

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING  
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, March 19, 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:

<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	Absent
6 Plesha, Roger	Present
7 Hampson, Sharon	Excused
8 Jerome, Peg	Present
9 Caucutt, Nancy	Present
10 Cable, Kim	Present
11 Scheller, Patrick	Absent
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	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	Excused
28 Keil, Robert	Present
29 Johnson, Tara	Present

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson**

- AC&DCC Update – Supervisor Holtze noted that the approved plans for the LEC build out were reviewed. The build out will include space for the Child Support office and an auxiliary office for Corporation Counsel. The HHS addition was reviewed and the preliminary understanding of the proposal and initial look at the plans will happen on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm. Instructions were given to provide the committee with various

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alternatives and cost estimates on the County Boardroom layout. Information will be brought back to the full Board.

- WCA Conference Planning – La Crosse County will be hosting the WCA Conference in September this year. Anyone interested in helping to plan this should contact the Chair.
- County Clerk Dankmeyer reminded Supervisors of the meeting date changes for next month. The Reorganizational meeting will be held on April 21, 2015 and the Planning meeting will be held April 13, 2015.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
  - Supervisor Burke noted the Social Hosting ordinance will be coming through committees and County Board next month. There will be a kickoff related to this ordinance at the Ho-Chunk Nation Three Rivers House on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm.

**Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley**

- Update on Governor's Proposed Budget – Administrator O'Malley talked about the numerous negative impacts on county budgets. The latest is the dissolving of Family Care with little information on what it will be replaced with. Another impact is the assessment being moved to the counties instead of at the local level.
- Downtown Parking – Additional parking has been obtained by leasing parking in offsite parking lots. A parking workgroup met and came up with several ideas and suggestions on where the public and employees will park and how to communicate that to the public.

**CHAIR CHANGE**

Supervisor Plesha took the chair.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Appoint Mike Giese to the Aviation Board to replace Jeffrey Schroeder for a five year term to expire December 31, 2019; reappoint Tara Johnson to Western Wisconsin Cares for a three year term to expire March 25, 2018.

Motion by T. Johnson/A. Richmond to approve. Discussion ensued. Motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 2 absent - K. Rosa and P. Scheller, 4 excused - S. Hampson, J. Schroeder, J. Veenstra and T. Wehrs.

**CHAIR CHANGE**

Chair T. Johnson resumed the chair.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by R. Plesha/M. Kruse to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning meeting held February 9, 2015 and the Monthly meeting held February 19, 2015 and the Claims List for \$3,595,091.90 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 2 absent - K. Rosa and P. Scheller, 4 excused - S. Hampson, J. Schroeder, J. Veenstra and T. Wehrs

**RESOLUTION NO. 77-3/15 RE: ACKNOWLEDGE "THE BEST OF PUBLIC SERVICE"**

**WHEREAS**, the following employees have been a faithful part in providing "The Best of Public Service" to La Crosse County:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Janet K. Loy-Minor	Lakeview Health Center	39+
Cheryl J. Waller	Hillview Health Care Center	35+
Phyllis M. Craig	Hillview Health Care Center	31+
Judith A. Fagan	Child Support	13+

**WHEREAS**, it is the wish of the County Board of Supervisors to acknowledge long and faithful service on behalf of the citizens of La Crosse County; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

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**RESOLVED**, that a resolution extending our congratulations be recorded in La Crosse County Board Proceedings and a certificate of our actions be presented as an expression of our gratitude.

**TARA JOHNSON, COUNTY BOARD CHAIR**  
**GINNY DANKMEYER, COUNTY CLERK**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by M. Freedland/A. Richmond to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 2 absent - K. Rosa and P. Scheller, 4 excused - S. Hampson, J. Schroeder, J. Veenstra and T. Wehrs.

