor/Finance Director, and County Board Chair.

**Section 4.** Section 2.02(12) is amended to read:

(12) Claims.

(a) Supervisors shall have all claims for travel, meals and lodging approved by the County Board Chair and submitted to the County Clerk no later than the end of the month of January of the following year.

(b) The Executive Committee of the County Board shall be informed of any settlement of claims, debts or causes of action exceeding \$5,000.

(c) The Corporation Counsel has authority to settle claims, debts and causes of action up to \$5,000.

**Section 5.** Section 2.03(1) is amended to read:

2.03 RULES FOR CONDUCT OF MEETINGS.

(1) Order of Business. The order of business at the regular meeting shall be generally as follows:

(a) Roll Call

(b) Pledge of Allegiance

(c) Election of officers (April organizational meeting)

(d) Communications, announcements and reports

(e) Appointments

(f) Consent Agenda – approval of County Board minutes, financial statements, and claims list

(g) Closed session

(h) Presentation of resolutions, ordinances, motions and other business from Standing Committees

(i) Items for future agendas

**Section 6.** This Ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.

**TARA JOHNSON, County Board Chair**

**GINNY DANKMEYER, County Clerk**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by S. Hampson/A. Londre to approve. Chair Johnson asked for a motion to suspend the rules and act on the ordinance at its' first reading. Motion by S. Hampson/M. Pedretti to waive the rules to act on an ordinance at its' first consideration. Discussion ensued. Corporation Counsel David Lange responded to questions from the Board. The motion to waive the rules passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 6 excused - L. Berg, S. Doyle, R. Ebert, R. Keil, M. Kruse and J. Schroeder. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 5 excused - L. Berg, S. Doyle, R. Ebert, M. Kruse and J. Schroeder.

**RESOLUTION NO. 50-11/13 RE: ACKNOWLEDGE "THE BEST OF PUBLIC SERVICE"**

**WHEREAS**, the following employees have been a faithful part in providing "The Best of Public Service" to La Crosse County:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Carol J. Chroninger	Lakeview Health Center	34+
Delores M. Kenyon	Finance Department	34+
Janice M. Hayes	Hillview Health Care Center	30+
Roger C. Piazza	Sheriff Department	30+
Elizabeth A. Erickson	Lakeview Health Center	27+
William S. Noffke	Sheriff Department	26+
Joan C. Halverson	Human Services – Economic Support	25+

**WHEREAS**, it is the wish of the County Board of Supervisors to acknowledge long and faithful service on behalf of the citizens of La Crosse County; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

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**RESOLVED**, that a resolution extending our congratulations be recorded in La Crosse County Board Proceedings and a certificate of our actions be presented as an expression of our gratitude.

**TARA JOHNSON, COUNTY BOARD CHAIR**  
**GINNY DANKMEYER, COUNTY CLERK**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by S. Hampson/V. Burke to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 5 excused - L. Berg, S. Doyle, R. Ebert, M. Kruse and J. Schroeder.

**RESOLUTION NO. 51-11/13 RE: CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING COUNTY CHECKS**

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee is aware of many long outstanding checks written by the County that have not been cashed by the recipients; and, **WHEREAS**, per 59.64(4)(e) Wis. Stats a descriptive list giving the amount, date and payee of county checks that have not been cashed in a 2 year period is attached and those checks shall be cancelled and the monies returned to the county's general fund. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board accept the list of outstanding county checks issued by La Crosse County that have been outstanding for a period in excess of two years and such checks are hereby cancelled; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any monies recoverable because of the cancellation of said checks shall be returned to the county general fund. It is further understood, that any subsequent request for payment will be handled on an individual basis according to the applicable statutes of limitations. **FISCAL NOTE**: Total is \$7,738.14 for the year 2011.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by S. Hampson/L. Pfaff to approve. Discussion ensued. Finance Director Gary Ingvalson responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 5 excused - L. Berg, S. Doyle, R. Ebert, M. Kruse and J. Schroeder.

