

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, MAY 09, 2016**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, May 09, 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	Present
6 Plesha, Roger	Excused
7 Hampson, Sharon	Present
8 Jerome, Peg	Present
9 Gundersen, Jerome	Present
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	Excused
18 Berg, Laurence	Present
19 Cornforth, Rick	Excused
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	Excused
28 Tyser, Kathie	Excused
29 Johnson, Tara	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Burke gave an update on the Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission
 - Supervisor Kruse attended the annual meeting of the Hunger Task Force and updates on what is being done to combat hunger.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

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PROCLAMATION MAY 2016 - LAW ENFORCEMENT / PUBLIC SAFETY & COURTS MONTH

WHEREAS, in a free society, law enforcement is entrusted and expected to protect the civil rights of its residents and visitors to our community; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County employees serve to enhance public safety in the Courts, District Attorney, Sheriff, Emergency Management Coordination, Medical Examiner and Public Safety Communications; and **WHEREAS**, thousands of residents and visitors are helped each year by the professionals who respond to emergencies and assist those in need. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of May as Law Enforcement, Public Safety & Courts Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of persons dedicated to ensuring the safety of its county's residents and visitors to our community.

Motion by D. Holtze/V. Burke to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 6 excused - R. Cornforth, M. Giese, L. Pfaff, R. Plesha, K. Tyser and T. Wehrs.

- Report on Health Department 5 Year Grant aware to identify groundwater contamination – Jim Steinhoff, Environmental Health and Lab Manager
 - Private well testing has been showing metals. Testing over the past eight years has shown several metals in well waters at a high rate. The Towns of Greenfield and Shelby have shown high levels of arsenic in wells.
 - The goal of the Centers for Disease Control Grant is to reduce exposures to waterborne contaminants. It will target people using private wells and small drinking water systems. The grant focuses on three contaminants; arsenic, coliform and fecal coliform bacteria, and nitrate. Very few tests have been done in Western Wisconsin for arsenic. The well owner pays for testing and corrective actions. The County will reduce the cost of arsenic testing by using their own lab which the grant will help to purchase the testing equipment. Interventions will be based on the type of contamination. The first year budget was \$131,853 which most of was to buy the new testing equipment. Year two will be centered on education.
- "A Collaboration to end Homelessness in La Crosse" – Erin Healy of 100,000 Homes; This report was postponed to a future date
- Status Report on Ophelia's House operations - Justice Support Services Manager Rukmini Vasupuram, Justice Support Services Supervisor Becky Spanjer and YWCA Executive Director Ruthann Schultz.
 - The YWCA was started in 2008 and is located at 127-129 South 7th Street. There is a capacity of 10 women and there is a contract with YWCA to provide services to these women. NIC had an evaluation done in 2014. Currently, the WRNA (Women Risk Needs Assessment) was implemented to better determine risk and needs, more planned activities to provide increased opportunities for prosocial behavior, nine cameras to monitor movement, all residents are on GPS, the house is staffed 24 hours a day, there are random searched conducted by YWCA staff and law enforcement drug dogs, and pet therapy has been approved by Corporation Counsel.
 - Total participants is 47; 23 successful, 24 unsuccessful. The average age is 27.5 years and average length of stay is 57 days. The average daily population is 6.2.
 - NIC recommendations included 8 and 6 have been implemented. They still need to work to develop integrated gender-information substance abuse and mental health services and a gender-responsive caseload.
- Corporation Counsel – need for fourth attorney – Corporation Counsel David Lange

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- o Corporation Counsel reviews contracts and approvals, public record issues, collections/bankruptcies, liability claims, education and training, property acquisition and sale, and ethic opinions. They work closely with several departments. Some changes since 1988 include the addition of the Child Support Agency and now doing the attorney work for that department. There has been an increase in Child Support Court, economic development workload, increase in caseload/court time for the Human Services Department, and addition of Mediation and Family Court Services to the department in 2016. Both Human Services and Child Support Agency have federal performance measures that impact county funding, increased oversight with regards to policies and procedures in Child Support agenda and Family Court Mediation. Upcoming changes in Child Support Agency will require more attorney oversight, transition planning with the Corporation Counsel office, and an increase in ability to be proactive versus reactive.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – none offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by P. Barlow to adjourn at 7:23 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 6 excused – L. Pfaff, R. Cornforth, M. Giese, R. Plesha, K. Tyser 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, May 09, 2016 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 17 OF MAY 2016.