

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING  
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2016**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, February 08, 2016 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 20 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	Absent
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 Vacant	
14 Schroeder, Jeffrey	Excused
15 Kruse, Monica	Excused
16 Ferries, Dan	Excused
17 Giese, Mike	Absent
18 Berg, Laurence	Excused
19 Hoffman, Hubert	Present
20 Doyle, Steve	Present
21 Burke, Vicki	Present
22 Barlow, Patrick	Present
23 Nikolay, Matt	Present
24 Pfaff, Leon	Excused
25 Ebert, Ray	Present
26 Hesse, Dan	Present
27 Wehrs, Tina	Present
28 Keil, Robert	Excused
29 Johnson, Tara	Present

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson**

- Supervisor Conference Reports
  - Supervisor Hoffman announced a bill being introduced in Madison, LRB 2303, to undue a previous bill that made crossing a railroad track other than at a public crossing to be considered trespassing.
  - Supervisor Burke attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the remodeled La Crosse Regional Airport

- Supervisor Holtze, Jerome and Hampson attended the WCA Legislative Exchange.

### **Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley**

#### **PROCLAMATION FEBRUARY 2016 - PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the Mission of the La Crosse County Health Department is to “Protect, promote and improve the health of all people to enhance the quality of life” and, **WHEREAS**, the Health Department is made up of 50 full and part time staff representing 15 different Public Health professions; and, **WHEREAS**, the staff of the La Crosse County Health Department enables County residents to be living in one of the healthiest Counties in the state; and, **WHEREAS**, the staff provides information and services to County residents in about 30 different program areas that enable citizens to live long and productive lives; and, **WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin rates the Health Department performance at the highest level possible in Wisconsin. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of February as Public Health Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of Health Department staff.

Motion by K. Cable/K. Rosa to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 20 ayes, 2 absent - M. Giese and J. Veenstra, 6 excused - L. Berg, D. Ferries, R. Keil, M. Kruse, L. Pfaff and J. Schroeder, 1 vacant – District 13.

- Administrator O'Malley introduced the new Health Director, Jennifer Rombalski.
- CJMC Evidence Based Decision Making - Judge Scott Horne and Dr. Lisa Kruse presented on Evidence Based Decision Making (EBDM)
  - EBDM is a framework of evidence based practices. EBDM is a disciplined approach to using data and research to inform and guide decision making across the justice system from arrest through discharge. Four principles are involved: informed by evidence-based knowledge, to contribute to harm reduction, operate collaboratively, and criminal justice system will continually learn and improve. The goal is to create a framework for justice systems that will result in improved system outcomes through true collaborative partnerships, systematic use of research, and a shared vision of desired outcomes. The philosophy used is harm reduction, reducing the ill effects of crime to communities, victims, offenders, and families of offenders.
  - Phase 1-3 is to create framework and test on seven sites. Phase 4-5 is the statewide application of framework. Phase 6 is full implementation and will start in October. Three states, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Virginia are involved with implementing this framework. Six counties in Wisconsin, Chippewa, La Crosse, Marathon, Outagamie, Rock, and Waukesha, are involved with the State EBDM policy team.
  - Change target #1 is should we modify the pre-trial diversion policy? Change target #2 is what is the best way to collect money for nonpayment obligations, including child support? Change target #3 is how can we best match support services and programming based on criminogenic needs? Long-term change targets are probation/parole revocations, are we over-responding to low risk offenders, and how to best server low risk but high need individuals.
- Associate Administrator progress report
  - Associate Administrator Jane Klekamp introduced Rukmini Vasupuram as the new Justice Support Service Manager.
  - The first six-month report was focused on criminal justice, process, and workforce satisfaction. Criminal Justice had 3 areas: the programming Pod, EBDM, and pretrial services. Court consistency goal is 85%. Assistance was

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provided with the Aging and ADRC transition, Mediation and Family Court Services by establishing a set of measurements with staff, project PROVEN/FSET – examining possible funding sources for jail services, and GAL/Court Appointed Attorneys - is there a more cost effective way to do that. Workforce satisfaction focused on a transportation survey which is in process and compensation review. Results from a survey on wellness opportunities was reviewed. Workforce satisfaction focused on department head interviews, inclusivity/diversity, and public relations committee.

- UW-Extension reorganizational proposal update – Administrator O'Malley gave a report on the planned cuts to UW-Extension with less staff and merging with other counties. Offices in all 72 counties would be streamlined and downsized. The Executive Committee will discuss drafting a resolution to send to State Officials.
- Welcome Center plan overview – Highway Commissioner Ron Chamberlain reviewed the plans for the new Welcome Center. He reviewed the proposed layout and renderings. The Welcome Center will have a tourism center that will be staffed. Currently this project is in a rebid process.
- Neighborhood Revitalization Program Proposal – Economic Development Specialist Brian Fukuda reviewed the La Crosse County Neighborhood Revitalization Acquisition and Demolition Grant and program guidelines. The guidelines reviewed included the purpose, eligible applicants, eligible properties, eligible use of funds, application process, funding award, project performance, reporting, and the appeal process. Current targeted neighborhoods include Powell-Poage-Hamilton in the City of La Crosse and Washburn in the City of La Crosse. The grant amount will be based on the size and scope of the project with a maximum of \$100,000 to a single project. The maximum award for a single-family project will be \$25,000. A Neighborhood Revitalization Grant Review Committee will be formed and include County Board Supervisors.
- Construction Project Update: Lakeview and Downtown Campus – Facilities Director Jim Speropulos gave an update on the two major projects.
  - Lakeview Health Center is on schedule and on budget for a completion date of September 30, 2016. Total project costs is \$17,664,587. Steve Kepros with Market & Johnson reviewed pictures of the progress.
  - The Downtown Campus project includes the New Administrative Center, Health & Human Services, and the Law Enforcement Center. The project is on schedule and on budget for a completion date of December 31, 2016. Total project cost is \$22,995,547. Tyler Swanson with Market & Johnson reviewed pictures of the three projects.

### **SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

- Supervisor Ebert asked for an update on child safety seat program.
- Supervisor Rosa asked for periodic updates on diversity and programs being implemented.

### **ADJOURN**

Motion by K. Cable to adjourn at 8:20 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 20 ayes, 2 absent - M. Giese and J. Veenstra, 6 excused - L. Berg, D. Ferries, R. Keil, M. Kruse, L. Pfaff, and J. Schroeder, 1 vacant – District 13.

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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, February 08, 2016 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 FEBRUARY 2016.