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**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, May 19, 2016 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 22 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 at 06:03 PM
8 Jerome, Peg	Present
9 Gundersen, Jerome	Present
10 Cable, Kim	Excused
11 Scheller, Patrick	Present
12 Holtze, Dave	Present
13 Tryggestad, Tina	Present
14 Larson, Margaret	Present
15 Kruse, Monica	Excused
16 Ferries, Dan	Present
17 Giese, Mike	Excused
18 Berg, Laurence	Absent
19 Cornforth, Rick	Excused
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	Present
28 Tyser, Kathie	Present
29 Johnson, Tara	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- County Board Advance – The County Board Advance will be on Friday, June 3, 2016 at 8:30 A.M. at the County Highway Shop. Further information will be emailed.
- WCA Training Opportunities – WCA training opportunities have concluded for May.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Tryggestad and Tyser attended the WCA COWs training in Richland Center. It was a very good training for new supervisors.

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- Supervisor Freedland attended the Just Fix It Campaign. It's a campaign to get the roads fixed.
- Supervisor Burke handed out an ARTSPIRE brochure. The festival will be June 10 – 11, 2016.
- Chair Johnson announced there was a letter from the Memorial Day Association thanking the Board for their support which allows them to decorate the graves of qualified soldiers. Supervisors are also invited to march in the Memorial Day Parade along with other elected officials.

CHAIR CHANGE

1st Vice Chair Hampson took the chair.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by T. Johnson/A. Richmond to appoint Dan Ferries to the Commission on Aging to replace Dave Holtze for a three year term to expire April 30, 2019; appoint Margaret Larson and reappoint Monica Kruse and Vicki Burke to the Criminal Justice Management Council for a three year term to expire April 30, 2019; reappoint Kim Cable and Dave Trapp to the Health & Human Services Board for a two year term to expire April 30, 2018; appoint Doug Weidenbach to replace Laurence Berg and Mike Giese to replace Sharon Hampson to the Health & Human Services Board for the remainder of a term to expire April 30, 2017; Appoint Tina Tryggestad to replace Brian Logue to the Health & Human Services Board for the remainder of a term to expire April 30, 2018; appoint Kathie Tyser to the Health & Human Services Board for a two year term to expire April 30, 2018; appoint Rick Cornforth to replace Keyla Rosa and reappoint Mike Giese to the Sustainable La Crosse Commission for a two year term to expire May 31, 2018; appoint Brenda White, Diane Hietpas, Cindy Delphey, Tom Jacobs, Maxine Jacobs, Katy Cole, Tanya Hulbert, Shane Hulbert, Stephanie Peterson, Julie Dietz, Nancy Pohlman, Emily McGonigle, Mandy Bisek, Celia Fluekiger, Regina Siegal, Pam Radtke, and Karen Wolf to the Integrated Support & Recovery Services (ISRS) Advisory Council for a two year term to expire April 30, 2018 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 2 absent - L. Berg and K. Rosa, 4 excused - K. Cable, R. Cornforth, M. Giese and M. Kruse.

CHAIR CHANGE

Chair T. Johnson resumed the chair.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by R. Plesha/D. Hesse to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning meeting held April 11, 2016 and the Organizational meeting held April 19, 2016 and the claims list for \$5,024,721.72 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 2 absent - L. Berg and K. Rosa, 4 excused - K. Cable, R. Cornforth, M. Giese and M. Kruse.

SECOND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 150 TO AMEND S. 2.02(7)(C) AND S. 2.02(8)(B) ENTITLED "MEETINGS AND GENERAL RULES OF THE COUNTY BOARD" OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Supervisor Hampson yielded the floor to Supervisor Wehrs. Motion by T. Wehrs/R. Ebert to approve. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve failed on a roll call vote with 13 nays, 10 ayes - V. Burke, R. Ebert, D. Ferries, M. Freedland, R. Geary, J. Gundersen, D. Hesse, L. Pfaff, A. Richmond and T. Wehrs, 2 absent - L. Berg and K. Rosa, 4 excused - K. Cable, R. Cornforth, M. Giese and M. Kruse.

FIRST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 149 TO CREATE S. 4.12 ENTITLED "PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY FINANCING" OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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Motion by S. Hampson to move the first reading. 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. Upon adoption and publication it will be incorporated into the La Crosse County General Code of Ordinances.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-5/16 RE: APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL CORPORATION COUNSEL ATTORNEY POSITION

WHEREAS, La Crosse County has employed 3 full-time Corporation Counsel positions since 1997; and, **WHEREAS**, there have been significant changes in the responsibilities of the Corporation Counsel positions since 1998; and, **WHEREAS**, the changes which have occurred include the following:

- Addition of Child Support Agency as part of Corporation Counsel office
- Increase in Economic Development activity requiring legal assistance
- Increase in caseload/court time for Human Services department cases
- Addition of Mediation and Family Court Services to the Corporation Counsel department in 2016
- Increase in Child Support court – increased from once a week to twice a week court hearings; and,