**RESOLUTION NO. 52-11/13 RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES**

**WHEREAS**, per WI. Statutes Chapter 34 and 59, the County Board shall designate one or more depositories; and, **WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee has met and they have designated depositories which meet the state statutes requirements. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Board appoint the following financial institutions as official depositories for La Crosse County funds:

Wells Fargo Bank NA, La Crosse  
State Bank Financial, La Crosse & Onalaska

Coulee Bank of La Crosse  
Farmers State Bank of Bangor  
Park Bank, Holmen and La Crosse  
Community Credit Union, La Crosse, Onalaska & Holmen  
Associated Bank, La Crosse  
Dana Investment Advisors  
River Bank, La Crosse & Holmen  
MBIA Municipal Investors Corp.  
Trust Point, La Crosse  
Governmental Employees Credit Union, La Crosse

Wells Fargo Securities  
Firefighters Credit Union, La Crosse & Holmen  
U. S. Bank, La Crosse & Onalaska  
Union State Bank of West Salem  
First National Bank of Bangor & La Crosse  
Altra Federal Credit Union, La Crosse, Onalaska & Holmen  
Morgan Stanley  
J. P. Morgan Chase  
UBS Financial Services Inc.  
Bank of America, Chicago  
BMO Harris Bank  
Wisconsin State Mutual Pool, Madison

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the aforementioned depositories are officially designated until there is a change in state statutes or they are amended by the La Crosse County Board. **FISCAL NOTE:** No Fiscal Impact

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by S. Hampson/D. Meyer to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 5 excused - L. Berg, S. Doyle, R. Ebert, M. Kruse and J. Schroeder.

**RECESS:** Motion by B. Schultz/R. Becker to recess at 7:10 PM until 9:00 AM Tuesday, November 13, 2013 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 5 excused - L. Berg, S. Doyle, R. Ebert, M. Kruse and J. Schroeder.

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ANNUAL MEETING  
PROCEEDINGS; WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2013**

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<b>District</b>	<b>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	Present
12	Holtze, Dave	Present
13	Meyer, Donald	Present
14	Schroeder, Jeffrey	Present
15	Kruse, Monica	Excused
16	Ferries, Dan	Present
17	Berns, Jim	Present
18	Berg, Laurence	Present
19	Downer, Thomas	Present
20	Doyle, Steve	Excused
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	Excused
28	Keil, Robert	Present



**RESOLUTION NO. 53-11/13 RE: AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION TO CERTAIN LA CROSSE COUNTY PERMITS, FEES, AND CHARGES FOR 2014**

**WHEREAS**, the 2014 budget includes certain fee increases for various revenue accounts commencing January 1, 2014 for various departments; and, **WHEREAS**, the fees in each of the departments have been identified in the 10-24-2013 budget document entitled "Proposed User Fees, Charges for Services, and Permit Fees for 2014 Comprehensive Master List"; and, **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Financial Management Policies indicate that the County will establish service fees and charges wherever appropriate for the purpose of keeping property taxes to a minimum; and, **WHEREAS**, these fees and charges will attempt to fairly allocate the full cost of services to the users of those services whenever possible and as deemed appropriate by the County Board, including consideration of waiving or offering reduced fees to youth, seniors, or other special population groups identified as requiring preferential consideration based on policy goals. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby approve budget documents entitled "Proposed User Fees, Charges for Services, and Permit Fees for 2014 Comprehensive Master List" to be effective commencing January 1, 2014. **FISCAL NOTE:** The proposed fees, charges and permit fees of \$26,376,150 for 2014 have been included in the proposed 2014 Budget.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by S. Hampson/D. Meyer to approve. Motion by J. Schroeder/L. Berg to amend Mediation line item #79040 from \$400 to \$100. Discussion ensued. Corporation Counsel David Lange and Administrator O'Malley responded to questions from the Board. Motion by S. Hampson/R. Geary to postpone until staff was available to respond to questions passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 4 excused - S. Doyle, M. Freedland, M. Kruse and T. Wehrs. Motion by A. Richmond/V. Burke to amend Health Department line item #51061, Cholesterol, Diabetes, and Body Fat testing from \$14 to \$12. Health Director Doug Mormann and Finance Director Gary Ingvalson responded to questions from the Board. The motion to amend failed on a roll call vote with 20 nays, 6 ayes - R. Becker, V. Burke, M. Freedland, R. Geary, A. Richmond and J. Schroeder, 3 excused - S. Doyle, M. Kruse and T. Wehrs. Mediator Erin Balsiger responded to questions from the Board regarding the amendment by Supervisor Schroeder to amend line item #79040 from \$400 to \$100. The motion to amend failed on a roll call vote with 24 nays, 2 ayes - A. Richmond and J. Schroeder, 3 excused - S. Doyle, M. Kruse and T. Wehrs. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - S. Doyle, M. Kruse and T. Wehrs.

