

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2017**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, December 21, 2017 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. 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	Tahiri, Isaac	Excused
6	Plesha, Roger	Present
7	Hampson, Sharon	Present
8	Isola, 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	Excused
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

- 2017 County Board Recap
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Weidenbach talked about the new art on the walls in the Administration Center.
 - Chair Johnson reminded the Supervisors to complete the required harassment training through the TLC link.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

PROCLAMATION DECEMBER 2017 - ZONING, PLANNING AND LAND INFORMATION AND METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MONTH

WHEREAS, the staff of these departments assist and advise individuals, businesses, professionals and governmental communities by uniformly administering the zoning, floodplain, shoreland, subdivision, telecommunication, nonmetallic mining ordinances, and consistently carrying out the provisions of the comprehensive land use ordinances; and, **WHEREAS**, they coordinate land information systems for the assessment, taxation, mapping, building permits, planning and the educational needs of the public and private sector, one of which is the county land records website; and, **WHEREAS**, they help provide a safe and efficient transportation system plan, obtaining transportation funding, which is maintained and funded partly through Wisconsin, Minnesota and federally required metropolitan transportation planning department. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of December 2017 as Zoning, Planning and Land Information and Metropolitan Transportation Planning Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contributions of the staff dedicated to promoting the public health, safety and a property tax base through encouraging planned and orderly land use development.

Motion by D. Ferries/D. Holtze to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - L. Berg, R. Cornforth and I. Tahiri.

- Recognition of Gifted Hands Board – Administrator O'Malley recognized Amy Simonis, Mary Jenks and the other board members for their service with the Gifted Hands store.
- Related Party Worksheet for Supervisors required by Independent Auditor – this agenda item was removed.
- Recognition of Mary Meehan-Strub – Family Living Educator – Representative Doyle and Representative Billings recognized Mary Meehan-Strub for her 32 years at La Crosse County and 42 years in the profession.
- 2017 Highlight & County tax impact on individual properties
 - Mult-year planning will moderate effect of debt payments on debt tax rate. The 2017 equalized value is \$9.635 billion with a total debt of .78% of debt to equalized value. Moody's Credit Rating has reaffirmed La Crosse County as Aa1. La Crosse County tax rate per \$1000 valuation drops by 14 cents – 3.47%. The average tax levy per capita is \$45.2 million. That's \$10.7 million more property taxes per year, 31% higher than La Crosse County. The taxes for La Crosse County are one of the lowest in the State.

AGENDA ORDER:

There were no objections to take addendum items 12-11 and 12-12, Appointments, out of order.

CHAIR CHANGE

1st Vice Chair Hampson took the chair.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by T. Johnson/R. Ebert to reappoint Ricki Larson to the Veteran's Service Commission for a one year term to expire December 31, 2018; appoint Jeremy Rochester as the La Crosse County Humane Officer with no term. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - L. Berg, R. Cornforth and I. Tahiri.

CHAIR CHANGE

Chair T. Johnson resumed the chair.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by R. Plesha/P. Scheller to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County board of Supervisors Public Hearing and Annual meeting held November 13, 2017 and the Special meeting held November 20, 2017 and the claims list for \$2,844,006.67 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - L. Berg, R. Cornforth and I. Tahiri.

ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z389-12/17 RE: PETITION NO. 2006 FILED BY STANLEY CLEMENTS, O/B/O LAVERNE AND DONNA CLEMENTS, TO REZONE 0.49 ACRES FROM THE EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO THE RURAL DISTRICT TO COMBINE WITH AN EXISTING 0.56 ACRE LOT ZONED RURAL DISTRICT FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES IN THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 2006 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by Stanley Clements, N2097 Clements Rd, La Crosse, WI, 54601, o/b/o Laverne and Donna Clements, N1998 County Rd YY, La Crosse, WI, 54601 and having held a public hearing on the 4th day of December 2017 for a petition to rezone 0.49 acres from the Exclusive Agriculture District to the Rural District to combine with an existing 0.56 acre lot zoned Rural District for residential purposes in the Town of Greenfield and described as follows: Part of the NW/NW of Section II, T15N, R6W. Part of tax parcel 6-216-0, Town of Greenfield. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats.: the Committee did publish and receive proof of a Class II notice of the hearing; did receive receipts of mailing of the notices to the affected Town Clerk(s); did hold a public hearing to hear testimony and official correspondence; and, did receive and consider action from the affected Town Board(s). The Committee, under s. 59.69(5)(e)4, and under s. 91.48(1), Wis. Stats., has the authority to approve the petition as submitted; to disapprove of the petition; or, to modify and approve the petition. Having considered the entire record the Committee's recommendation is to: By a vote of four (4) in favor, zero (0) no, two (2) excused (Cornforth, Gundersen), and one (1) absent (Scheller), the committee recommended approval of Zoning Petition No. 2005 subject to the recording of a deed restriction indicating the following:

1. No further residential development is authorized on the area petitioned for rezoning. (If this petition is approved as a conditional zoning, deed restrictions must be recorded before zoning takes effect.) The County Board, under s.59.69(5)(e)5 Wis. Stats., has the authority to effectuate the petition by ordinance or to disapprove it. **The County Board** took the following action this 21st day of December, 2017. Approved the petition with conditions, becomes an ordinance, after recording conditions.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by T. Wehrs/M. Nikolay to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - L. Berg, R. Cornforth and I. Tahiri.

ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z390-12/17 RE: PETITION NO. 2007 FILED BY TODD NEDEGAARD, O/B/O JUSTIN FARMS, LLC, TO REZONE 1.71 ACRES FROM THE GENERAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO THE RURAL DISTRICT FOR CONTINUED RESIDENTIAL USE IN THE TOWN OF SHELBY

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 2007 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by Todd Nedegaard, W6009 Ruth Lane, Onalaska, WI, 54650, o/b/o Justin Farms, LLC, W4987 Woodhaven Dr, La Crosse, WI, 54601 and having held a public hearing on the 4th day of December 2017 for a petition to rezone 1.71 acres as shown on a proposed Certified Survey Map prepared by Chris Fechner of Coulee Region Land Surveying and identified as Lot 1 from the General Agriculture District to the Rural District for continued residential use in the Town of Shelby and described as follows: Part of the NW/SE and SW/SE of Section 23, T15N, R7W. Part of tax parcel 11-1793-0. Property address N911 Justin Rd. Town of Shelby. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats.: the Committee did publish and receive proof of a Class II notice of the hearing; did receive receipts of mailing of the notices to the affected Town Clerk(s); did hold a public hearing to hear testimony and official correspondence; and, did receive and consider action from the affected Town Board(s). The Committee, under s. 59.69(5)(e)4, and under s. 91.48(1), Wis. Stats., has the authority to approve the petition as submitted; to disapprove

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of the petition; or, to modify and approve the petition. Having considered the entire record the Committee's recommendation is to: By a vote of seven (7) in favor, and zero (0) no, the committee recommended approval of Zoning Petition No. 2007 subject to no conditions. (If this petition is approved as a conditional zoning, deed restrictions must be recorded before zoning takes effect.) The County Board, under s.59.69(5)(e)5 Wis. Stats., has the authority to effectuate the petition by ordinance or to disapprove it. **The County Board** took the following action this 21st day of December, 2017. Approved the petition as submitted, becomes an ordinance.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by T. Wehrs/P. Scheller to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - L. Berg, R. Cornforth and I. Tahiri.

RESOLUTION NO. 52-12/17 RE: AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR GRANT THROUGH COUNTY CONSERVATION AIDS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, La Crosse County desires to participate in county fish and game projects, pursuant to provision of §23.09(12), Wis. Stats., specifically the replacement of ash trees in county parks; and **WHEREAS** the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has grant funding available through the County Conservation Aids program specifically for the installation of fish and game projects under §23.09(12), Wis. Stats; and **WHEREAS**, financial aid is desirable to assist with the project and may be available through WDNR grants; and **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has budgeted \$30,000 in 2018 as the local share of the project costs; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** La Crosse County Facilities Director and staff are authorized to act on behalf of La Crosse County to: Sign and submit an application to the WDNR for any financial aid that may be available; to submit to the WDNR reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within one (1) year of project end date; and to take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete the approved project; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that La Crosse County will comply with all state and federal laws related to the County Conservation Aids programs and will obtain approval in writing from the WDNR before any change is made in the use of the project site. **FISCAL NOTE:** La Crosse County has budgeted \$30,000 in 2018 for Ash Tree Removal and Replacement (100.170.2050.80140.00)

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion by M. Freedland/R. Geary to approve. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - L. Berg, R. Cornforth and I. Tahiri.

ORDINANCE NO. 169-12/17 TO AMEND S. 1.72 ENTITLED "VETERAN'S SERVICE COMMISSION" 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 1.72 is amended to read:

1.72 VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION

(1) **Membership.** The Veterans' Service Commission shall be composed of 3 residents of the County who are veterans appointed for staggered 3 year terms by the County Board Chair subject to the confirmation of the County Board. An additional 1 member shall be appointed to the commission as an alternate for each term year.

(2) **Duties and Powers.** To provide aid to needy veterans, or to spouses, surviving spouses, minor and dependent children of such veterans, and the needy parents of such veterans pursuant to s. 45.81, Wis. Stats. The Commission shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Veterans, Aging and Long Term Care 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

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VETERANS, AGING AND LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE

Motion by P. Isola/T. Tryggestad to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - L. Berg, R. Cornforth and I. Tahiri.

