

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING  
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2014**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, May 15, 2014 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 28 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	Excused
4 Freedland, Maureen	Present
5 Rosa, Keyla	Present
6 Plesha, Roger	Present
7 Hampson, Sharon	Present
8 Jerome, Peg	Present
9 Stoll Caucutt, Nancy	Present
10 Cable, Kim	Present
11 Scheller, Patrick	Present
12 Holtze, Dave	Present
13 Logue, Brian	Present
14 Schroeder, Jeffrey	Present
15 Kruse, Monica	Present
16 Ferries, Dan	Present
17 Giese, Mike	Present
18 Berg, Laurence	Present
19 Hoffman, Hubert	Present
20 Doyle, Steve	Present
21 Burke, Vicki	Present
22 Barlow, Patrick	Present
23 Nikolay, Matt	Present
24 Pfaff, Leon	Present
25 Ebert, Ray	Present
26 Hesse, Dan	Present
27 Wehrs, Tina	Present
28 Keil, Robert	Present
29 Johnson, Tara	Present

A moment of silence was held in memory of J. Terry Hanson who recently passed away. He served as a County Board Supervisor from 2002-2008.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson**

- Laptop Needs & Usage Reminders

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- IT Director John Parshall distributed a questionnaire to Supervisors to collect feedback on any issues, concerns, or information you may want regarding your computer. Supervisors were reminded that they can use their laptops for personal use but must follow the proper use policies. Mr. Parshall also mentioned for Supervisors to make sure to delete their deleted folder and that will help alleviate the problem with mailboxes becoming full. The time out has also been increased to an hour before your computer automatically logs out. The IT Department will be coming early to the Board meetings to answer any questions that Supervisors have. If there is interest in similar topics, a class may be scheduled for those topics.
- June Board Picture – The full board picture will be taken at the beginning of the June 19<sup>th</sup> Monthly board meeting. Supervisors who need to have an individual photo taken or want an updated individual photo for the board website need to have that taken between 5:30 – 6:00 P.M.
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Advance Follow-up – Chair Johnson noted that a work group will be created as a follow up to the communications issues that were raised at the Board Advance, a separate workgroup on evaluation procedures and how to be an effective advocate to constituents. Committee Chairs will be taking up that topic at committee meetings. If you are interested in serving on either of those workgroups, please contact Chair Johnson.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
  - Supervisor Jerome was recognized by the City of La Crosse for her 24 years on the Community Development Block Grant Committee.
  - Supervisor Schroeder invited Supervisors to the 13<sup>th</sup> Freedom Honor Flight on Saturday and help in sending veterans off in the morning or welcoming back at night.
  - Supervisor Hoffman announced a fundraiser on June 7<sup>th</sup> at Features in Holmen for Project Live and the Adaptive Sports League. A bean bag toss tournament will be held.

#### **CHAIR CHANGE**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Hampson took the chair.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

Appoint **Patrick Scheller** to the Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners to replace Donald Meyer for a term to expire July 31, 2017; appoint **Dan Hesse** to the La Crosse County Housing Authority to replace Thom Downer for a term to expire December 31, 2018; appoint **Mike Giese** to replace Marilyn Pedretti and **Keyla Rosa** to replace Sharon Hampson to the Sustainable La Crosse Commission for a term to expire May 31, 2016; appoint **Matt Nikolay** to replace Karin Johnson and **Dave Holtze** to replace Joe Veenstra to the La Crosse County Economic Development Fund; appoint **Kim Cable** to the Commission on Equal Opportunities in Housing for a five year term to expire April 30, 2019; appoint **Ralph Geary** to the Municipal Transit Utility to replace Karin Johnson for a two year term to expire April 30, 2016; appoint **Brian Logue** to the Winding Rivers Library System to replace Marilyn Pedretti for a term to expire December 31, 2016; appoint **Keyla Rosa** to replace Bill Schultz and **Kim Cable** to replace Joe Veenstra to the Health & Human Services Board for a term to expire April 30, 2016; appoint **Sharon Hampson** to replace Ralph Geary and reappoint **Laurence Berg** to the Health & Human Services Board for a term to expire April 30, 2017; appoint **Brian Logue** to the Health & Human Services Board to replace Karin Johnson for a term to expire April 30, 2015; reappoint **Loren Kannenberg** to the Health & Humans Services Board as a citizen member for a term to expire April 30, 2017.

Motion by T. Johnson/D. Holtze to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 1 excused - J. Veenstra.

#### **CHAIR CHANGE**

Chair T. Johnson resumed the chair.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by R. Plesha/D. Ferries to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning meeting held April 7, 2014 and the Organizational meeting held April 15, 2014 and the claims list for \$3,208,562.84 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 1 excused - J. Veenstra.

