

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, JUNE 08, 2015**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, June 08, 2015 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 27 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 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	Excused
21 Burke, Vicki	Present
22 Barlow, Patrick	Present
23 Nikolay, Matt	Present
24 Pfaff, Leon	Excused at 06:47 PM
25 Ebert, Ray	Present
26 Hesse, Dan	Present
27 Wehrs, Tina	Excused
28 Keil, Robert	Present
29 Johnson, Tara	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Chair Johnson acknowledged her son Nicholas Padesky who recently graduated from Central High School.
 - Chair Johnson read a thank you note from past Supervisor Arlene Benrud who was recognized at a gathering in April.

(27-15/16)

- Supervisor Freedland announced the Annual Solid Waste meeting will be on June 19th at 8am.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

PROCLAMATION JUNE 2015 - PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES MONTH

WHEREAS, the County Parks system and our Natural Resources are an integral part of the La Crosse County Community; and, **WHEREAS**, the quality of our Parks and Natural Resources provides safe and healthy places for residents and visitors to recreate and enjoy; and, **WHEREAS**, residents and visitors are encouraged to educate themselves and adopt responsible lifestyles that preserve the beauty and value of our Parks and Natural Resources; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County employees from the Facilities Department and the Department of Land Conservation serve to educate, protect, maintain and enhance the quality of our Parks and Natural Resources; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the Month of June 2015 as La Crosse County Parks and Natural Resources Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution made by County employees dedicated to the welfare of our Parks and Natural Resources for the benefit of our residents and visitors of La Crosse County.

Motion by D. Holtze/M. Kruse to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 2 excused - S. Doyle and T. Wehrs.

- BRACE (Building Resilience Against Climate Effects) Presentation – Health Educator Al Bliss presented on the BRACE project. In 2012 the WI Department of Health Services and the Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health (BEOH) was awarded a grant from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The purpose of the grant was to study and prepare for climate effects on public health by identifying local needs, community engagement process, assessing local needs and identifying local priorities. La Crosse County has a Multi-Hazards Mitigation Plan 2015-2019 which identifies goals, projects and actions the county, other local governments and other organizations can undertake to reduce hazard risks to life, health and property. Data suggests that the climate has been changing and increasing extreme weather. Recent climate and weather trends and future projections show the need to be prepared.
[To view the full presentation, click here.](#)
- Update on Debt Service Plan and goals for next 3-5 years
 - Multi-year steps are being taken to moderate the effect on tax levy, considering future capital needs; downtown campus, Lakeview project, Highway borrowing, Solid Waste, smaller capital projects, and comparison with other Aa1 counties.
 - The steps being taken to moderate future effects on levy include using fiscal strength to minimize interest and total debt. Administrative Center – Downtown Campus; \$22.5 million, authorize not to exceed \$23 million. Lakeview project – protect against the need for levy support, authorize not to exceed \$17.75 million. Begin to reduce future annual Highway borrowing, authorize not to exceed \$2.7 million for 2015. Solid Waste – reduce GO Debt Obligation and lower costs. Minimize debt for smaller capital projects for next 3-5 years.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Supervisor Berg requested to be shown exactly where the \$3.3 million additional funding needs are coming from for the HHS building.

ADJOURN

Motion by R. Plesha to adjourn at 7:41 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - S. Doyle, L. Pfaff and T. Wehrs.

(28-15/16)

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, June 08, 2015 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 11 OF JUNE 2015.