

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, September 15, 2016 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 26 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	Present
7 Hampson, Sharon	Present
8 Jerome, Peg	Present
9 Gundersen, Jerome	Present
10 Cable, Kim	Present
11 Scheller, Patrick	Excused
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	Excused
22 Barlow, Patrick	Present
23 Nikolay, Matt	Present
24 Pfaff, Leon	Present
25 Ebert, Ray	Present
26 Hesse, Dan	Present
27 Wehrs, Tina	Excused
28 Tyser, Kathie	Present
29 Johnson, Tara	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- Joint Library Commission Update - The Executive Committee held the resolution to create a Joint Library Commission over for 60 days or for action by the City of La Crosse. County staff are starting to collect information on what other counties do.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Cable updated Supervisors on the work with the "Collaborative to End Homelessness" with Erin Healy.

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- o Supervisor Ebert reminded Supervisors of the Board Picnic tomorrow and on their way to take a look at the current hall for the Town of Hamilton.
- o Supervisor Hesse announced the Village of Rockland has sold 14 lots that they bought from the County.
- o Supervisor Giese announced a series of presentations on Mental Illness, A Families Pain A Communities Struggle, at noon on Wednesday, September 22nd at English Lutheran Church.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by R. Plesha/D. Hesse to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning meeting held August 8, 2016 and the Monthly meeting held August 18, 2016 and the claims list for \$5,577,445.12 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - V. Burke, P. Scheller and T. Wehrs.

RESOLUTION NO. 39-9/16 RE: APPROVAL OF ACCESS EASEMENT TO STITZO DEVELOPMENT, LLC

WHEREAS, STIZO Development, LLC, purchased the Administrative Center property from La Crosse County on February 25, 2015; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County owns the property immediately south of the Administrative Center, including the area used by vehicles to access parking for the Administrative Center and the Health and Human Services building; and, **WHEREAS**, STIZO Development, LLC, has requested an access easement to use the portion of property between the two buildings needed to access parking on the south side of the Administrative Center, which easement is legally described as shown on attached Exhibit A. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves the granting of an access easement to STIZO Development, LLC over the property described in this resolution to allow access to the south side of the Administrative Center; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Board Chair and County Clerk are authorized to execute any documents necessary to effectuate this resolution, after approval by Corporation Counsel. **FISCAL NOTE:** No cost to La Crosse County.

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by M. Freedland/R. Geary discussion ensued to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - V. Burke, P. Scheller and T. Wehrs.

ORDINANCE NO. 154-9/16 TO AMEND S. 4.06(7)(K)1 OF CHAPTER 4 ENTITLED "FINANCE" OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of La Crosse does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 4.06(7)(k)1. is amended to read:

4.06 PURCHASING PROCEDURES.

(7) GENERAL POLICY.

(k) Disposal of Surplus Property.

1. a. Departments that have surplus equipment or supplies shall report a description of such equipment/supplies to the Purchasing Manager. The Purchasing Manager shall canvass other County departments to determine whether such equipment or supplies may be used by them. If the Auditor/Finance Director approves, property may be sold by sealed bids or special public auction. The Purchasing Manager will be responsible for the bid process or special public auction. If the property is not used by another department, put for sale by sealed bid or special auction, it may be held for sale at a County public auction or sale, which may include internet auction websites, or it may be transferred or sold to a vendor for disposal by agreement with the County, if approved by the Executive Committee.

b. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1.a., the Highway Commissioner shall be responsible for disposition of surplus Highway Department equipment and property. Such property shall be sold by sealed bids or public auction if not appropriate for use by other County departments, unless the Commissioner determines that sale by an equipment broker/dealer is in the County's best interest. La Crosse County municipalities will be provided a 30 day window to inspect and bid on equipment and heavy

trucks prior to those pieces being available to the public. Transfer or sale of property to another governmental entity outside of the public bid process may occur with approval of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.

Tara Johnson, County Board Chair

Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by S. Hampson/D. Holtze to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - V. Burke, P. Scheller and T. Wehrs.

RESOLUTION NO. 40-9/16 RE: ACCEPTANCE OF BAKER TILLY VIRCHOW KRAUSE, LLP AUDIT REPORT ON LA CROSSE COUNTY'S 2015 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR)

WHEREAS, the audit firm of Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP recently completed their audit of the Financial Statements of La Crosse County for the year ended December 31, 2015; and, **WHEREAS**, the Financial Audit and Management Letter was presented to the La Crosse County Board at the County Board meeting on August 18, 2016. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby accepts the Financial Audit and Management Letter as presented for the 2015 fiscal year. **FISCAL NOTE:** Baker tilly Virchow Krause, LLP's fee for 2015 audit services is \$73,030, for which money is budgeted in 2016 and allocated across several departments.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by S. Hampson/M. Nikolay to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - V. Burke, P. Scheller and T. Wehrs.

