

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING  
PROCEEDINGS; WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 07, 2016**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 07, 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:

<b>District Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
1 Richmond, Andrea	Present
2 Geary, Ralph	Present
3 Weidenbach, Doug	Present
4 Freedland, Maureen	Excused
5 Rosa, Keyla	Present at 06:50 PM
6 Plesha, Roger	Excused
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	Absent
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 at 06:05 PM
28 Tyser, Kathie	Present at 06:14 PM
29 Johnson, Tara	Present

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson**

- 2017 Budget Books will be available at the end of September. A sign-up sheet was circulated to indicate if you want a hard copy of the entire budget book, or summary.
- County Board Picnic – Supervisors were reminded of the Board picnic next Friday, September 16th and please make sure to sign up and pay.
- Supervisor Conference Reports

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- o Supervisor Larson attended a Well Water Seminar and distributed a book entitled "For the Common Good" written by Supervisor Larson.
- o Supervisor Gundersen attended the dedication of Poage Park and it was a wonderful example of the public and City working together.
- o Supervisor Barlow attended the ground breaking for the new Holmen Library
- o Supervisor Ferries mentioned the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual La Crosse County Library Leave a Legacy on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 3pm – 6pm.
- o The Seven Rivers Alliance event on November 16<sup>th</sup> is sold out. Two spots are available at the County table if any Supervisor is interested.
- o WCA registration packets were placed on the desks of Supervisors registered to attend.

**Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley**

**PROCLAMATION SEPTEMBER 2016 – LIBRARIES AND UW EXTENSION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, research-based educational programs for agricultural producers and professionals, businesses, local governments, communities, families and youth are brought to the residents of La Crosse County; and, **WHEREAS**, research-based educational and library programs identify and respond to specific community needs for education, research and knowledge to improve the quality of life in local communities, to strengthen families, to increase the competitiveness of businesses and agriculture, enhance decision-making in local government, and to develop leadership skills for managing resources and planning for the future; and, **WHEREAS**, libraries provide recreational and educational resources for residents in pursuit of life-long learning and provide community gathering places; and, **WHEREAS**, UW-Extension programming combines faculty, campus-based specialists, and staff expertise to bring University research to the people of La Crosse County in the areas of Agriculture/Horticulture; Community, Natural Resources and Economic Development; Family Living Education; and 4-H & Youth Development; and, **WHEREAS**, UW-Extension faculty & staff and area library staff are committed to educating the residents of La Crosse County in order to promote life-long learning and provide a more knowledgeable and informed community. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of September as La Crosse County Libraries and UW- Extension Month, and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of persons dedicated to educating the residents and engaging with them in transforming lives and communities in La Crosse County.

Motion by D. Ferries/T. Wehrs to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 21 ayes, 2 absent - R. Cornforth and K. Tyser, 5 excused - M. Freedland, L. Pfaff, R. Plesha, K. Rosa and P. Scheller.

- Update on the Future of Long-Term Care Needs:
  - o Western Wisconsin Cares status – Executive Director, Tim Garrity
    - Family Care replaced the County waiver system in 2000. It is a Medicaid program that provides long-term care service and support to eligible members. Key goals include access, choice, quality, and cost effectiveness. In 2000, La Crosse County was 1 of 5 Family Care pilots. In 2007, the State expanded the Family Care program. In 2008, La Crosse County pilot CMO becomes WWC. In 2008-2009, WWC expands to 7 other counties and in 2011 the wait list is eliminated in WWC districts. The Governor's budget in February 2015 proposes LTC reforms. This would have privatized LTC programs, eliminated current Family Care regions, integrate acute & primary care with long-term care, and essentially end current LTC delivery system. The proposal was pulled from the budget and Family Care 2.0 was proposed. A bill was passed to allow MCO consortium to go from public LTC districts to private non-profit corporations. The challenge is to become large enough to compete while preserving key values. WWC will merge with Community Care Connections of Wisconsin (CCCW) and ContinuUs in

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January 2017. This will preserve key values, allow members to receive care in a way they value, become large enough to compete, and create a seamless transition for providers.

- Lakeview & Hillview future – Hillview Administrator Pete Eide and Lakeview Administrator Wanda Plachecki
  - Thirty four counties operate nursing homes. Nursing home beds are declining. Medicaid is the biggest payer for Hillview nursing homes. 28% are private pay, 18% family care, 12% Medicare, and VA at 1%. Lakeview has 46% of pay from Family Care, 45% of Medicaid and 9% of private pay. Wisconsin's population is aging rapidly and the number of Wisconsinites over 65 will doubly by 2035. The population covered by Family Care makes up 20 % of the Medicaid enrollment but 40% of the Medicaid budget. Staffing is difficult in today's environment. Nurse aid wages and turnover is relevant to better pay the longer they stay. Network Functions will help by contracting as whole group, collect and share financial/clinical data, education, assistance with health plan credentialing, clinical best practices/integration, and billing assistance/troubleshooting.
- Aging & Disability Resources Center – ADRC Manager, Audra Martine
  - ADRC started two years before Family Care Program. They serve people over the age of 18. They have the same amount of funding as they did in 1998 but serving twice as many people. Aging and ADRC merged in January of this year. The Aging Department is still La Crosse County and the ADRC is more regional. As things get more complex, the time they are spending with clients is getting smaller. They help everybody no matter their income status. ADRC helps with income, insurance, place to stay, assistance to stay in their home or assistance to caregiver. The assistance they provide is not biased. They receive about 2,000 contacts each month. Some are a first time caller and some are a caregiver calling. Many are first time callers.
- Overview of 2017 Budget Challenges and Decision – Administrator O'Malley
  - 2017 budget priorities and conditions; focus on service continuation and very few new initiatives, Enterprise Resource Planning, purchase of parking spaces at Belle Square, phone and radio system upgrades, Human Services placement costs, health insurance premium increase, small wage increase, highway projects, sales tax and other revenue, and the levy increase is limited to \$388,000. Tax rate will remain flat. Total levy increase including debt service is about 2.9%. 2016 County Board areas of collaboration include BRACE and climate effects, Bluffland protection, floodplain/wetland protection, law enforcement, libraries, parks, and public transportation. Health Insurance change includes 2% premium increase, will maintain 88/12 premium split and same deductibles. Rx co-insurance with cap, cannot fund HRA contribution in 2017, and the Neighborhood Clinics will continue at no cost. Wellness programming is directly responsive to employee survey. An online health assessment will be used instead of Healics. The role of employee physicals will be reviewed to assist with health promotion. 2016 adopted tax levy had a \$3.89 mill rate per thousand and 2017 preliminary is \$3.89 mill rate per thousand. There will be a phased approach to minimize debt service impact.
  - Highway funding challenges include declining sources of revenue, inflation increases, aging pavement, increasing traffic and legal weight limits, less grant dollars, decreasing share of costs paid with GTA and 83% of County costs are paid by property taxes.
  - Steps to moderate future effects on levy: begin to reduce future annual highway borrowing, use some portion of increased operating levy, sales tax,

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Reserves, or new revenue to reduce annual highway borrowing. Current practices include borrowing and phase in payments following year.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – None offered.**

**ADJOURN**

Motion by T. Wehrs/ J. Gundersen to adjourn at 7:51 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 1 absent - R. Cornforth, 4 excused - M. Freedland, L. Pfaff, R. Plesha, and P. Scheller.

**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 Wednesday, September 07, 2016 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 22 OF SEPTEMBER 2016.**