

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, MAY 05, 2014**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, May 05, 2014 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 24 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 Rosa, Keyla	Present
6 Plesha, Roger	Present
7 Hampson, Sharon	Present
8 Jerome, Peg	Present
9 Stoll Caucutt, Nancy	Sworn into office at 6:40 PM
10 Cable, Kim	Present
11 Scheller, Patrick	Present
12 Holtze, Dave	Present
13 Logue, Brian	Present
14 Schroeder, Jeffrey	Excused
15 Kruse, Monica	Excused at 7:22 PM
16 Ferries, Dan	Present
17 Giese, Mike	Excused
18 Berg, Laurence	Present
19 Hoffman, Hubert	Present
20 Doyle, Steve	Present
21 Burke, Vicki	Excused at 07:08 PM
22 Barlow, Patrick	Present
23 Nikolay, Matt	Present
24 Pfaff, Leon	Excused
25 Ebert, Ray	Excused
26 Hesse, Dan	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**

Chair Johnson recognized the Honorable Judge Pasell for being selected as Judge of the Year by the Wisconsin chapter of American Board of Trial Advocates. Judge Pasell demonstrates all the characteristics that the ABOTA looks for in a trial judge.

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CHAIR CHANGE: 1st Vice Chair S. Hampson took the chair.

APPOINTMENT

Appoint Nancy Stoll Caucutt as County Board Supervisor for District 9 for a term to begin immediately and to expire April 18, 2016 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Andrew Londre. Discussion ensued.

Motion by T. Johnson/M. Kruse to approve. Discussion ensued. Chair Johnson thanked Supervisors Hampson, Hoffman, Ebert, Keil, Wehrs, Cable, Berg, Logue, Kruse, Burke and Jerome who assisted in interviewing the four applicants. Motion by H. Hoffman/L. Berg to amend by changing the appointment to: the individual holds office only until a special election can be held. Discussion ensued. Corporation Counsel David Lange and County Clerk Ginny Dankmeyer responded to questions from the Board. The motion to amend failed on a roll call vote with 19 nays, 5 ayes - L. Berg, D. Ferries, R. Geary, H. Hoffman and B. Logue, 1 vacant – District 9, 4 excused - R. Ebert, M. Giese, L. Pfaff and J. Schroeder. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 1 vacant – District 9, 4 excused - R. Ebert, M. Giese, L. Pfaff and J. Schroeder.

CHAIR CHANGE: Chair T. Johnson resumed the chair.

Nancy Stoll Caucutt was sworn into office by the Honorable Judge Dale Pasell.

- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Burke announced that on Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 10 AM there will be a Law Enforcement Memorial Service to honor fallen officers at the Village Park in West Salem.
 - Chair Johnson thanked all the Supervisors that attended the Board Advance and noted a follow up to the presentation from Andy Phillips is on the agenda for tonight.
 - Supervisors were reminded about the WCA County Officials Workshops and the WCA Annual Conference September 14th – 16th and encouraged to sign up and attend these meetings.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

PROCLAMATION MAY 2014 - LAW ENFORCEMENT / PUBLIC SAFETY & COURTS MONTH

WHEREAS, in a free society, law enforcement is entrusted and expected to protect the civil rights of its residents and visitors to our community; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County employees serve to enhance public safety in the Courts, District Attorney, Sheriff, Emergency Management Coordination, Medical Examiner and Public Safety Communications; and **WHEREAS**, thousands of residents and visitors are helped each year by the professionals who respond to emergencies and assist those in need. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of May as Law Enforcement, Public Safety & Courts Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of persons dedicated to ensuring the safety of its county's residents and visitors to our community.

Motion by L. Berg/P. Barlow to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 4 excused - R. Ebert, M. Giese, L. Pfaff and J. Schroeder.

- Brief Overview of Sheriff, Emergency Services, Medical Examiner and Court related departments – Administrator O'Malley gave a presentation on the various departments and the budget for each department.
 - Clerk of Courts has 27 county employees, 10 on call bailiffs, and 15 state employees for a total of 52 employees with approximately a \$2.5 million budget.

