

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING  
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2016**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, December 15, 2016 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:

<b>District Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
1 Richmond, Andrea	Present
2 Geary, Ralph	Present
3 Weidenbach, Doug	Present
4 Freedland, Maureen	Present
5 Rosa, Keyla	Present
6 Plesha, Roger	Excused
7 Hampson, Sharon	Present
8 Jerome, Peg	Present
9 Gundersen, Jerome	Excused
10 Cable, Kim	Present
11 Scheller, Patrick	Present
12 Holtze, Dave	Present
13 Tryggestad, Tina	Present
14 Larson, Margaret	Present
15 Kruse, Monica	Present
16 Ferries, Dan	Present
17 Giese, Mike	Present
18 Berg, Laurence	Excused
19 Cornforth, Rick	Absent
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 Tyser, Kathie	Present
29 Johnson, Tara	Present

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson**

- Supervisor Locker Cleanout – Supervisors were reminded that this will be the last meeting in this building and they should clean out their lockers tonight. Anything left will be disposed of.
- WCA Legislative Exchange – The WCA Legislative Exchange will be February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in Madison. Please notify the Chair’s office if you are interested in attending.
- February Meeting Schedule. The legislative exchange dates conflict with committee meeting times and therefore the County Board Planning meeting will be moved to

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Monday February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, Health & Human Services will be moved to February 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, Executive will be Thursday of same week at 7:30am, and Judiciary & Law will decide at their January meeting.

- Supervisor Conference Reports – none offered.

**Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley**

**PROCLAMATION DECEMBER 2016 - 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 2016 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 M. Nikolay/M. Giese to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 1 absent - R. Cornforth, 4 excused - L. Berg, J. Gundersen, R. Plesha and T. Wehrs.

**PROCLAMATION DECEMBER 2016 - ELECTION CLERK AND POLL WORKERS RECOGNITION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the County Clerk and staff, the Municipal Clerks and Poll Workers assist La Crosse County voters throughout the election process by registering voters, issuing ballots, monitoring voting machines and explaining ballots to ensure that each eligible voter is able to vote; and, **WHEREAS**, over fifty tabulators and Canvass Board Members spent 45+ hours recounting the 32<sup>nd</sup> Senate District and Presidential race; and **WHEREAS**, these individuals follow and enforce the laws to maintain open, fair and accurate elections while working many long hours; and **WHEREAS**, these Clerks and Poll Workers have a commitment to service excellence while maintaining complete integrity of elections; and **WHEREAS**, many of these individuals have taken time off from their regular jobs to be a Poll Worker and to serve the public; and **WHEREAS**, these individuals have helped to conduct six elections, two major recounts and implement numerous voting law changes including voter identification over the past two years; and **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board extends gratitude and appreciation to the County Clerk and staff, the Municipal Clerks and Poll Workers, the Board of Canvassers and tabulators of La Crosse County for their hard work, integrity and dedication. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of December 2016 as Election Clerk and Poll Workers Month and urges all residents to recognize the valuable contribution Election Clerks and Poll Workers have made to allow La Crosse County to conduct successful elections.

Motion by V. Burke/D. Holtze to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 1 absent - R. Cornforth, 4 excused - L. Berg, J. Gundersen, R. Plesha and T. Wehrs.

- 2016 Highlight & County tax impact on individual properties
  - Moody's Credit Rating has reaffirmed La Crosse County as Aa1. Only 5 counties have a higher rating. La Crosse County has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest gender balance of WI Counties, nearly equal to general population. Economic and Community Development include Neighborhood Revitalization grant with a 10-1 return on investment, sale of 2 acres for Identity Works, sold 37 residential lots to the

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Village of Rockland, Hintgen Island Fleeting repair grant, La Crosse Promise dedicates first two homes, and revolving loan to Lovechild restaurant and mini grant to Sangraal Guitars.