**RESOLUTION NO. 78-3/15 RE: APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION AND COUNTY FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY IMPROVEMENTS TO HINTGEN ISLAND FLEETING SITE**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for emergency maintenance due to erosion at the Hintgen Island Fleeting Site located in the La Crosse County Harbor area; and, **WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin has approved appropriating money for such site maintenance pursuant to Wis. Stat. §85.095(4), even though the property is located in Minnesota; and, **WHEREAS**, the State Harbor Assistance Program allows for the State of Wisconsin to provide grant money for harbor assistance for up to 80% of the non-federal share of the project costs; and, **WHEREAS**, the maintenance work consists of solidifying and shoring up bank protection by shaping and installing geotextile fabric and rip rap on Hintgen Island; and, **WHEREAS**, the estimated amount of the State grant required is \$376,000, with the County's 20% share in the amount of \$94,000; and, **WHEREAS**, the Hintgen Island Fleeting Site project is consistent with the Port of La Crosse Harbor and Waterfront Plan dated 2010 and with the three year harbor development statement of intentions submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation under Wis. Stat. §85.095(3). **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse County Board hereby requests a grant of \$376,000 from the Wisconsin Harbor Assistance Program for emergency maintenance for the Hintgen Island Fleeting Site. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Tara Johnson is hereby authorized to sign agreements and other required documents in connection with the application for Wisconsin Harbor Assistance Program funds, after approval by Corporation Counsel. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that La Crosse County shall provide such amounts of matching funds as may be required up to a maximum amount of \$94,000 upon the signing of a grant agreement for the work referred to in this resolution. **FISCAL NOTE:** Total County match = \$94,000 which is not included in the 2015 budget. \$16,484.74 will be carried over from 2014 for this project. Balance of \$77,526 shall be paid from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance, Acct. 100-33501. Lease revenue from the Hintgen Island Fleeting Site generates approximately \$13,000 to \$18,000 per year of net revenue.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by M. Freedland/P. Jerome to approve. Discussion ensued. Community Development Agent Karl Green and Administrator O'Malley responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous roll call vote with 23 ayes, 2 absent - K. Rosa and P. Scheller, 4 excused - S. Hampson, J. Schroeder, J. Veenstra and T. Wehrs.

**RESOLUTION NO. 79-3/15 RE: REAUTHORIZATION OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION SELF-INSURANCE**

**WHEREAS**, La Crosse County is a qualified political subdivision of the State of Wisconsin; and, **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Worker's Compensation Act (Act) provided that employers covered by the Act either insure their liability with worker's compensation insurance carriers authorized to do business in Wisconsin, or to be exempted (self-insured) from insuring liabilities with a carrier and thereby assuming the responsibility for its own worker's compensation risk and payment; and, **WHEREAS**, the State and its political subdivisions may self-insure worker's compensation without a special order from the Department of Workforce Development (Department) if they agree to report faithfully all compensable injuries and agree to comply with the Act and rules of the Department; and, **WHEREAS**, the

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Executive Committee at its March 11th meeting approved the continuation of the self-insured worker's compensation program, in compliance with Wisconsin Administrative Code DWD 80.60(3). **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does ordain as follows:

- (1) To provide for the continuation of a self-insured worker's compensation program that is currently in effect, and;
- (2) Authorizes the County Clerk to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Worker's Compensation Division, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

**FISCAL NOTE:** This is a periodic reauthorization of that program as required by the State. There is no fiscal impact to this resolution. The self-insured Worker's Compensation program has provided substantial savings for La Crosse County since its inception in 1996.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by M. Freedland/A. Richmond to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 2 absent - K. Rosa and P. Scheller, 5 excused - S. Doyle, S. Hampson, J. Schroeder, J. Veenstra and T. Wehrs.

#### **FIRST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE**

ORDINANCE NO. 139 TO AMEND S. 3.07(9)(A) AND S. 3.09(4)(A)-(D) OF CHAPTER 3 ENTITLED "PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATIVE CODE" OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN. Motion by M. Freedland to move the first reading. Discussion ensued. The ordinance will be held over for 30 days and is on file and open for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk and on the La Crosse County web site at: [www.co.la-crosse.wi.us](http://www.co.la-crosse.wi.us). Upon adoption and publication it will be incorporated into the La Crosse County General Code of Ordinances.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 80-3/15 RE: ACCEPTANCE OF LA CROSSE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT REGARDING OUTDOOR NATURE EXPOSURE AS A PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGY**

**WHEREAS**, as research indicates physical and mental health improves when people increase their outdoor nature experiences, and; **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse Community Foundation has awarded a grant of up to \$300,000 to the La Crosse County Health Department to increase natural environment diversity and experiences as a public health strategy among residents of targeted urban areas in the cities of La Crosse and Onalaska, and; **WHEREAS**, contingent upon County Board approval, \$100,000 would be granted for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, with the remaining \$200,000 to be provided in annual allotments upon successful completion of annual grant objectives. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby accept up to \$300,000 in grants for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018 from the La Crosse Community Foundation for the Nature Exposure as a Public Health Strategy program. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the County Health Department is authorized to add 1.0 Full Time Equivalent Health Educator to implement this program and that said position shall sunset at the end of the grant funding. **FISCAL NOTE:** This program requires no local tax levy. The maximum annual cost of the 1.0 FTE Health Educator is \$79,708, based on estimated annual salary and fringes, with the remainder of the 2015 grant funding to be used for related program supplies, travel, and training.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