RESOLUTION NO. 53-12/17 RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES

WHEREAS, per WI. Statutes Chapter 34 and 59, the County Board shall designate one or more depositories; and, **WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee has met and they have designated depositories which meet the state statutes requirements. The following financial institutions have been designated as official depositories for La Crosse County funds:

Wells Fargo Bank NA, La Crosse	Wells Fargo Securities
State Bank Financial, La Crosse & Onalaska	Firefighters Credit Union, La Crosse & Holmen
Coulee Bank of La Crosse	U. S. Bank, La Crosse & Onalaska
Farmers State Bank of Bangor	Union State Bank of West Salem
Park Bank, Holmen and La Crosse	First National Bank of Bangor & La Crosse
Community Credit Union, La Crosse, Onalaska & Holmen	Altra Federal Credit Union, La Crosse, Onalaska & Holmen
Associated Bank, La Crosse	Verve Credit Union, Oshkosh WI
Dana Investment Advisors	Bremer Bank, Onalaska
River Bank, La Crosse & Holmen	Wisconsin State Mutual Pool, Madison
MBIA Municipal Investors Corp.	American Deposits Management, Delafield WI
Trust Point, La Crosse	Institutional Capital Management
Governmental Employees Credit Union, La Crosse	Co-Op Credit Union, La Crosse & Onalaska

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board appoint the financial institutions designated above as official depositories for La Crosse County funds: **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the aforementioned depositories are officially designated until there is a change in state statutes or they are amended by the La Crosse County Board. **FISCAL NOTE:** No Fiscal Impact

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by S. Hampson/M. Kruse to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - L. Berg, R. Cornforth and I. Tahiri.

RESOLUTION NO. 54-12/17 RE: DESIGNATION OF AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR 2018

WHEREAS, La Crosse County Board Rule 2.02(6) per Wisconsin Statutes Section 985 requires the designation of an official newspaper for La Crosse County; and, **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse Tribune meets the qualifications per Wisconsin Statutes 985.03; and, **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of La Crosse County to designate the La Crosse Tribune as the official newspaper because of its distribution and circulation in the county; and, **WHEREAS**, the current year designation by resolution terminates on December 31, 2017. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse Tribune is designated and approved by the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors as the official newspaper for La Crosse County for the year 2018 expiring December 31, 2018. **FISCAL NOTE:** No fiscal impact for designating the official newspaper.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by S. Hampson/D. Holtze to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - L. Berg, R. Cornforth and I. Tahiri.

RESOLUTION NO. 55-12/17 RE: RECOGNIZING CLIMATE CHANGE AND URGING CONGRESS TO LEVY A REVENUE-NEUTRAL FEE ON CARBON IN FOSSIL FUELS

WHEREAS, climate scientists worldwide are in near-unanimous agreement that the Earth is warming rapidly which is causing changes in climate that are perilous to the Earth's natural systems and to human civilization; and, **WHEREAS**, the primary cause of that warming is

human activity, especially through the combustion of fossil fuels which emit greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO₂); and, **WHEREAS**, the continued use of fossil fuels is being supported by a market failure whereby the costs of carbon emissions are not included in the price of fossil fuels; and, **WHEREAS**, the urgent need to transition away from fossil fuels can best be accomplished with a market-based program, namely a revenue-neutral carbon fee on fossil fuel producers with a corresponding rebate or dividend to consumers; and, **WHEREAS**, using a revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend to reduce carbon emissions would have the following benefits:

1. The carbon fee would incentivize the development and use of energy efficiency and low carbon energy sources and minimize the need for onerous governmental energy regulations and subsidies that attempt to forecast winners and losers.
2. The transition to low-carbon energy sources will provide a range of additional benefits including enhanced public health, job creation and strengthening of the U.S. economy, increased energy security, and increased local energy development in rural areas.
3. Even though the carbon fee would temporarily increase energy costs including electric rates, and the cost of living, those costs would be offset by the revenue returned to households on an equal basis as a dividend such that the bottom 55-60% of households by income would break even or receive more in dividends than they would pay in higher living expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors that the County Board strongly urges the United States Congress to pass legislation that levies an annually increasing revenue-neutral fee on the carbon in fossil fuels at the point of production or importation, that would be sufficient to:

- a. Encourage individuals and businesses to produce and use less fossil fuels;
- b. Make the transition from fossil fuels less onerous to consumers and to the economy by returning to Americans on an equal basis all of the revenues gained from the fee;
- c. Reduce U.S. CO₂ emissions to 10% of 1990 levels by 2050;
- d. Encourage similar actions by other nations trading with the United States, by suitable carbon-content-based fees for imports, and rebates for exports, to nations that have not taken such actions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the County's Congressional delegation to include Senator Ron Johnson, Senator Tammy Baldwin and Representative Ron Kind. **FISCAL NOTE:** There is no cost to the County.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by S. Hampson/M. Giese discussion ensued to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - L. Berg, R. Cornforth and I. Tahiri.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Supervisor Barlow asked for an update on the Pace Program.

ADJOURN

Motion by T. Wehrs/J. Gundersen to adjourn at 7:06 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - L. Berg, R. Cornforth, and I. Tahiri.

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, December 21, 2017 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 2 OF JANUARY 2018.