WHEREAS, the comparison to similar sized counties reveal that other counties have at least 4 attorneys where similar duties are involved; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has unique aspects that require legal assistance, such as a Solid Waste department with a complex array of services and contractual needs and 2 County-owned nursing homes requiring legal assistance; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County also handles the Child In Need of Protection and Services and Termination of Parental Rights cases, which is not always the case in other counties in Wisconsin, where sometimes the District Attorney's office handles such cases; and, **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of La Crosse County to obtain an additional Corporation Counsel attorney position. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves the hiring of an additional Corporation Counsel position, effective July 1, 2016. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Personnel department is authorized to take appropriate action to accomplish the purposes of this resolution. **FISCAL NOTE:** The cost of an additional attorney is estimated to be approximately \$26,719 for the last 6 months of 2016. Because part of the work is for the Child Support office, part of the salary will be paid by federal grant funding. Source of funds for 2016 is Org 1063 General Fund Contingency, Account 79030 Salary Contingency.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by S. Hampson/P. Jerome to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 2 absent - L. Berg and K. Rosa, 4 excused - K. Cable, R. Cornforth, M. Giese and M. Kruse.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-5/16 RE: APPROVAL OF UNBUDGETED FUNDING FOR 2016 SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, a significant increase in solid waste received at the La Crosse County Landfill in 2015 requires that the County move up certain construction costs for a new landfill cell from 2017 to 2016; and, **WHEREAS**, the coordination of the scale entrance project with the City of La Crosse requires that certain engineering, road lease construction and utility work occur in 2016 instead of 2017; and, **WHEREAS**, a bedrock study completed in February 2016 indicates that a significant larger amount of bedrock than anticipated will need to be removed for construction of the new landfill cell, which will increase 2016 costs of construction and result in space for over \$2 million in solid waste revenue; and, **WHEREAS**, the Solid Waste Department requires that an additional \$1,060,000 be included in 2016 for budgeted expenses for landfill construction and site entrance improvements. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves funding of an additional \$1,060,000 for landfill construction and landfill site entrance costs for 2016; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Finance Department is authorized to make the necessary adjustments to the Solid Waste Department budget. **FISCAL NOTE:** Additional \$1,060,000 funding will come from the Solid Waste Undesignated Fund Balance Account 650-39100 and deposited in appropriate accounts determined by the Finance Department.

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PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion by M. Freedland/P. Barlow to approve. Discussion ensued. Deputy Director of Solid Waste Randy Nedrelo responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 2 absent - L. Berg and K. Rosa, 4 excused - K. Cable, R. Cornforth, M. Giese and M. Kruse.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-5/16 RE: APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY TAKEN BY TAX FORECLOSURE

WHEREAS, La Crosse County has advertised for the sale of 7 separate parcels of property which were the subject of a prior tax foreclosure action; and, **WHEREAS**, sealed bids were received for 7 parcels no later than 12:00 PM on April 15, 2016, and opened by the County Treasurer on April 15, 2016 at 3:00 PM, which bid results are attached hereto; and, **WHEREAS**, the sale and appraised value of the real estate was advertised by publication as required by law pursuant to s. 75.69, Wis. Stats.; and, **WHEREAS**, the highest responsive bids were accepted by the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board approves the sale of the parcels for which responsive bids were accepted by the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair and County Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any legal documents necessary to accomplish the sale of said properties, after approval of Corporation Counsel. **FISCAL NOTE**: the revenue from the sale of tax delinquent property will be applied toward satisfying outstanding taxes, interest and penalty. Any surplus funds in excess of taxes, interest and penalty shall be deposited in Org. 1065 Treasurer, Account 56020 Foreclosure Revenue.

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion by M. Freedland/L. Pfaff to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 2 absent - L. Berg and K. Rosa, 4 excused - K. Cable, R. Cornforth, M. Giese and M. Kruse.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-5/16 RE: APPROVAL OF BID FOR THE SALE OF PARCEL 12-256-0 TAKEN BY TAX FORECLOSURE

WHEREAS, La Crosse County has advertised for the sale of 16 separate parcels of property which were the subject of a prior tax foreclosure action; and, **WHEREAS**, sealed bids were received no later than 12:00 PM on March 18, 2016, and opened by the County Treasurer on March 18, 2016 at 3:00 PM; and, **WHEREAS**, the sale and appraised value of the real estate was advertised by publication as required by law pursuant to s. 75.69, Wis. Stats.; and, **WHEREAS**, the highest responsive bids were accepted by the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee and approved by the La Crosse County Board, except for the bids for parcel #12-256-0, which were referred back to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee and which bids are attached hereto. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board approves the sale of parcel #12-256-0 to the highest bidder whose bid was not withdrawn and was accepted by the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair and County Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any legal documents necessary to accomplish the sale of said property, after approval of Corporation Counsel. **FISCAL NOTE**: the revenue from the sale of tax delinquent property will be applied toward satisfying outstanding taxes, interest and penalty. Any surplus funds in excess of taxes, interest and penalty shall be deposited in Org. 1065 Treasurer, Account 56020 Foreclosure Revenue.

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion by M. Freedland/R. Geary to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 2 absent - L. Berg and K. Rosa, 4 excused - K. Cable, R. Cornforth, M. Giese and M. Kruse.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS:

- Supervisor Barlow asked for an update on BRACE.
- Supervisor Doyle asked for an update on lawsuits against the County.

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ADJOURN

Motion by T. Wehrs/J. Gundersen to adjourn at 6:39 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 2 absent - L. Berg and K. Rosa, 4 excused - K. Cable, R. Cornforth, M. Giese and M. Kruse.

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, May 19, 2016 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 20 OF MAY 2016.