- o Mill rate for 2016 was \$3.89 and tax rate was held the same for 2017. La Crosse County property taxes are one of the lowest in the State. Levy per capita per person compared with all 72 WI Counties.
- o County taxes paid by individual properties are impacted by changes in total tax base, total county tax levy and apportionment among the 18 municipalities, and assessed value of individual property. The total equalized value increased by 2.95%. If levy increase is lower, tax rate drops. If levy increase is greater, the tax rate rises.
- Move Update – Many staff members in the HHS building have moved several times to accommodate the remodeling of that building. The move for the Administrative Building is taking longer than expected. The move will conclude next week and will improve efficiencies for the County and the support and patience during this time is much appreciated.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Motion by T. Johnson/K. Cable to reappoint Tina Wehrs to the Agricultural Society for a one year term to expire December 17, 2017; reappoint Vicki Twinde-Javner, H. King Holley, Ann Loomis, to the Historic Sites Preservation Commission for a three year term to expire December 31, 2019; reappoint Mary Kessens to the La Crosse Housing Authority for a five year term to expire December 31, 2021; reappoint Dan Ferries to the La Crosse County Library Board for a three year term to expire December 31, 2019; reappoint David Eilertson to the Board of Adjustment for a three year term to expire December 31, 2019 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 1 absent - R. Cornforth, 4 excused - L. Berg, J. Gundersen, R. Plesha and T. Wehrs.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by D. Ferries/D. Hesse to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning meeting held November 7, 2016 and the Annual and Public Hearing meeting held November 14 -15, 2016 and the claims list for \$7,909,550.05 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 1 absent - R. Cornforth, 4 excused - L. Berg, J. Gundersen, R. Plesha and T. Wehrs.

### **ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z369-12/16 RE: PETITION NO. 1981 FILED BY JIM FINCH D/B/A JFCM PROPERTIES, LLC, TO REZONE A 4.61 ACRE PARCEL FROM THE EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT PENDING CONDITIONS NOT RECORDED TO THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR THREE COLD STORAGE RENTAL BUILDINGS IN THE TOWN OF HAMILTON**

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 1981 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by Jim Finch d/b/a JFCM Properties, LLC, 200 Mason St 13, Onalaska, WI, 54650 and having held a public hearing on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016 for a petition to rezone a 4.61 acre parcel from the Exclusive Agriculture District pending conditions not recorded to the Commercial District for three (3) 60-ft x 190-ft and two (2) 60-ft x 170-ft cold storage rental buildings in the Town of Hamilton and described as follows: Part of the SE/SW and SW/SE of Section 4, T16N, R6W. Tax parcel 7-110-0. Property address N4571 County Rd M. Town of Hamilton. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats.: the Committee did publish and receive proof of a Class II notice of the hearing; did receive receipts of mailing of the notices to the affected Town Clerk(s); did hold a public hearing to hear testimony and official correspondence; and, did receive and consider action from the affected Town Board(s). The Committee, under s. 59.69(5)(e)4, and under s. 91.48(1), Wis. Stats., has the authority to approve the petition as submitted; to disapprove of the petition; or, to modify and approve the petition. Having considered the entire record the Committee's recommendation is to: By a vote of five (5) in favor (Nikolay, Gundersen, Holtze, Scheller, Hesse), zero (0) no, one (1) excused (Hundt-Wehrs), and one (1) absent (Cornforth), the committee recommended approval of Zoning Petition No. 1981

subject to no conditions. (If this petition is approved as a conditional zoning, deed restrictions must be recorded before zoning takes effect.) The County Board, under s.59.69(5)(e)5 Wis. Stats., has the authority to effectuate the petition by ordinance or to disapprove it. **The County Board** took the following action this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016. Approved the petition as submitted, becomes an ordinance.

**PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Motion by M. Nikolay/P. Scheller to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 1 absent - R. Cornforth, 4 excused - L. Berg, J. Gundersen, R. Plesha and T. Wehrs.

