

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, JUNE 06, 2016**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, June 06, 2016 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:

District Name	Attendance
1 Richmond, Andrea	Present
2 Geary, Ralph	Present
3 Weidenbach, Doug	Present
4 Freedland, Maureen	Present
5 Rosa, Keyla	Absent
6 Plesha, Roger	Present
7 Hampson, Sharon	Present
8 Jerome, Peg	Present
9 Gundersen, Jerome	Absent
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	Excused
17 Giese, Mike	Present
18 Berg, Laurence	Present
19 Cornforth, Rick	Present at 06:09 PM
20 Doyle, Steve	Present
21 Burke, Vicki	Excused at 06:36 PM
22 Barlow, Patrick	Excused
23 Nikolay, Matt	Present
24 Pfaff, Leon	Excused at 05:50 PM
25 Ebert, Ray	Excused at 06:52 PM
26 Hesse, Dan	Present
27 Wehrs, Tina	Excused
28 Tyser, Kathie	Present
29 Johnson, Tara	Excused at 07:18 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Tyser and Freedland attended the Urban Biodiversity meeting and the meeting started with a \$100,000 grant to the County Health Department.
 - Supervisor Larson and Tyser attended the Bluffland Regional Preservation meeting.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

PROCLAMATION JUNE 2016 - 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 2016 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 M. Giese/S. Doyle to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 2 absent - J. Gundersen and K. Rosa, 5 excused - P. Barlow, R. Cornforth, D. Ferries, L. Pfaff and T. Wehrs.

- Solid Waste System overview and update – Solid Waste Director Hank Koch gave a presentation of the Solid Waste Department which is a Responsible Resource. This means it is economically stable, sound and community supported good neighbor. It is a regional system with La Crosse, Buffalo, Trempealeau, Wabasha, and Houston Counties involved and taking in 175,000 tons per year of trash. They have been in business for 38 years and have a remaining site life of 23 to 43 years. Programs include landfill, waste to energy, citizen's drop off, gas to energy, waste diversion, HHM, community service, land use, community outreach, and rebates. Future challenges for Solid Waste include landfill construction projects - space for cells and site entrance, on-going capital and debt management, 2017 HHM community contract renewal, and 2023 Xcel energy contract renewal.
- Xcel Energy Report on French Island Facility – Mike Herro, Mike Paitl, and Tina Ball presented. A video was shown to review the French Island Facility. The top 10 reasons to be proud of the 28 year partnership between the County and Xcel were presented. 1- the partnership has allowed Xcel Energy to keep French Island plant running; 2- the plant utilizes all available pollution control technology; 3- the plant is operated safely with no lost time accidents for past 10 years; 4- in 2015 the plant accepted over 77,500 tons of MSW and converted a record 81.61% to RDF; 5- the plant not only burns RDF, but also burns wood waste which keeps it out of the landfill; 6- the river area around the plant is a hot bed for fishing; 7- nearly 1,000 citizens toured the plant in 2015; 8- the plant generates electricity with environmental focus; 9- the partnership has meant that now over 2 million tons of MSW have been burned instead of landfilled; 10- and it makes Hank happy.
- Couleecap Annual Report – Grace Jones presented the 2015 annual report. Couleecap's vision statement: to make a difference in the lives of people in the Coulee Region. Couleecap provides services to 30,918 local people, employ 52 area residents, and is funded by the United Way and numerous other funders; federal, state, county, foundations, and donors. They serve La Crosse, Monroe, Vernon, and Crawford Counties. They help with Foodshare Outreach, SOAR program, transportation – Work N Wheels, homelessness, home purchases, weatherization, housing rehabilitation, Community Development Block Grant, Coulee Community Land Trust, economic development, neighborhood revitalization, youth employment and training, and skills enhancement. Couleecap is constantly changing to address changing community needs.

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- "A Collaboration to end Homelessness in La Crosse" was presented by Erin Healy of 1000,000 Homes
 - From July 31, 2010 to July 31, 2014, 186 communities helped, 105,580 individuals housed and that included 31,171 veterans. What works is unprecedented collaboration; system leadership, rapid cycle innovation, iteration, improvement, and audacious goals. This includes housing first, prevention and rapid rehousing, coordinated entry, and knowing your data. Prevalence of Homelessness is a function of rate of "flows in", rate of "flows out," rate of returns to homelessness, and length of stay. You need to know your data and track performance.
- Overview of Debt Service Plan 2016 - Administrator O'Malley presented the overview of the debt service plan for 2016 which includes downtown campus, highway borrowing, and solid waste refinancing. The time is right for the anticipated refinancing of 2009 and 2010 LEC debt and will reduce debt service costs. Debt policy and limitations include total debt cannot exceed 5% of EV, long term borrowing only for capital improvements and not for operating costs, debt term cannot exceed useful life of the project or improvement, use refunding or refinancing to reduce interest and evaluate use of debt reserves to lower debt levy, and strive for pay as you go without use of debt. Debt issuance requires three actions by the County Board and generally requires ¾ vote; initial resolution to issue debt, authorize advertisement for public sale, and award sale after competitive bids received. A phased approach will minimize debt service.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered

ADJOURN

Motion by A. Richmond/D. Holtze to adjourn at 7:48 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 21 ayes, 2 absent - J. Gundersen and K. Rosa, 7 excused - P. Barlow, V. Burke, R. Ebert, D. Ferries, T. Johnson, L. Pfaff and T. Wehrs.

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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 06, 2016 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 14 OF JUNE 2016.