##### **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Motion by M. Kruse/K. Cable to approve. Discussion ensued. Health Director Doug Mormann and Administrator O'Malley responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a voice vote with 20 ayes, 3 nays - L. Berg, H. Hoffman and B. Logue, 2 absent - K. Rosa and P. Scheller, 4 excused - S. Hampson, J. Schroeder, J. Veenstra and T. Wehrs.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 81-3/15 RE: APPROVAL OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT LABORATORY FEE INCREASE**

**WHEREAS**, the County Health Department uses several contract labs to offer testing to the public to determine concentrations of toxic chemicals in drinking water; and, **WHEREAS**, contract labs used by the County Health Department have increased their fees to test arsenic, lead and other metals; and, **WHEREAS**, the County Health Department does not subsidize the cost of this testing. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves increasing the fees for testing arsenic (3 day rush) from \$66 to \$70, arsenic or lead (routine) from \$36 to \$46, lead (3 day rush) from \$36 to \$80, and frac sand panel from \$357 to \$358, commencing March 20, 2015, and incorporates such fees in the Comprehensive Master List of fees for La Crosse County. **FISCAL NOTE:** The estimated impact of not increasing these fees would be about \$150 per month of unreimbursed expense not provided in the budget.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Motion by M. Kruse/V. Burke to approve. Discussion ensued. Health Director Doug Mormann responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 2 absent - K. Rosa and P. Scheller, 4 excused - S. Hampson, J. Schroeder, J. Veenstra and T. Wehrs.

**RESOLUTION NO. 82-3/15 RE: APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)/SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE (SSDI) OUTREACH, ACCESS, AND RECOVERY (SOAR) BLOCK GRANT FUNDING AND ACCEPTANCE OF COULEECAP AS THE GRANT SUB-RECIPIENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Housing, has made available \$225,000 to the three current providers of SOAR for the period of May 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016; and, **WHEREAS**, the grant now requires expansion into Vernon, Jackson and Monroe counties, which are adjacent to La Crosse County; and, **WHEREAS**, Couleecap, Inc. has provided successful SOAR services in La Crosse County to individuals who are homeless for six years and can provide SOAR services to meet the needs of the newly-available regional grant; and, **WHEREAS**, each of these adjacent counties have signed letters of intent to participate in the SOAR program; and, **WHEREAS**, grant funding for regional services needs to pass through a public entity and La Crosse County is the designated lead agency; and, **WHEREAS**, up to \$75,000 will be allocated to this region to address the needs of approximately 30 persons who are homeless and seeking Social Security benefits (SSI or SSDI), who must also have a mental illness or a co-occurring substance abuse disorder. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves the application for the SOAR grant funding for regional services and accepts Couleecap, Inc. as the grant sub-recipient. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** upon notification of the grant award, the La Crosse County Human Services Department is authorized to accept all awarded contracts and resources. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Board Chair is authorized to execute any documents to effectuate this resolution, including any needed cooperative agreements with Vernon, Jackson and Monroe counties and a contract with Couleecap, Inc. to provide services, after approval by Corporation Counsel. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Finance Department is authorized to make any necessary and appropriate account transfers in accepting and implementing this grant. **FISCAL NOTE:** There is no impact on La Crosse County tax levy as funds will be expensed only up to the grant allocation.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Motion by M. Kruse/M. Freedland to approve passed on a voice vote with 21 ayes, 2 abstentions - K. Cable and H. Hoffman, 2 absent - K. Rosa and P. Scheller, 4 excused - S. Hampson, J. Schroeder, J. Veenstra and T. Wehrs.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 83-3/15 RE: ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL FOODSHARE OUTREACH MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND ACCEPTANCE OF COULEECAP AS THE GRANT SUB-RECIPIENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), has made available up to \$47,576.50 in Federal funding to the La Crosse County Human Services Department for the period of March 1, 2015-September 30, 2015, which may be used to match local dollars that are expended on FoodShare outreach activities; and, **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Human Services Department has partnered with Couleecap, Inc. and the Hunger Task Force of La Crosse to implement a FoodShare Outreach plan that will utilize private foundation and other new non-tax levy revenue sources as a match to available Federal funding; and, **WHEREAS**, the FoodShare Outreach plan will assist county residents in utilizing the State of Wisconsin ACCESS website and other means to apply for FoodShare benefits, while helping to preserve local emergency food sources and link clients to employment programs and job training opportunities; and, **WHEREAS**, under the FoodShare Outreach Plan as approved by DHS, the La Crosse County Human Services Department will serve as the fiscal agent for the grant and subcontract with Couleecap, Inc. to implement the FoodShare Outreach Plan. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves the acceptance of the FoodShare Outreach funding and accepts Couleecap, Inc. as the grant sub-recipient. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, upon notification of grant award, the La Crosse County Human Services Department is authorized to accept all awarded contracts and resources. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair is authorized to execute any documents to effectuate this resolution, after approval by Corporation Counsel. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Finance Department is authorized to make any necessary and appropriate account transfers in accepting and implementing this grant. **FISCAL NOTE**: There is no impact on the County tax levy. The required local match for the Federal funding will be provided primarily via private foundation grants and other new non-tax levy sources. A small portion of the match will be met through a contribution of existing county staff time spent on this program which is valued at approximately \$5,000.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Motion by M. Kruse/M. Nikolay to approve. Discussion ensued. Human Services Director Jason Witt responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a voice vote with 21 ayes, 2 abstentions - K. Cable and H. Hoffman, 2 absent - K. Rosa and P. Scheller, 4 excused - S. Hampson, J. Schroeder, J. Veenstra and T. Wehrs.