**RESOLUTION NO. 6-5/14 RE: AUTHORIZING POSITIONS AND PURCHASES RELATED TO CHILDREN'S LONG-TERM SUPPORT WAIVER STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING INCREASE**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has made available to counties a significant increase in funding for the Children's Long Term Support Waivers (CLTS Waivers) program, resulting in an increase of \$945,800 in La Crosse County's CLTS Waivers allocations each year for Calendar Year 2014 and Calendar Year 2015, with \$419,020 of this funding identified by DHS to continue in subsequent calendar years; and, **WHEREAS**, CLTS Waivers funding is made up of both State and Federal funding and supports children who are living at home or in the community and have substantial limitations in multiple daily activities as a result of a developmental disability, severe emotional disability, or physical disability; and, **WHEREAS**, these additional dollars are coming to La Crosse County at a critical time when the need for CLTS services has significantly outgrown staffing and financial resources, with approximately 140 children currently receiving CLTS services and another 100 children on a waitlist for those services. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Board of Supervisors authorize the creation of 1.0 FTE Human Services Supervisor position, 3.0 FTE Social Worker positions, 1.0 FTE Fiscal Account Specialist position and 0.2 FTE Account Clerk position, effective immediately, in order to provide the direct service staffing and administrative capacity to successfully expand CLTS programming and maximize the use of the newly available funding; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that La Crosse County is authorized to contract for all services that are necessary to meet the terms of the state CLTS Waivers agreement, as long as they can be supported with the related State and Federal funding; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair is authorized to execute any contracts or documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution, after approval by Corporation Counsel; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the additional staff authorized under this resolution will be hired and retained only so long as they can be supported by State and Federal dollars related to the CLTS Waivers program; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Finance Department is authorized to make any necessary and appropriate account transfers related to accepting this additional funding. **FISCAL NOTE:** The total annual cost of the new positions is \$371,000, which includes salary cost of \$233,000 and fringe costs of \$138,000. These costs will be expensed in the Integrated Support and Recovery Services Section Org 9230. The balance of the funds received will be used for purchased services, including but not limited to therapy for autism and other developmental disabilities, adaptive aids, daily living skills, home and/or vehicle modifications, and certain out of home care costs. There is no impact on the County tax levy.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Motion by M. Kruse/S. Hampson to approve. Discussion ensued. Corporation Counsel David Lange responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a voice vote with 27 ayes, 1 abstention - H. Hoffman, 1 excused - J. Veenstra.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 910 FILED BY TIM D. ADAMSON, ACTING O/B/O JEFF GILBERTSON TO ESTABLISH A RESIDENCE ON PRIME FARMLAND (CLASS I AND II SOILS) IN THE EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON**

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The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered an application filed by Tim D. Adamson, W4290 County Rd T, Mindoro, WI 54644, acting o/b/o Jeff Gilbertson, N8085 County Rd W, Holmen, WI 54636 and having held a public hearing on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014 for a Conditional Use Permit to establish a residence on prime farmland (Class I and II Soils) in the Exclusive Agriculture District in the Town of Farmington and described as follows: Part of the SW/NE of Section 25, T18N, R7W. Tax parcel 5-1603-0. Town of Farmington. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats. and s. 17.36 Zoning Code: 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 or correspondence from the people; and, did receive and consider action from the affected Town Board(s). The Committee, under s. 91.48(1), Wis. Stats., along with the affected Town Board(s), under s. 17.36(4), have the authority to approve the application with integral conditions or to disapprove of the application. Having considered the entire record the Committee's recommendation is to: By a vote of six (6) in favor, zero (0) no, and one (1) excused (Giese), the committee recommended denial of Conditional Use Permit No. 910. **THE COUNTY BOARD** took the following action this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014. Disapproved the application.

#### **PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Motion by T. Wehrs/D. Holtze to approve. Discussion ensued. Planner Charlie Handy responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve as recommended by the Committee, which was to deny, passed on a voice vote with 27 ayes, 1 nay - L. Pfaff, 1 excused - J. Veenstra.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 7-5/14 RE: APPROVAL OF SECOND AMENDMENT TO PARK PLAZA OFFER TO PURCHASE**

**WHEREAS**, the County approved acceptance of an Offer to Purchase property located at 529 Park Plaza Drive, La Crosse, Wisconsin (Park Plaza Property) from West Coast Development, LLC by Resolution #11-5/13; and, **WHEREAS**, one of the conditions of the Offer to Purchase is the execution of a satisfactory Development Agreement approved by the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors no later than August 30, 2013; and, **WHEREAS**, the Offer is also contingent upon approval of buyer's plans by the County and the City and any other approvals required by the City of La Crosse no later than August 30, 2013; and, **WHEREAS**, the Offer contains a closing date of August 1, 2013, or 30 days after approval of plans, whichever is later; and, **WHEREAS**, by resolution #30-8/13 the County Board of Supervisors approved amending the Offer to Purchase to provide September 30, 2013 as the date to obtain City of La Crosse approvals and to execute a Development Agreement; and, **WHEREAS**, the deadlines have all passed and West Coast Development LLC and La Crosse County have negotiated an amendment of the terms of the Offer to Purchase to reflect the current situation as follows:

