

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, APRIL 07, 2014**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, April 07, 2014 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	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	Excused
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	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	Present
29 Johnson, Tara	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Holtze announced a fundraiser for the Aging Commission on April 26th from 7:30 am – 10:30 am at Applebees. Tickets can be purchased through Supervisor Holtze.

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- Supervisor Barlow reminded Supervisors about the Community Emergency Response Training that is being offered from Public Health and Emergency Management on April 25th, 26th, and May 3rd.
- Supervisor Burke mentioned that the Heroin Taskforce has completed its work as a taskforce and will be reporting to the Criminal Justice Management Council on April 15th at 7:30 am. The group has now been broken into 5 groups and will continue their work in groups.
- Supervisor Doyle asked for clarification on the County Board Advance on May 2nd which will take place in the morning.
- County Board Supervisor Recognition – Chair Johnson, 1st Vice-Chair Hampson and 2nd Vice-Chair Ebert presented the outgoing Supervisors with plaques of recognition for their service on the La Crosse County Board. Karin Johnson, District 5 – 3 years; Richard Becker, District 1- 2 years; Bill Schultz, District 11 – 2 years; Jim Berns, District 17 – 12 years; Thomas Downer, District 19 – 2 years; Marilyn Pedretti, District 23 – 6 years; Tammy Gamroth, District 26 – 6 years; Donald F. Meyer, District 13 – 25 years.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

PROCLAMATION APRIL 2014 - LA CROSSE COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH
WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties serving more than 300 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe, vibrant and economically resilient communities; and **WHEREAS**, Counties enhance the quality of life in countless ways including: protecting health and public safety; enforcing laws and ordinances; operating the court system; maintaining vital public records; conducting elections; maintaining and plowing the roads; preventing abuse & neglect of the most vulnerable; assisting the elderly, poor and mentally ill; disposing of solid waste; enhancing environmental protection; planning for economic development and being prepared for community responses to emergencies and disasters. **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in sensible and cost-effective ways; and **WHEREAS**, in order to remain healthy, vibrant, safe, and economically competitive, America's counties must be able to anticipate and adapt to all types of change; and **WHEREAS**, through National Association of Counties Resilient Counties Initiative, NACo is encouraging counties to focus on how they prepare and respond to natural disasters and emergencies or any situation that the counties may face, such as economic recovery or public health and safety challenges; and **WHEREAS**, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote their own programs and services to the public they serve. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of April 2014 as National County Government Month and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

Motion by T. Gamroth/J. Berns to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 2 excused - M. Kruse and D. Meyer.

- Lakeview Campus Update & Capacity – Analysis
 - Administrator O'Malley gave a presentation on the Lakeview Project. Two county facilities have operated since the late 1800's: Hillview – a skilled nursing care facility to geriatric population, and Lakeview – a developmentally disabled and chronic mentally ill facility. A single campus was considered in 1989 and again in 2013. Long term care continuum from most independent to highest services include Carroll Heights – independent senior housing, Whispering Pines and Hillview Terrace – assisted living RCAC, Maplewood – community based residential facility, Monarch Manor – community based residential facility, Macintosh Manor – adult family home which will be closed with new Lakeview Campus, Lakeview – MVHS Commission is a nursing

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- facility for developmentally disabled and chronic mentally ill, Ravenwood Behavioral Health – behavioral health (State only), and Hillview Health Care Center – skilled nursing home.
- After years of work and many road blocks, legislation passed to create Mississippi Valley Health Services, a multi-county commission. 13 member counties to serve clients with unique needs. MVHS hold the license and La Crosse operates the facility. \$5.5 million in 2008-2013 to La Crosse County, \$900,000 in 2013 based on per diem of \$65/day. Use of Lakeview has become a last resort.
 - Lakeview Health Care Center timeline to date. August 2012 – replacement with neighborhood facilities; January 2013 – proceed with Phase I; September 2013 – approve 8 Bed CBRF Monarch Manor; December 2013 – Land Sale to West Salem School District; January 2014 – Phase II and seek bids; February and March – seek input regarding need; and April and May – consider transition and capacity.
 - Lakeview Administrator Wanda Plachecki explained the new campus floor plan of the two 25 bed nursing home wing, 10 bed behavioral health, two 15 bed community based residential facilities, and the maintenance, common area entrance and administration.
 - Concerns about capacity include admissions of 68 clients per year proposed census is below capacity. This would maintain current levy with debt service included. The current census doesn't seem to support an additional 40 nursing bed and any losses would require more levy. Decreased capacity will decrease number of staff and requiring less FTE's.
 - Stakeholders include the State of WI (DHS), County Human Service Directors, MVHS Member counties, Managed Care Organization / Family care, and County homes in MVHS member counties.
 - Lakeview Healthcare Center next steps: June and July – seek and award bids, August MVHS Commission meeting to set per diem, August and September – debt service plan and bonding, summer and fall 2014 – construct Garland Street extended, and December 2015 – move into new facilities.
- Administrative Center, Lot C and Downtown Campus Study status reports.
 - Future discussion and decision points that the County Board needs to make
 - Terms of Associated Purchase
 - Terms of Sale (part of Lot C to Associated)
 - Admin Center & Downtown Campus Study Committee
 - Consideration of Development of Proposals (Lot C)
 - Bonding decisions
 - Facilities Director Jim Speropulos gave a background on the maintenance issues of the Administrative Building from 1963 to current and the 2013-2014 county board actions and updates.
 - Supervisor Veenstra presented the Asbestos Recommendation from 2004 which was to remove all structural steel fireproofing materials and related overspray from all surfaces of the Administrative Building as soon as feasible. The county is trying to be responsive to the market conditions surrounding our campus; development of Lot C, timing is right for conversion of Administrative Building to student housing, opportunity to purchase existing building and parking adjacent to campus, and favorable terms available for borrowing/bonding.
 - Option A is to renovate existing building, Option B was to redesign existing building – option removed, Option C was to relocate to existing building – option removed, Option D1 was to build new on Lot C – option removed, Option D2 and D3 is to build addition onto HHS, and Option E is to build/remodel other downtown sites (Associated Bank Building). Option E comes in with lowest cost per square foot.

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- o Brian Fukuda reviewed the current campus, the proposed campus plan and the market analysis of Lot C. There is significant interest in Lot C and it will be important to partner with uses that provide opportunity for shared parking and facilities.
- o Corporation Counsel reviewed some of the potential issues that may arise and possible lawsuits with regards to the asbestos abatement.
- o The Lot C Advisory Committee consisted of 24 members from throughout the community. They explored possible ways to maximize the value of Lot C for the community. Sister Georgia Christensen and Dave Ring, members of the Lot C Advisory Committee, summarized the committee's input, views and the direction of what they want to see transpire from Lot C.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Supervisor Barlow asked for an update on the phase-out of Home Healthcare.

ADJOURN

Motion by R. Becker/B. Schultz to adjourn at 7:55 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 2 excused - M. Kruse and D. Meyer.

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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, April 07, 2014 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 21 OF APRIL 2014.