

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, April 13, 2015 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 23 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 |
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| 1 Richmond, Andrea | Present |
| 2 Geary, Ralph | Present |
| 3 Veenstra, Joe | Excused |
| 4 Freedland, Maureen | Present |
| 5 Rosa, Keyla | Present |
| 6 Plesha, Roger | Excused |
| 7 Hampson, Sharon | Excused |
| 8 Jerome, Peg | Present |
| 9 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 | Excused |
| 18 Berg, Laurence | Excused |
| 19 Hoffman, Hubert | Present |
| 20 Doyle, Steve | Excused at 06:40 PM |
| 21 Burke, Vicki | Present |
| 22 Barlow, Patrick | Present |
| 23 Nikolay, Matt | Present |
| 24 Pfaff, Leon | Present |
| 25 Ebert, Ray | Present |
| 26 Hesse, Dan | Excused |
| 27 Wehrs, Tina | Present |
| 28 Keil, Robert | Present |
| 29 Johnson, Tara | Present |

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- Administrative Center & Downtown Construction Committee (AC&DCC) update – Supervisor Scheller gave an update on the committee. The 3rd meeting of this committee was held and incorporating arts into the building was discussed. A separate taskforce will be created to discuss this topic further. The HHS build out was discussed and HHS department heads and committee gave approval of the

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design. The final item discussed was approval of the department locations in what is now the Associated Bank building. The next meeting is scheduled for May 5th.

- Lakeview Groundbreaking – Wednesday April 22, 2015, 11:00 A.M. – A notice was sent out already announcing the ground breaking and to recognize the new Lakeview Campus and era that La Crosse County is about to enter.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Hoffman announced the Lake Onalaska District will have a fundraiser for the Fred Funk boat landing project with a social at Red Pines. Plan designs will be available for review.
 - Supervisor Kruse joined the La Crosse contingency for La Crosse Day at the Capital in Madison. Issues affecting Human Services were discussed.
 - Supervisor Burke announced that she attended the kickoff at the Three Rivers Ho Chunk House for the Social Host Ordinance that will come to the County Board later this month.
 - Supervisor Ebert announced a gathering at the Onalaska Legion after tonight's meeting for former Supervisor Arlene Benrud.

County Clerk Report – Ginny Dankmeyer

- Code of Ethics / Conflict of Interest Statements – Clerk Dankmeyer noted that Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Statements were placed on Supervisor's desk prior to the meeting. Please make sure to turn these in before the meeting next week. They are required annually to be filled out. Supervisors were also reminded that the meeting next week would be on Tuesday, not Thursday.

Administrator Report – Steve O'Malley

PROCLAMATION APRIL 2015 - LA CROSSE COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties serve more than 300 million Americans by providing quality essential services to create healthy, safe, vibrant and economically resilient communities; and **WHEREAS**, counties move America forward by building infrastructure, maintaining roads and bridges, providing health care and enhancing public health, protecting the environment, administering an impartial justice system, keeping communities safe, protecting the most vulnerable, assisting veterans, families, children and the elderly, administering elections, managing solid waste disposal, maintaining property records and so much more; and **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 efficient and cost-effective ways; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim April 2015 as La Crosse County Government Month, acknowledging the valuable contributions that our organization makes by providing quality public services in a cost effective manner through innovation, leadership, collaboration and cooperation for an improved quality of life in our community.

Motion by D. Ferries/P. Jerome to approve. Discussion ensued. Administrator O'Malley responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 6 excused – J. Veenstra, L. Berg, M. Giese, S. Hampson, D. Hesse and R. Plesha.

- Overview of County Purchasing Policies and Practices – Purchasing Director Bryan Jostad gave a presentation on county purchasing policies and practices. Purchases under \$5,000 need approval from the department head, \$5,000 - \$25,000 need approval from the department head and finance director, and purchases over \$25,000 need approval from a standing committee and use a bid or a request for proposal (RFP) process.
 - The bid process includes specification and criteria with the lowest responsive cost that meets or exceeds the specifications or criteria being presented to the standing committee. The RFP process uses a template that clarifies the product or service to be purchased and released to the public. Proposals must be received by deadline and are publicly opened. An evaluation is done