**RESOLUTION NO. 59-12/16 RE: DESIGNATION OF AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR 2017**

**WHEREAS**, La Crosse County Board Rule 2.02(6) per Wisconsin Statutes Section 985 requires the designation of an official newspaper for La Crosse County; and, **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse Tribune meets the qualifications per Wisconsin Statutes 985.03; and, **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of La Crosse County to designate the La Crosse Tribune as the official newspaper because of its distribution and circulation in the county; and, **WHEREAS**, the current year designation by resolution terminates on December 31, 2016. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse Tribune is designated and approved by the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors as the official newspaper for La Crosse County for the year 2017 expiring December 31, 2017. **FISCAL NOTE**: No fiscal impact for designating the official newspaper.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by S. Hampson/M. Giese to approve. Discussion ensued. Motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 1 absent - R. Cornforth, 4 excused - L. Berg, J. Gundersen, R. Plesha and T. Wehrs.

**RESOLUTION NO. 60-12/16 RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES**

**WHEREAS**, per WI. Statutes Chapter 34 and 59, the County Board shall designate one or more depositories; and, **WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee has met and they have designated depositories which meet the state statutes requirements. The following financial institutions have been designated as official depositories for La Crosse County funds:

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| Wells Fargo Bank NA, La Crosse                       | Wells Fargo Securities                                   |
| State Bank Financial, La Crosse & Onalaska           | Firefighters Credit Union, La Crosse & Holmen            |
| Coulee Bank of La Crosse                             | U. S. Bank, La Crosse & Onalaska                         |
| Farmers State Bank of Bangor                         | Union State Bank of West Salem                           |
| Park Bank, Holmen and La Crosse                      | First National Bank of Bangor & La Crosse                |
| Community Credit Union, La Crosse, Onalaska & Holmen | Altra Federal Credit Union, La Crosse, Onalaska & Holmen |
| Associated Bank, La Crosse                           | Verve Credit Union, Oshkosh WI                           |
| Dana Investment Advisors                             | Bremer Bank, Onalaska                                    |
| River Bank, La Crosse & Holmen                       | Wisconsin State Mutual Pool, Madison                     |
| MBIA Municipal Investors Corp.                       | American Deposits Management, Delafield WI               |
| Trust Point, La Crosse                               | Institutional Capital Management                         |
| Governmental Employees Credit Union, La Crosse       | Co-Op Credit Union, La Crosse & Onalaska                 |

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Board appoint the financial institutions designated above as official depositories for La Crosse County funds: **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the aforementioned depositories are officially designated until there is a change in state statutes or they are amended by the La Crosse County Board. **FISCAL NOTE**: No Fiscal Impact

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by S. Hampson/P. Jerome to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 1 absent - R. Cornforth, 4 excused - L. Berg, J. Gundersen, R. Plesha and T. Wehrs.

**RESOLUTION NO. 61-12/16 RE: ADJUSTMENT OF PREVIOUS SALARY MODIFICATIONS DUE TO OVERTIME REGULATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the County Board at the November 2016 meeting approved salary modifications to certain positions to comply with the Federal Department of Labor's changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA): and, **WHEREAS**, on November 22, 2016 a Federal Judge placed an injunction on the Department of Labor (DOL) overtime Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) regulations that were to be effective December 1, 2016; and, **WHEREAS**, since there is no longer an effective date for compliance and a final decision regarding the rule changes is uncertain, the Personnel Director recommends that no pay adjustment changes be made until there is a final ruling. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the pay adjustments previously approved by the County Board on 11/14/16 are reversed, and classifications and wages/salaries revert back to the level prior to the board action. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any increase that has already been paid shall not be recovered from those employees. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the pay grade of SW-01 Step 2 and SWP-11, Step 2 shall receive the .68% annual increase and the .82% equity adjustment on 1/1/17 equal to the other AFSCME union pay scales. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Personnel and Finance Departments are authorized and directed to take such action as is necessary to implement the action approve and carry out the intent of this resolution. **FISCAL NOTE:** No cost, as previous approved pay adjustments are reversed.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by S. Hampson/M. Freedland to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 1 absent - R. Cornforth, 4 excused - L. Berg, J. Gundersen, R. Plesha and T. Wehrs.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

- Supervisor Geary asked for an update on the money given to Centurylink to keep jobs local.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by D. Weidenbach/K. Rosa to adjourn at 7:09 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 1 absent - R. Cornforth, 4 excused - L. Berg, J. Gundersen, R. Plesha, 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, December 15, 2016 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 22 OF DECEMBER 2016.**