**RESOLUTION NO. 84-3/15 RE: ADOPTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICIES REQUIRED FOR SUBMISSION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS**

**WHEREAS**, federal and state monies are available under the Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of Wisconsin; and, **WHEREAS**, the program requires that units of government receiving these funds adopt and enforce the following:

1) La Crosse County hereby prohibits the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations in accordance with Section 519 of Public Law 101-144.

2) La Crosse County hereby agrees to enforce applicable state and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of non-violent and civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby approve and authorize the adoption and enforcement of the aforementioned policies regarding use of excessive force against individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations. **FISCAL NOTE**: No cost to La Crosse County.

**JUDICIARY AND LAW COMMITTEE**

Motion by V. Burke/P. Barlow to approve. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 2 absent - K. Rosa and P. Scheller, 5 excused - S. Hampson, B. Logue, J. Schroeder, J. Veenstra and T. Wehrs.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 85-3/15 RE: APPROVAL OF TOWN OF CAMPBELL ZONING AMENDMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Campbell has adopted a zoning ordinance, which ordinance was approved by the La Crosse County Board by Resolution #52-1/13 on January 17, 2013; and, **WHEREAS**, The Town of Campbell intends to meet the statutory consistency requirements with a future Town Comprehensive Plan Amendment; and, **WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. s. 60.62(3) states that no zoning ordinance or amendment to a zoning ordinance may be adopted by the town unless approved by the county board; and, **WHEREAS**, after a public hearing on February 3, 2015, the Town of Campbell approved a petition by John Noyes to rezone parcels #4-1336-0, 4-1338-0 and 4-1339-0 located at 121, 125 and 131 Usher Street from the Residential "A" District to the Light Industrial District, for the purpose of constructing a 5,000 square foot structure to be used for Light Industrial Purposes; and, **WHEREAS**, the Planning, Resources and Development Committee, after receiving input from Zoning, Planning and Land Information Department staff, recommend approval of the proposed zoning amendment. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves the amendment to the zoning district of the Town of Campbell zoning ordinance regarding parcels #4-1336-0, 4-1338-0 and 4-1339-0 approved by the Town of Campbell on February 3, 2015 in accordance with Wis. Stat. s. 60.62(3). **FISCAL NOTE:** No fiscal impact to La Crosse County.

**PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Motion by D. Holtze/D. Hesse to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 2 absent - K. Rosa and P. Scheller, 5 excused - S. Hampson, B. Logue, J. Schroeder, J. Veenstra and T. Wehrs.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Supervisor Ebert asked for an update on car seat funding.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by R. Keil/D. Ferries to adjourn at 7:23 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 2 absent - K. Rosa and P. Scheller, 4 excused - S. Hampson, J. Schroeder, J. Veenstra and T. Wehrs.

**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, March 19, 2015 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 23 OF MARCH 2015.**