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- District Attorney has 15 county employees, 8 state employees for a total of 23 employees with approximately a \$703,000 budget.
- Sheriff's Department has 10 office and administration employees, 40 patrol deputies, 9 employees on call, 62 jail and jail administrators for a total of 121 employees with a Law Enforcement budget of approximately \$4.7 million and a Jail budget of approximately \$6.5 million.
- Emergency Services Department has 32 employees with a budget of approximately \$2.4 million for Safety Communications and approximately \$193,000 for Emergency Management / Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know.
- Medical Examiner has 4 employees with approximately a \$224,000 budget. The Medical Examiners Department was recently recognized as one of the Top Medical Examiners in the Country based on referrals and how many people actually donate by RTI.
- Update on City – County Radio System Upgrade Proposals
 - County presented with three options, all provide improvement
 - 5 site solution – 80%/89% - \$2.3 million
 - 6 site solution – 86%/91% - \$3.2 million
 - 7 site solution – 88%/96%/99% - \$5.8 million
 - The estimated County share of costs during Phase 1 (City system upgrade) is \$1.8 million.
 - Option 1 – City proceeds without County and negotiate County share of City Phase; splitting costs of shared sites (MVC & HK3) and dispatch and evaluating Wanlass enhancements and Grandad upgrades
 - Option 2 – Evaluate options with less sites, proceed with Phase II; most logical is 6 sites (plus Grandad), saves roughly \$1.5 with 3 less sites and 92.6% coverage.
- Update on Home Health Transition
 - Health Director Doug Mormann presented updates on the Home Health Transition which will be phased out by June 30 of this year. They started with 37 patients at the beginning, 12 have been discharged to various other locations, 12 have been placed with the Wisconsin Cares Association which has the responsibility of finding locations for those twelve patients. 60% of the caseload have been found a new home. 10 employees were working part time in Home Health Program. Two have found other employment and 3 agencies have invited Home Health Care Staff to meet with them for recruiting.
- Overview of Opportunities / Challenges for 2014-2016 Term
 - Executive Committee: Levy limit, 2 year levy decisions, union transition, pay & classification, debt service planning due to capital needs, succession and retirements and downtown campus needs
 - Health & Human Services: HS Connect, family child, regionalization MH & ES, JSS, Ophelia's house, TAD, ACC impacts, community health improvements and department accreditation, heroin task force
 - Public Works & Infrastructure: highway capital needs, facilities capital needs – admin building and other, solid waste construction of landfill cell, economic development adjacent to landfill, and park plaza
 - Judiciary & Law Committee: jail population & jail staffing, bonds, programming & mental health needs, radio system upgrade, court presentation equipment and video conferencing
 - Veterans, Aging & Long Term Care Committee: Lakeview Campus construction and capacity, Hillview / Lakeview service integrations, greater collaboration serving aging population, veterans caseload, Vet center & Vet Court

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- Planning, Resources & Development: GIS funding, update comp plan, update Farmland Preservation Plan, boundary agreement discussion, and Bluff-land Protection Plan
- Holding Effective Meetings – Parliamentary Procedures – Corporation Counsel David Lange
 - The object of rules of order is to facilitate the smooth functioning of the assembly and to provide a firm basis for resolving questions of procedure that may arise. For many organizations that manual is Robert's Rule of Order except when the ordinances says something different. Some rules of order to follow are:
 - Avoid the use of member's names
 - A member does not speak without first having addressed the chair and obtaining the floor by the chair
 - Address all remarks thru the chair, not the body, gallery or TV
 - All persons at a meeting have an obligation to obey the presiding officer and the presiding officer should enforce the rules relating to debate, order and decorum
 - Member remarks must be germane to the question before the assembly, has the right to speak twice on the same questions, and can speak no longer than 10 minutes in total
 - Presiding officer should relinquish the chair if entering the discussion
 - Business is brought by a motion by a member and a motion is a formal proposal to take action
 - Members must obtain the floor when no other question is pending and when business of the kind represented by the motion is in order and the motion is not before the body until stated by the chair
 - During debates, no member should be permitted to disturb the assembly by whispering, walking across the floor, or in any other way-key words are "disturbing the assembly"

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered

ADJOURN

Motion by A. Richmond/L. Berg to adjourn at 7:51 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 6 excused - V. Burke, R. Ebert, M. Giese, M. Kruse, L. Pfaff and J. Schroeder.

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, May 05, 2014 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 9 OF MAY 2014.