**RESOLUTION NO. 54-11/13 RE: CHANGES IN POSITIONS FUNDED BY OUTSIDE SOURCES (NON-TAX LEVY) FOR 2014**

**WHEREAS**, the County Administrator's 2014 budget includes changes in positions that are fully funded by outside sources; and, **WHEREAS**, elimination of 3.40 Full Time Equivalents (FTE) are the result of decreased grant revenues and new positions of 10.26 FTE are the result of increased grant revenues and other outside sources. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following position modifications be approved for inclusion in the 2014 La Crosse County budget, reflecting a net increase of 6.86 FTE with \$0 levy impact.

		<u>Net Increase/ Decrease FTE</u>	<u>Annual Cost Salary &amp; Fringe</u>	<u>Net Levy Impact</u>
<b><u>Health Dept</u></b>				
+0.01	WINS Tobacco Checker	0.01	\$132	\$0
-0.80	Health Educator	(0.80)	(\$62,318)	\$0
-0.60	Community Health Aide	(0.60)	(\$21,516)	\$0
<b><u>Solid Waste</u></b>				
+1.00	Financial Specialist - Solid Waste	1.00	\$70,231	\$0
+1.00	Lead Special Waste Technician	1.00	\$59,345	\$0

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+0.25	Grounds Laborer-Seasonal	0.25	\$5,351	\$0
-1.00	Accounting Specialist	(1.00)	(\$60,744)	\$0
-1.00	Special Waste Technician	(1.00)	(\$57,594)	\$0
<b>Human Services</b>				
+1.00	*Clinical Therapist Entry (eff. 7/1/14)	1.00	\$38,736	\$0
+7.00	*Social Worker I (eff 7/1/14) *contingent on funding from State	7.00	\$231,762	\$0
<b>Net Change/Totals</b>		<b>6.86</b>	<b>\$203,385</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Finance Department is authorized to make the necessary changes to the budget as needed and the Personnel Department is authorized to make necessary changes to the County pay plan. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any position addition reliant on non-tax-levy funding will be deleted if outside funding ends. **FISCAL NOTE:** Increase of salary and fringe costs in the amount of \$203,385 are included in the Administrator's Proposed 2014 Budget. These positions will be fully funded by grant revenue or other outside sources and will not impact the tax levy.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by S. Hampson/J. Veenstra to approve. Discussion ensued. Administrator O'Malley responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 4 excused - S. Doyle, M. Kruse, R. Plesha and T. Wehrs.

**RESOLUTION NO. 55-11/13 RE: CHANGES IN GENERAL OPERATING LEVY POSITIONS AND HOURS FOR 2014 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, based on input from the departments, the County Administrator's 2014 budget includes a total decrease of 12.75 Full time Equivalents (FTE) and an increase of 5.35 FTE for positions supported by local property tax levy. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following position modifications be approved for inclusion in the 2014 La Crosse County budget, reflecting a net decrease of 7.40 FTE with a net decrease of \$139,298 in the 2014 Tax Levy.

