

LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2016

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, October 10, 2016 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 27 supervisors were present when 2nd Vice Chair Mike Giese 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	Present
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	Present
18 Berg, Laurence	Present
19 Cornforth, Rick	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 Tyser, Kathie	Present
29 Johnson, Tara	Excused

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Holtze attended Oktoberfest in the Capital in Madison.
 - Supervisor Ebert attended the open house at Lakeview.
 - Supervisors Kruse and Giese attended a legislative forum on health issues and candidates up for election spoke.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

PROCLAMATION OCTOBER 2016 - SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING MONTH

WHEREAS, La Crosse County helps to minimize the environmental impact of waste disposal in our region through management of award winning programs including waste-to-energy, landfill operations, gas to energy recovery and household hazardous materials collection; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has helped to facilitate the successful implementation of single-stream recycling collection in the cities of La Crosse and Onalaska that has resulted in a 137 percent increase in recycling; and **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has adopted an update to the 2008 Solid Waste Management Plan, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has accepted the plan that provides a roadmap for continued success in the operational, environmental and financial performance of the Solid Waste Department; and **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County enhances regional solid waste and recycling efforts through expanding sustainability practices and collaboration on all aspects of solid waste and recycling, processing and beneficial reuse of by-products, in part through support of the Sustainable La Crosse Commission. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of October 2016 as La Crosse County Solid Waste and Recycling Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of persons dedicated to operating one of the most environmentally sustainable solid waste disposal systems in the nation.

Motion by P. Barlow/D. Ferries to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 2 excused - T. Johnson and L. Pfaff.

- 2017 Benefit required ACA announcement – information that is required to be provided was placed on Supervisor desks.
- Annual United Way Solicitation – United Way information was placed on Supervisor desks to sign up. Please turn in form no later than next Thursday's board meeting.
- Cyber Security Month – Password Resetting
 - It Director John Parshall introduced the IT Security Officer, Mike Williams. They reviewed the process to change the password and what is required in the password to be accepted.
- 2017 County Administrator's Budget
 - Review of Budget Documents
 - Administrator O'Malley reviewed the 2017 budget decision making process and status. Committee review of department budgets will happen in the October cycle. There will be a special Executive Committee meeting on October 25th. Any changes by committees and/or full board will happen in November. Resolutions for changes to fees and personnel positions will be at the November 7th Planning meeting. The public hearing on the budget will be November 14th and the Annual meeting on November 15th.
 - Review of Budget book. Levy summary by department and org is on the yellow pages of the budget book. Fees and charges are on the green pages. Line item details are on page 24 of full budget book and page 5 for summary by department. Revenue and expense summary is on page 422 (full budget) or page 41 (summary). Capital improvements five year plan is on page 435 or page 54. Budgeted positions are on page 422 or page 84. Excess sales tax can be found on page 469 or page 88. Outside agencies the County supports are on page 470 or page 89. Debt retirement and debt schedule are on page 471 or page 90.
 - Overview of Budget Recommendations
 - 2017 budget priorities include service continuation in all major areas; use fund balance to avoid some borrowing, Personnel - +2.65 FTE levy, +4.0 non-levy, and -46.58 at Lakeview, enterprise resource planning, health insurance plan, moderate wage increase of 1.5%, Bluffland Protection and Marsh study, maintain same borrowing for Highway and

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- increase levy \$275,000, system upgrade for Emergency Dispatch Phone and Radio System.
- o Public Safety Phone and Radio Systems Upgrade Plan – Public Safety Communications Administrator Jay Loeffler and Steve Dubberstain, and engineer for Communications Service Wisconsin LLC reviewed the history and plan for the system. It was started in 1997 and built for \$1.5 million. In 2013 a study was conducted on the County Radio System and three options were presented by the consultant along with the City and County to combine. Two bids were received in 2014; one from Tait systems and one from Motorola Solutions with both being rejected by the County. The upgrade with the City was completed in early 2016 and the County’s portion was \$481,000. The County began working with Communications Service of Wisconsin (CSW) to upgrade and expand the present system.
 - Issues with the La Crosse Radio system includes the loss of coverage due to narrowbanding, poor radio coverage to portable radios, inadequate Countywide coverage of Fire and EMS pagers, coverage not the same on all channels, and allocated use of radio channels. The proposed site would eventually have 11 sites which includes six new leased towers and one City tower (MVC). Proposed upgrades year by year; 2016 would be the US 14/61 sites; 2017 would be the MVC site; 2018 would update the Wanlass site; 2019 will add US cell tower in Mindoro; 2020 add US Cell in Bangor; 2021 add US Cell site in Holmen; 2022 add US Cellular Galesville and Dairyland-Portland sites.
 - o Matrix Local Options for Increased Dedicated Highway Funding – Administrator O’Malley reviewed the options and the impact on property taxes.
 - Options include statutory changes to increase sales tax or request authority for premier resort sales tax with both requiring State approval. Local options that are available now: vehicle registration fee, cut other budgets to shift levy or sales tax, jurisdictional transfers which require local shared funding, reconsider amount of debt instead of current plan, or short term debt with “pay as you go”.
 - Highway Commissioner Ron Chamberlain reviewed what each option would allow for highway maintenance and the increased mileage per year. He also reviewed the County Trunk highways that would be reconditioned each year based on the \$500,000/year increase or a \$5 million increase.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – None offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by L. Berg/J. Gundersen to adjourn at 7:58 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - S. Hampson, T. Johnson, and L. Pfaff.

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 Planning Meeting held Monday, October 10, 2016 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 19 OF OCTOBER 2016.