

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING  
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, DECEMBER 07, 2015**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, December 07, 2015 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 25 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	Excused at 06:46 PM
8 Jerome, Peg	Present
9 Caucutt, Nancy	Present
10 Cable, Kim	Excused
11 Scheller, Patrick	Present
12 Holtze, Dave	Present
13 Logue, Brian	Present
14 Schroeder, Jeffrey	Excused
15 Kruse, Monica	Present
16 Ferries, Dan	Present
17 Giese, Mike	Present
18 Berg, Laurence	Present
19 Hoffman, Hubert	Present
20 Doyle, Steve	Excused
21 Burke, Vicki	Excused at 06:38 PM
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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson**

- A moment of silence was held for Gerry Besl who served from 1966-1984 as a County Board Supervisor.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
  - Supervisor Scheller attended the Joint Harbor Commission meeting. They discussed no wake zones and additional docking along Riverside Park.

**Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley**

**PROCLAMATION DECEMBER 2015 - ZONING, PLANNING AND LAND INFORMATION AND METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the staff of these departments assist and advise individuals, businesses, professionals and governmental communities by uniformly administering the zoning, floodplain, shoreland, subdivision, telecommunication, nonmetallic mining ordinances, and consistently carrying out the provisions of the comprehensive land use ordinances; and, **WHEREAS**, they coordinate land information systems for the assessment, taxation, mapping, building permits, planning and the educational needs of the public and private sector, one of which is the county land records website; and, **WHEREAS**, they help provide a safe and efficient transportation system plan, obtaining transportation funding, which is maintained and funded partly through Wisconsin, Minnesota and federally required metropolitan transportation planning department. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of December 2015 as Zoning, Planning and Land Information and Metropolitan Transportation Planning Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contributions of the staff dedicated to promoting the public health, safety and a property tax base through encouraging planned and orderly land use development.

Motion by T. Wehrs/D. Holtze to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 4 excused – J. Veenstra, K. Cable, S. Doyle and J. Schroeder.

- Review of Comprehensive Planning Process – Planner Charlie Handy
  - La Crosse County has 18 municipalities and all have comprehensive plans completed and many have recently updated those. The County plan was adopted in 2008 and is in the process of being updated. The LAPC completed Coulee Vision 2050 in 2014 and is currently in the implementation phase. MRRPC completed a Regional Comprehensive Plan in 2015, “Rising as a Region”.
  - The comprehensive plan contains 11 elements and planning consistency is required between plan and official mapping, subdivisions, zoning ordinances, and shoreland zoning. The PRD Committee uses the Comp Plan every month.
  - Planning goals include efficient development patterns, transportation choices, integrated, efficient and economical transportation system, adequate supply of land to meet market demand, promote economic development, and balance property rights with community interests.
  - Key issues to address with intergovernmental cooperation include boundaries, coordinate planning, development and decision making, joint planning areas, explore shared services, involve school districts, consider revenue sharing, and regional economic development. Current efforts include boundary agreements between La Crosse and Campbell, Onalaska and Holmen, and Onalaska and Medary are in the process along with La Crosse and Shelby.
- Coulee Region Transportation Study Update – Presented by Andy Winga, Angela Adams, and Steve Flottmeyer of the DOT.
  - The Coulee Region Transportation Study; Planning & Environmental Linkage (PEL) is the federal highways process to evaluate many options and eliminate ones that don't meet the needs. It is a year long study of long term transportation needs in the Coulee Region and the process is used to narrow the number of alternatives before the project development process. It involves a very transparent process with large numbers of meetings and local participation. The Coulee Region is being studied due to high crash rates, bike/pedestrian accommodation needs, transit needs, motor vehicle congestion, deteriorating infrastructure, no current transportation plan, and community resolution of support for study. The desired outcome of the study is to improve reliability and safety for all modes, overall plan to address infrastructure needs, minimize impact to Coulee Region, be compatible with

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- other area plans, broad spectrum of stakeholders support, and to limit the number of strategies to move forward to next phase.
- o The Coulee Region Transportation study came up with goals and objectives. The study process included a work plan, data collection and strategy development, evaluation, refine, and then the final report will be presented. There has been over 80 public involvement meetings with over 1400 total attendees and over 700 written comments. Several plans have been discarded and some plans are moving on in the process. The next steps include a final public involvement hearing on January 27-28, 2016 with a complete final report expected in March 2016. There will be a transition into environmental process with reduced number of strategies.
  - o To see the full presentation along with Strategies and Rendering of options, click on this link. [Coulee Region Study](#)

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

- Supervisor Hoffman requested information on policy and procedures that keep employees and customer safe.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by R. Keil to adjourn at 7:24 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 6 excused – J. Veenstra, V. Burke, K. Cable, S. Doyle, S. Hampson, 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, December 07, 2015 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 8 OF DECEMBER 2015.**