		<u>Net Increase/ Decrease FTE</u>	<u>Annual Cost Salary &amp; Fringe</u>	<u>Net Levy Impact</u>
<b><u>Aging</u></b>				
+0.13	Secretary I	0.13	\$4,896	\$4,896
+0.03	Elderly Benefits Specialist	0.03	\$1,896	\$1,109
-0.67	Aging/Outreach Coordinator	(0.67)	(\$30,924)	(\$30,924)
<b><u>Finance</u></b>				
-1.00	Internal Auditor	(1.00)	(\$78,224)	(\$78,224)
<b><u>IT / IT CDGS</u></b>				
+1.00	Computer Support Specialist	1.00	\$58,197	\$58,197
-0.85	Document/Graphics Specialist	(0.85)	(\$52,005)	(\$52,005)
-0.43	Work Assistant (LTE)	(0.43)	(\$10,291)	(\$10,291)
<b><u>Health Dept</u></b>				
-0.44	Community Health Aide (eff. 1/1/14)	(0.44)	(\$15,690)	(\$4,707)
-2.70	Community Health Aide (eff. 7/1/14)	(2.70)	(\$76,768)	(\$23,030)
-1.60	Community Hlth Nurse III (eff. 7/1/14)	(1.60)	(\$52,811)	(\$15,844)
-0.50	Nursing Supv-Home Hlth (eff. 7/1/14)	(0.50)	(\$20,814)	(\$6,244)
-0.50	Medical Records Tech (eff. 7/1/14)	(0.50)	(\$15,895)	(\$4,768)
-0.06	Work Assistant Health	(0.06)	(\$1,380)	(\$1,380)
<b><u>Highway Dept</u></b>				
+1.00	Highway Engineer	1.00	\$86,714	\$0
<b><u>Human Services</u></b>				
+3.00	Social Worker - F&C	3.00	\$200,884	\$74,327
-3.00	Social Service Specialist	(3.00)	(\$129,612)	(\$41,476)
-1.00	Account Clerk (eff. 7/1/14)	(1.00)	(\$28,644)	(\$20,910)
<b><u>Veterans</u></b>				
+ 0.19	Clerk Advanced	0.19	\$11,976	\$11,976
<b>Net Change/Totals</b>		<b>(7.40)</b>	<b>(\$148,495)</b>	<b>(\$139,298)</b>

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Finance Department is authorized to make the necessary changes to the budget as needed and the Personnel Department is authorized to make necessary changes to the County pay plan. **FISCAL NOTE:** Net reduction of \$139,298 is reflected in the Administrator's Proposed 2014 budget.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by S. Hampson/K. Johnson to approve. Discussion ensued. Administrator O'Malley and Health Director Doug Mormann gave a short presentation on the Phase out of Home Health Services by July 2014 and responded to questions from the Board. Further discussion ensued. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - S. Doyle, M. Kruse and T. Wehrs.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 56-11/13 RE: COMPENSATION FOR LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD 2014-2016 TERM**

**WHEREAS**, La Crosse County is a self-organized County pursuant to s. 59.10(1), Wis. Stats., and s. 2.01(1)(a) of the General Code of La Crosse County; and **WHEREAS**, the method of compensation of Supervisors shall be determined by the County Board by resolution regulating such compensation prior to the earliest time for filing nomination papers for the office of Supervisor; and **WHEREAS**, the Supervisor's monthly wage has been \$411 since April, 2013 and was set when the Executive Committee approved a 2% wage increase for the increased work load that would result from the reduction in the size of the Board from 35 to 29 members. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the monthly wage for the County Board Supervisors shall remain at the amount of \$411 per month for the next 2 year term commencing in April, 2014. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair's monthly wage shall remain at the amount of \$1270 per month for the next 2 year term commencing in April, 2014. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Administrator, Finance Director, Personnel Director and Corporation Counsel shall take all necessary steps to carry out the intent of this resolution. **FISCAL NOTE:** The total annual compensation for the next 2 year term commencing April, 2014 shall be \$4,932 for County Board Supervisors and an additional \$15,240 for the County Board Chair.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by S. Hampson/D. Holtze to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 4 excused - S. Doyle, M. Kruse, B. Schultz and T. Wehrs.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 57-11/13 RE: DISCONTINUE HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE FOR LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD 2014-2016 TERM**

**WHEREAS**, La Crosse County is a self-organized County pursuant to s. 59.10(1), Wis. Stats., and s. 2.01(1)(a) of the General Code of La Crosse County; and, **WHEREAS**, County Board Resolution #36-8/13 adopted a High Deductible Health plan and restricted the eligibility for Health and Dental Insurance to employees working 30 hours per week or more, while grandfathering current part-time staff until 12/31/2014; and **WHEREAS**, it has been current policy for County Board members to be eligible to purchase Health and Dental Insurance on the same basis as part-time employees, with 3 members taking Single Health Insurance and 7 members taking Dental Insurance, while paying 55% of the premium, so it is appropriate to discontinue Health and Dental Insurance coverage in order to treat Board members the same as employees working less than 30 hours per week. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that beginning with the 2014-2016 term, County Board members will no longer be eligible to purchase County Health and Dental Insurance. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that County Board Supervisors who currently purchase Health or Dental Insurance, shall be permitted to continue coverage grandfathered until 12/31/2014 on the same basis as part-time employees working less than 30 hours per week, while paying 55% of the premium for Health and/or Dental coverage. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that consistent with employees working less than 30 hours per week, who choose coverage continuation grandfathered until 12/31/2014, the County shall deposit quarterly to a Health Reimbursement Account 25% of an annual amount of \$500 for single Health Insurance plan. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Finance Director and Personnel Director shall take all