- Date for all approvals by the City of La Crosse to be no later than August 15, 2014
- Closing date to be September 30, 2014
- No additional earnest money to be required and Buyer's work product to become property of Seller
- Development Agreement to be completed by June 20, 2014 ; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the County to execute an amendment to the Park Plaza Offer to Purchase with West Coast Development, LLC to reflect the current situation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes a second amendment to the May 1, 2013 Offer to Purchase between West Coast Development, LLC and La Crosse County to provide for the changes as outlined in this resolution. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair is authorized to sign any documents to effectuate this resolution, after approval of Corporation Counsel. **FISCAL NOTE:** No cost to La Crosse County.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

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Motion by M. Freedland/T. Wehrs to approve. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 1 excused - J. Veenstra.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8-5/14 RE: APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY TAKEN BY TAX FORECLOSURE**

**WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has advertised the sale of 12 separate parcels of property for a second time which were the subject of a prior tax foreclosure action; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County had previously advertised the sale and appraised value of the same parcels of property and failed to receive bids for the appraised value; and, **WHEREAS**, sealed bids were received on April 25, 2014 and opened by the County Treasurer on April 28, 2014 at 1:30 pm, which bid results are attached hereto; and, **WHEREAS**, the sale of the 12 parcels of real estate were advertised by publication as required by law pursuant to s. 75.69, Wis. Stats; and, **WHEREAS**, the highest responsive bids were accepted by the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board approves the sale of the parcels for which a responsive bid was accepted by the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair and County Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any documents necessary to accomplish the sale of said properties, after approval by Corporation Counsel. **FISCAL NOTE**: The revenue from the sale of tax delinquent property will be applied toward satisfying outstanding taxes.

**PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

Motion by M. Freedland/A. Richmond to approve. Discussion ensued. Corporation Counsel David Lange responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 1 excused - J. Veenstra.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9-5/14 RE: APPROVAL OF OVERSIGHT AND OPERATING PROCESSES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE LAKEVIEW HEALTH CENTER CAMPUS PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution #24-8/12 authorized replacement of Lakeview Health Center with small neighborhood facilities, contingent upon the further evaluation of need and costs; and, **WHEREAS**, Resolution #1-4/13 approved the selection of HSR Associates/Nelson Tremain Partnership as architects for the Lakeview Health Center Campus project; and, **WHEREAS**, Resolution #31-8/13 approved the selection of Market & Johnson, Inc., after evaluating proposals to provide construction management services for the Lakeview Health Center Campus project; and, **WHEREAS**, Resolution #70-1/14 approved the Phase II Architectural design for replacement of the Lakeview Health Center Campus and authorized bids for construction by June, 2014; and, **WHEREAS**, there is a need to designate a committee to provide construction project oversight, receive project updates and approve change orders where needed; and, **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of La Crosse County that the County Administrator approve change orders of up to \$75,000, which allows for efficiency and timeliness of the construction project, with notification to the oversight committee; and, **WHEREAS**, it is recommended that the Veterans, Aging and Long Term Care Committee be designated as the oversight committee for the Lakeview Health Center Campus construction project; and, **WHEREAS**, it is recommended that Market & Johnson hold all of the construction contracts and be responsible for the performance bond for all contractors, which will encourage local contractors to bid because this practice will allow subcontractors to be relieved of the cost burden of a performance bond; and, **WHEREAS**, it is also recommended that Market & Johnson be allowed to self-perform work if they are selected as the successful bidder, which means that Market & Johnson will also be able to bid upon projects; and, **WHEREAS**, County staff has determined based upon its past experience with a general contractor and construction manager that a combination of the two models will be advantageous to the project based upon the experience of Eau Claire in utilizing the same model for a \$59 million project in that County; and, **WHEREAS**, Market & Johnson will adhere to the same bid procedures as all other contractors and will need to adhere to the same bid specifications. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Veterans, Aging and Long Term Care Committee shall be designated as the oversight committee for the

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Lakeview Health Center construction project; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that change orders of up to \$75,000 may be approved by the County Administrator, which change orders will be communicated at the next available meeting of the Veterans, Aging and Long Term Care Committee on a monthly basis; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Market & Johnson will hold all of the construction contracts and be responsible for the performance bond for all contractors; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Market & Johnson will be allowed to self-perform work if they are selected as the successful bidder in any of the work required for the Lakeview Health Center Campus project. **FISCAL NOTE:** The resolution has no direct fiscal impact since the resolution deals with oversight and operating processes. However, it is believed that allowing Market & Johnson to hold the construction contracts will encourage more local contractors to submit bids. It is also believed that allowing the construction manager to also perform work will allow for more competition in the bid process and more competitive prices. The capital expenditure is estimated at \$16.9 million which will result in a debt service payment of approximately \$1.3 million per year @ 4% interest rate amortized over 20 years. Resolutions on bid award and bonding will come later.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**VETERANS, AGING AND LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE**

Motion by R. Plesha/D. Ferries to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 1 excused - J. Veenstra.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS –** none offered.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by A. Richmond/P. Jerome to adjourn at 6:39 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 1 excused - J. Veenstra.

**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 Monthly Meeting held Thursday, May 15, 2014 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 20 OF MAY 2014.**