

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, JANUARY 06, 2014**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, January 06, 2014 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 21 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	Excused
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	Excused
18 Berg, Laurence	Absent
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	Excused
27 Wehrs, Tina	Excused
28 Keil, Robert	Present
29 Johnson, Tara	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- County Clerk Dankmeyer reminded Supervisors that they have until the end of January to turn in their 2013 mileage reimbursement.
- Supervisor Conference Reports

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- Supervisor Kruse announced that Rep. Sargent will be here on Thursday at 1:30 PM for a media event regarding a bill she introduced to allow Counties to accept Medicaid money from the Federal Government.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

PROCLAMATION JANUARY 2014 - HIGHWAY SAFETY / 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 2014 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 L. Pfaff/A. Londre to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 21 ayes, 1 absent - L. Berg, 7 excused - R. Becker, J. Berns, T. Gamroth, K. Johnson, J. Schroeder, B. Schultz and T. Wehrs.

- Landfill operations contract extension – Solid Waste Director Henry Koch gave a presentation on the Solid Waste Department Landfill Operations Contracts. Solid Waste manages three large contracts; Xcel Energy - \$4 million / year, St Joes who operates the Landfill site - \$1 million / year, and the third deals with the Consultant. Two contracts on landfill operations are with St. Joseph Construction Company; operating the landfill and to shred wood wastes and asphalt shingles. The contracts will expire on December 31, 2014. There are three alternatives: extend the contracts, re-bid the contracts or self perform (internalize) the work. The alternatives were evaluated and based on 18 pros and cons, extending the existing contracts for 2.5 years was the best alternative at this time. Re-bidding and/or self-performing may be the better choice in July 2017.
- Update on Administrative Center & Campus Study Committee – Supervisor Veenstra gave an update on the work with the committee. The committee has eliminated some of the choices presented to them. Building on Lot C and reusing this building without the Women's jail have been eliminated. The choices left are to build on the Human Services lot or remodeling this building. A meeting will be held tomorrow in which a decision will be made and then sent to Executive Committee and the full County Board. The committee is also working on the envisioning for Lot C. The next steps for lot C will be discussed at the next meeting as well.
- Update on Medical Examiner Department – Administrator O'Malley gave an update on the Medical Examiner Department. Dane County was brought in with a IGA (intergovernmental Agreement) to help review the procedures, and a great amount of progress has been made. After discussion with the City of La Crosse Police department and investigators, it was decided that not everything is where it needs to be but is moving in the right directions. A merger with Dane County was decided to not be the best course of action at this time and the Medical Examiner position will be opened to the public with the hopes of a permanent Medical Examiner to be in place in late January or early February. Administrator O'Malley will bring a recommendation to the Board for approval.
- Update on Replacement of Lakeview Health Care Center Design and sizing - Administrator O'Malley and Lakeview Administrator Wanda Plachecki reviewed the project recommendations and the next steps. Over the past several years there has been a decline in the census by 20% and the facility is at the end of its useful life. A resolution was passed to replace the facility with a neighborhood facility. The 8 bed

CBRF was started in September of 2013, and July 2014 should be the awarding of bids and breaking ground on the initial phase. Move in is planned for December 2015.

- o Options considered were a nursing home, community based residential facility, community based residential facility-secure, state only nursing home, and options yet to be identified.
- o Issues evaluated were the resident needs, licensure, reimbursement, revenue/expense projections, size and location.
- o The stakeholders involved are the State of Wisconsin, county Human Service Directors, MVHS member counties, M.C.O.'s / Family Care and county homes in MVHS member counties.
- o Some of the concerns to be addressed are the admissions of 68 clients per year is below capacity, census proposed would maintain current levy once debt service is included, at current census, it doesn't seem that an additional 40 nursing home beds can be supported, any losses would require more levy. What level of additional need can be met cost effectively? Decreased capacity will also decrease number of staff and meetings with Lakeview departments and employees will be held regarding the loss of FTE's.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- None offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by D. Holtze/A. Londre to adjourn at 7:04 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 21 ayes, 1 absent - L. Berg, 7 excused - R. Becker, J. Berns, T. Gamroth, K. Johnson, 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, January 06, 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 JANUARY 2014.