

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, February 10, 2014 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 20 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	Excused
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 at 06:05 PM
10 Becker, Richard	Present
11 Schultz, Bill	Excused
12 Holtze, Dave	Present
13 Meyer, Donald	Present
14 Schroeder, Jeffrey	Excused
15 Kruse, Monica	Present
16 Ferries, Dan	Present
17 Berns, Jim	Present
18 Berg, Laurence	Present at 06:05 PM
19 Downer, Thomas	Present
20 Doyle, Steve	Excused at 06:30 PM
21 Burke, Vicki	Absent
22 Barlow, Patrick	Present
23 Pedretti, Marilyn	Present
24 Pfaff, Leon	Excused
25 Ebert, Ray	Present
26 Gamroth, Tammy	Present
27 Wehrs, Tina	Excused
28 Keil, Robert	Absent
29 Johnson, Tara	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- Update on the Lot C Taskforce – Chair Johnson gave an update on the next steps for the Lot C Advisory Committee. 23 community members have agreed to serve on the Lot C Advisory Committee. The list will be available when finalized. Supervisor Veenstra along with Chair Johnson will work as liaisons between the committee and the Board. The first meeting is planned for the week of February 17, 2014 and a

total of three meetings are planned. Recommendations are expected back to the full County Board by early April.

- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Kruse, Holtze, Freedland, and Chair Johnson attended the WCA Legislative Exchange in Madison last week. Priority issues to be voted on in the Assembly and Senate this session are 911 Funding and Police and Fire Protection Fee, Treatment Alternative and Diversion Bill, County Clerk's Bill, Implements of Husbandry, and 17 Year Old Offenders.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

PROCLAMATION FEBRUARY 2014 – PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH

WHEREAS, the Mission of the La Crosse County Health Department is to “Protect, promote and improve the health of all people to enhance the quality of life”; and, **WHEREAS**, the Health Department is made up of 70 full and part time staff representing 13 different Public Health professions; and, **WHEREAS**, the staff of the La Crosse County Health Department enables County residents to be living in one of the healthiest Counties in the state; and, **WHEREAS**, the staff provides information and services to County residents in about 35 different program areas that enable citizens to live long and productive lives. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of February as Public Health Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of Health Department staff.

Motion by R. Becker/K. Johnson to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 19 ayes, 4 absent - L. Berg, V. Burke, R. Keil and A. Londre, 6 excused - T. Downer, L. Pfaff, A. Richmond, J. Schroeder, B. Schultz and T. Wehrs.

- Health Department Overview – Health Director Doug Mormann gave an overview of the Health Department. Good news is that we are living longer and had no major influenza outbreak or food related disease outbreak. News that could be better is La Crosse County ranks 21 out of 72 in alcohol, weight and illicit drugs. Notable Health Department activities include controlled TB exposure, emergency cooling/warming shelters, heroin task force, smoke free apartment initiative, reduction in resources but maintenance of service and tobacco use reduction. The Health Department's Strategic Plan for 2014-2017 is to protect, promote and improve the health of all people to enhance the quality of life. The Health Department is in the process of providing documentation to a national accreditation body that will look at whether they are doing what they should be doing and being effective.
- Public Safety Radio System Study Recommendations - Presentation by Emergency Services Administrator Jay Loeffler and Emergency Management Coordinator Keith Butler.
 - The first step is to get user input and feedback. La Crosse County operated on two tower sites, Bluff and West Salem site. In 1996 and 1997 the radio system was upgraded and included Hwy 162, Wanlass, Ready, and Lawton site. This is the basic system we have today. In 2006, there was an update to the Microwave System and included improvements to the Wanlass site. FCC mandated narrow banding of VHF frequency in 2011. The equipment was upgraded in 2012 that extended the serviceable life of our radio system for 5 years and in 2013 the City of La Crosse and Highway Departments began the process to upgrade their radio systems.
 - Four main channels are used on a regular basis: two for law enforcement, one for coordination and one for fire/paging. The present system is approaching the end of its life. Manufacturers will no longer

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- support, parts are not available for repairs, and site and facilities at sites are aging. There is a minimum two-year process to upgrade a system.
- o The current radio system was developed based on mobile operations. Today, public and safety needs and expects portable at the hip operations. Coordinating with the City radio system upgrade will have a potential cost savings by sharing infrastructure elements. A consultant was hired to develop a public safety radio system review and recommendation. The consultant recommendation was to request a proposal with the City of La Crosse. This will share the cost of the Microwave, improve reliability, share cost of radio console system, conservancy and 14-61 site, alarm/diagnostic system, single negotiated support cost and single vendor solution.
 - o The consultants proposal includes:
 - 5 sites of current sites plus one new site with a projected portable coverage to 80% and an estimated cost of \$2.3 million.
 - 6 sites include the above sites plus one new site with a projected coverage to 86% and an estimated cost of \$3.2 million.
 - The recommended proposal is for 7 sites. It will keep the Bluff, Hwy 162, Wanlass (with upgrades) and add MVC and Hwy 14-61 site. This will eliminate the West Salem site and add two new sites in the Town of Holland and Bangor and will make the law enforcement channels digital. Projected portable coverage will be 96% (99% for digital law enforcement) and an estimated cost of \$5.8 million.
 - o The first phase will include the City radio project. The County project will go to prep. Policy questions for phase one will include how to fund shared sites and consoles.
 - o The second phase will include the County phase beginning when the City phase is complete. Policy questions for the second phase include how much coverage improvement is needed and can we afford, how do we make that decision and when and how much time do we have to make these decisions.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by A. Londre/D. Holtze to adjourn at 7:34 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 21 ayes, 2 absent - V. Burke and R. Keil, 6 excused - S. Doyle, L. Pfaff, A. Richmond, J. Schroeder, B. Schultz 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 Planning Meeting held Monday, February 10, 2014 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 FEBRUARY 2014.