RESOLUTION NO. 41-9/16 RE: APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)/SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE (SSDI) OUTREACH, ACCESS, AND RECOVERY (SOAR) BLOCK GRANT FUNDING AND ACCEPTANCE OF COULEECAP AS THE GRANT SUB-RECIPIENT

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Housing, has made available renewal funds for the SOAR Program; and, **WHEREAS**, the grant now requires expansion into Jackson and Monroe Counties, which are adjacent to La Crosse County; and, **WHEREAS**, Couleecap, Inc. has provided successful SOAR services in La Crosse County to individuals who are homeless for seven years and can provide SOAR services to meet the needs of the newly-available regional grant; and, **WHEREAS**, each of these adjacent counties have signed letters of intent to participate in the SOAR program; and, **WHEREAS**, grant funding for regional services needs to pass through a public entity and La Crosse County is the designated lead agency; and, **WHEREAS**, SOAR funding will be allocated to this region to address the needs of approximately 30 persons who are homeless and seeking Social Security benefits (SSI or SSDI), who must also have a mental illness or a co-occurring substance abuse disorder; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County Human Services Department has applied for renewal of the SOAR grant funding for regional services. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves acceptance of SOAR grant funding for regional services commencing October 1, 2016 and Couleecap, Inc., as the grant sub-recipient and further authorizes future renewals of SOAR grant funding for regional services without the requirement of authorizing resolutions as long as no County tax levy funds are required. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** upon notification of the grant award, the La Crosse County Human Services Department is authorized to accept all awarded contracts and resources. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Board Chair is authorized to execute any documents to effectuate this resolution, including any needed cooperative agreements with Jackson and Monroe Counties and a contract with Couleecap, Inc. to provide services, after approval by Corporation Counsel. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Finance Department is authorized to make any necessary and appropriate account transfers

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in accepting and implementing this grant. **FISCAL NOTE:** There is no impact on La Crosse County tax levy as funds will be expensed only up to the grant allocation which annually is approximately \$75,000.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Motion by M. Kruse/K. Tyser to approve passed on a voice vote with 25 ayes, 1 abstention - K. Cable, 3 excused - V. Burke, P. Scheller and T. Wehrs.

RESOLUTION NO. 42-9/16 RE: SUPPORT OF INCREASED FUNDING IN THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY AIDS ALLOCATION

WHEREAS, the Department of Children and Families provides funding to counties through the Children and Family Aids allocation for the provision of child abuse and neglect services, including prevention, investigation, treatment, and out-of-home placement costs; and, **WHEREAS**, base funding for child welfare services has not increased since the Department of Children and Families was created in 2009; and, **WHEREAS**, over the past few years, the child welfare workload has increased in all counties across the state; and, **WHEREAS**, the number of child protective services (CPS) referrals has increased by 30 percent in the state of Wisconsin since 2007 – from 55,895 referrals in 2007 to 72,698 in 2014 and in La Crosse County by 2.9 percent since 2007 – from 1,480 referrals in 2007 to 1,524 in 2014 and by 35 percent since 2010 – from 1,194 referrals in 2010 to 1,618 in 2015; and, **WHEREAS**, the number of children in out-of-home care has increased from 7,653 in 2011 to 8,258 in 2015 in the state of Wisconsin and in La Crosse County from 143 in 2011 to 164 in 2015; and, **WHEREAS**, the number of screened-in CPS reports has increased from 18,706 in 2011 to 20,384 in 2015 in the state of Wisconsin and in La Crosse County from 406 in 2011 to 591 in 2015; and, **WHEREAS**, the number of Children in Need of Protection and Services (CHIPS) petitions filed with the court has increased 12.5 percent from 2008 to 2015 in the state of Wisconsin and in La Crosse County by 56 percent from 2008 to 2015; and, **WHEREAS**, counties are struggling to recruit and retain child welfare workers; and, **WHEREAS**, the stress of increasing caseloads is taking its toll on CPS workers, causing many experienced child welfare workers to leave the profession; and, **WHEREAS**, the leading cause of these increases is the use of heroin, opiates, and methamphetamines; and, **WHEREAS**, it is critical that counties have the resources necessary to ensure the safety of children in every corner of the state; and, **WHEREAS**, counties are struggling to identify resources to increase child welfare staff, especially given the significant overmatch counties already put in the human services system. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors does hereby request that the state of Wisconsin, in its 2017-19 state biennial budget, increase funding to counties in the Children and Family Aids allocation to assist counties in serving the increasing number of children and families in the child welfare system; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Scott Walker, Department of Children and Families Secretary Eloise Anderson, Department of Administration Secretary Scott Neitzel, Senator Jennifer Shilling, Representatives Steve Doyle and Jill Billings, and the Wisconsin Counties Association. **FISCAL NOTE:** There is no impact on the County tax levy.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Motion by M. Kruse/R. Cornforth to approve. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - V. Burke, P. Scheller and T. Wehrs.

FIRST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 155 TO AMEND CHAPTER 11 ENTITLED "PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES" OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Motion by M. Kruse 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. 43-9/16 RE: APPROVAL OF TOWN OF CAMPBELL ZONING AMENDMENTS

WHEREAS, the Town of Campbell has adopted a zoning ordinance, which ordinance was approved by the La Crosse County Board by Resolution #52-1/13 on January 17, 2013; and, **WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. s. 60.62(3) states that no zoning ordinance or amendment to a zoning ordinance may be adopted by the town unless approved by the county board; and, **WHEREAS**, after a public hearing on July 12, 2016, the Town of Campbell approved certain text amendments referred to as Ordinance No. 2016-1; and **WHEREAS**, these amendments are not substantive but are a reformatting and recodification of Town of Campbell's Zoning Ordinance renumbering the chapter from Chapter 17 to Chapter 40. **WHEREAS**, the Planning, Resources and Development Committee, after receiving input from Zoning, Planning and Land Information Department staff, recommend approval of the proposed zoning amendment. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves the amendments to the Town of Campbell zoning ordinances referenced in Ordinance No. 2016-1 as approved by the Town of Campbell on July 12, 2016, in accordance with Wis. Stat. s. 60.62(3). **FISCAL NOTE**: No fiscal impact to La Crosse County.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by M. Nikolay/D. Hesse to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - V. Burke, P. Scheller and T. Wehrs.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS: None offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by D. Ferries/L. Berg to adjourn at 6:41 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - V. Burke, P. Scheller and T. Wehrs.

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, September 15, 2016 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 21 OF SEPTEMBER 2016.