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- to discuss and score proposals. The highest evaluated proposals advance to an interview / demonstration. The evaluation team determines the proposal to be recommended for approval and then placed on the standing committee agenda.
- The RFP proposal document includes submittal instructions, terms and conditions, sustainability component, vendor qualifications, outcome based criteria, cost component, interview / demonstration and evaluation of proposals. The proposal evaluation process includes proposals being delivered to the evaluation team with an initial evaluation meeting that includes comparing and contrasting RFP documents and proposals. The highest evaluated proposals, typically three, advance to the interview / demonstration stage. The evaluation team has a final meeting to discuss and score the proposals through group consensus and the highest evaluation proposal is recommended to the standing committee.
 - Update on CTH C / STH 108 Jurisdictional Transfer and Exceptions of Standards Report – Highway Commissioner Ron Chamberlain gave an update on the jurisdictional transfer.
 - The State has approved the exceptions of standards. Standards are set by the State and Federal Government depending on classification and ownership of the road. Standards differ for the type of road or street and refer to the width of the street and shoulder of the road, clear zone, side and back slopes and horizontal and vertical curvature of the road.
 - A safety analysis and limits was performed on STH 108 from CTH C North to CTH C South and includes 13.1 miles in the Town of Farmington and Town of Hamilton. Criteria was used from a three year period from January 2011 – December 2013 and reviewed crashes for consistency or other patterns, reviewed geometry at crash locations, crash rates are measured as crashes per million vehicle miles (MVM), and between 2005 and 2010 the average crash rate for county rural highways varied between 101 to 160 MVM. STH 108 and CTH C are fairly comparable to incidents of fatalities, incapacitating, non-incapacitating, possible incapacitating, and property damage only. STH 108 has 800-1400 vehicles per day with a crash rate of 212.5 MVM and 148.2 without motorcycle incidents. CTH C has a similar amount of crashes but more traffic with 1700-2400 vehicles per day and a crash rate of 161 MVM.
 - Long term improvements were reviewed that included 3R standards, 45 mph curves, sight distance of 45 mph or better, align Asmus Road intersection, and relocate deficient bridge on Asmus Road along with intersection. Issues in Mindoro will be discussed with the Town of Farmington which includes cars parked perpendicular to highway, driveways are wide and indistinct between highway and parking areas and some indication that a lack of organization for local traffic and parking may be contributing to crashes. Improvements could include dedicated parking areas and bump outs, pedestrian and ADA accommodations, new asphalt, curb, gutter, storm sewer, intersection geometry, and drainage in rural sections on the outskirts of Mindoro. These improvements will all be discussed with the Town of Farmington. Safety improvements that were identified as needing to be done was signing, pavement marking, replacing the cable guard, fixing the crown of the road, and additional work into the curves referred to as super elevation.
 - During the pavement analysis and design, three areas in the vicinity of the Mindoro Cut were examined and revealed poor sub-base soils and stability issues. Engineering estimates on the cost and viability of improvements range from \$600,000 to \$2 million. WisDOT was approached for additional funds and they are willing to add another \$600,000. After reviewing the methods available for remediation, historical stability of 108 and the success of similar repairs in the La Crosse Region, it is the recommendation of the

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staff to create a reserve fund of \$600,000 for this possibility and use less invasive means to prevent failure. Additional drainage structures will be added to relieve hydraulic issues and stabilize the pulverized base course to a depth of 4 inches and providing more structural strength and bridging any weak materials.

- o The project would be a \$7.3 million project or \$9.3 million project. The \$7.3 million is the project that has been proposed already. The \$9.3 million project would also include an additional \$1.4 million of County funding to utilize a long term solution of "Soil Nailing" with fabric to insure no further instability.
- Downtown Parking Workgroup status report – Administrator O'Malley and Facilities Director Speropulos have been working on alternatives to parking during the construction. Additional parking has been obtained at the Chamber lot, Associated Bank extra lot, and leased spaces at the Clearly lot. Suggestions are still being developed by the workgroup.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by J. Schroeder to adjourn at 7:25 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 7 excused - L. Berg, S. Doyle, M. Giese, S. Hampson, D. Hesse, R. Plesha, and 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 Planning Meeting held Monday, April 13, 2015 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 2015.