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necessary steps to carry out the intent of this resolution. **FISCAL NOTE:** Savings to the County Board Budget will be approximately \$13,644 per year in the 2015 budget.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by S. Hampson/V. Burke to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 4 excused - S. Doyle, M. Kruse, B. Schultz and T. Wehrs.

**APPROVAL OF 2014 ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

Motion by S. Hampson/D. Meyer to approve. Discussion ensued. Motion by R. Geary/S. Hampson to amend by adding \$28,800 to 1131-86050, Property Management Major Capital Equipment, from the Unassigned General Fund Balance for the cost of providing additional Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) throughout all county buildings and facilities, subject to approval of a plan by the Health & Human Services Board for deploying the technology in the most effective manner including an on-going training plan to ensure appropriate use. Administrator O'Malley responded to questions from the Board. The motion to amend passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - S. Doyle, M. Kruse and T. Wehrs. Motion by S. Hampson/D. Meyer to amend with the Executive Committee 2014 Budget Changes/Corrections passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - S. Doyle, M. Kruse and T. Wehrs. Motion by A. Richmond/L. Berg to amend by removing from line item# 87350 Administrative Center, page 62, \$855,800 from the 2014 Budget. Administrator O'Malley responded to questions from the Board. The motion to amend failed on a roll call vote with 23 nays, 3 ayes - R. Geary, A. Richmond and J. Schroeder, 3 excused - S. Doyle, M. Kruse and T. Wehrs. **The motion to approve the Administrator's Recommended Budget as once amended passed on a roll call vote with 25 ayes, 1 nay - A. Richmond, 3 excused - S. Doyle, M. Kruse and T. Wehrs.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 58-11/13 RE: ADOPTION OF THE 2014 BUDGET AND TAX LEVY**

**WHEREAS**, the County Administrator has worked with all County departments and has prepared the La Crosse County 2014 Recommended Budget; and, **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors has held a public hearing, pursuant to Section 65.90m, Wisconsin Statutes. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors does adopt a budget for calendar year 2014 with total expenditures of \$161,353,791, total revenues and other funding sources of \$130,406,445 and a total La Crosse County tax levy of \$30,947,346 to be divided and levied as follows: County Tax of \$24,914,370 to be levied upon all the taxable property of the County; and, Debt Levy Tax of \$4,306,934 to be levied upon all the taxable property of the County; and, County Library Tax of \$1,726,042 to be levied upon all taxable property of the County except for that property within the City of La Crosse; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in addition to the La Crosse County tax levy, a State Forestry Tax in the amount of \$1,368,465 be levied upon all the taxable property of the County as certified by the State Department of Administration. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 2014 budget is adopted and approved at the department level of detail as contained in the budget document. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk and County Finance Director shall determine and apportion within 10 days of this date, the tax levy set forth for the respective municipalities, according and in proportion to the valuations for the towns, villages, and cities as submitted by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Administrator and the County Clerk are hereby authorized to correct any clerical errors that may be found in the budget document prior to the publishing of this resolution. **FISCAL NOTE:** See reverse side for budget comparison data.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by S. Hampson/D. Meyer to approve. Discussion ensued. Finance Director Gary Ingvalson and Administrator O'Malley responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a roll call vote with 25 ayes, 1 nay - A. Richmond, 3 excused - S. Doyle, M. Kruse and T. Wehrs.

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**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Supervisor Meyer requested an update on Park Plaza

**ADJOURN**

Motion by B. Schultz/R. Keil to adjourn at 11:01 AM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - S. Doyle, M. Kruse 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 Public Hearing and Annual Meeting held Tuesday, November 12, 2013 and Wednesday, November 13, 2013 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 18 OF NOVEMBER 2013.**