

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING  
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2018**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, August 16, 2018 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 24 supervisors were present when First Vice-Chair Monica Kruse 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	Present
5 Tahiri, Isaac	Excused
6 Plesha, Roger	Present
7 Hampson, Sharon	Excused
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	Present
19 Cornforth, Rick	Present
20 Doyle, Steve	Present
21 Burke, Vicki	Present
22 Barlow, Patrick	Present
23 Nikolay, Matt	Present
24 Hoyer, Kevin	Present
25 Ebert, Ray	Excused
26 Hesse, Dan	Present
27 Wehrs, Tina	Excused
28 Keil-Arellano, Karen	Present
29 Johnson, Tara	Excused

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- County Board Picnic – Clerk Dankmeyer noted that the picnic is typically held on the Friday following the September Monthly Board meeting. There were no objections to holding it that day again this year. Supervisors with thoughts or suggestions on the picnic should contact the clerk.
- Supervisor Conference Reports

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- Chair Kruse announced the first meeting for the voter education on the transportation referendum questions will be on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30am. If you are interested please let Supervisor Kruse know and she will get you additional information.
- Supervisor Burke displayed the sign "Overdose Doesn't Discriminate" which is being displayed around the county. A report from the Health Department, the Burden of Illicit Drugs for 2018 was released. The entire report will be posted on the website.
- Supervisor Doyle had Madison report and noted that there are Legislative Council Study Committees which meet to talk about a certain topic and bring in legislators and citizen members. Administrator O'Malley and Corporation Counsel Megan DeVore are both members of these committees.

#### **CHAIR CHANGE**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair D. Weidenbach took the chair.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

Motion by M. Kruse/P. Isola to appoint Dr. Laurie Logan to the Health and Human Services Board for the remainder of a three year term to expire April 30, 2021; appoint Cinthia Shireman to the Sustainable La Crosse Commission for a two year term to expire October 21, 2020; and appoint Doug Hauser to the Sustainable La Crosse Commission for a two year term to expire October 31, 2020 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 5 excused - R. Ebert, S. Hampson, T. Johnson, I. Tahiri and T. Wehrs.

#### **CHAIR CHANGE**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair M. Kruse resumed the chair.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by R. Plesha/J. Gundersen to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning meeting held July 9, 2018 and the Monthly meeting held July 19, 2018 and the claims list for \$2,235,739.20 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 5 excused - R. Ebert, S. Hampson, T. Johnson, I. Tahiri and T. Wehrs.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-8/18 RE: AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE COLLECTION OF DEBT**  
**WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Clerk of Circuit Court collects court-ordered financial obligations and has employed legal means to collect unpaid amounts; and, **WHEREAS**, the Clerk of Circuit Court for La Crosse County employs several methods of collection including, but not limited to, income assignments, payment hearings, payment plans, judgments and tax refund intercept; and, **WHEREAS**, §59.40(4), Wis. Stats., allows the Clerk of Circuit Court, if authorized by the County Board under §59.52(28), Wis. Stats., to contract with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) for the collection of unpaid debt; and, **WHEREAS**, any agreement entered into with the DOR shall indicate that any collection fees incurred by the DOR shall be in addition to the debt owed to the Clerk of Circuit Court and charged by the DOR directly to the debtor; and, **WHEREAS**, the proceeds received by the Clerk of Circuit Court from the DOR shall be the entire amount of debt collected for purposes of distribution; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the La Crosse County Board that the board hereby authorizes the Clerk of Circuit Court to contract with the DOR for the collection of unpaid debt pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes. **FISCAL NOTE:** No cost to La Crosse County.

#### **JUDICIARY AND LAW COMMITTEE**

Motion by K. Cable/V. Burke to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 5 excused - R. Ebert, S. Hampson, T. Johnson, I. Tahiri and T. Wehrs.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-8/18 RE: APPROVAL OF 2018 DEER MITIGATION AND HANDICAPPED HUNT AT LA CROSSE COUNTY LANDFILL**

**WHEREAS**, there has been growing concern at the La Crosse County Landfill site regarding the concentration of deer in the area; and, **WHEREAS**, a managed deer hunt at the La Crosse County Landfill site will reduce excessive browsing and destruction of newly planted trees and native habitat for landfill restoration; and, **WHEREAS**, a managed deer hunt will also help control the risk of spreading disease and help reduce erosion on trails caused by continuous deer use; and, **WHEREAS**, a managed deer hunt coordinated with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the North American Squirrel Association (NASA), and the city of Onalaska will also help physically challenged and elderly persons enjoy the hunting experience; and, **WHEREAS**, all hunters will be accompanied by a mentor appointed by NASA during the hunt and will participate in a safety meeting each day of hunt; and, **WHEREAS**, hunts are tentatively proposed for the dates of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 with 5 hunters and 5 mentors for each day of the hunt. **WHEREAS**, hunts are tentatively proposed for the dates of December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 with 5 hunters and 5 mentors for each day of the hunt. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby authorize NASA to conduct a managed and handicapped deer hunt at the landfill in accordance with the terms outlined in this resolution and with approval of the Wisconsin DNR and the City of Onalaska. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the County Board Chair is authorized to sign any permits or other documents required by the state and federal agencies in order to hold this hunt, after review and approval by Corporation Counsel. **FISCAL NOTE**: No cost to La Crosse County.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

Motion by P. Barlow/D. Hesse to approve. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve passed on a voice vote with 23 ayes, 1 abstention - P. Isola, 5 excused - R. Ebert, S. Hampson, T. Johnson, I. Tahiri and T. Wehrs.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 23-8/18 RE: AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PUBLIC SALE AND THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES, SERIES 2018-A OF THE COUNTY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,800,000, AND RELATED MATTERS**

**WHEREAS**, counties are authorized by Chapter 67 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*, as supplemented and amended, to borrow money and to issue general obligation promissory notes to finance any project undertaken for a public purpose and to refund municipal obligations, including interest thereon; and **WHEREAS**, it is hereby determined that it is necessary and desirable to issue general obligation promissory notes of the County of La Crosse, Wisconsin (the "*County*"), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,800,000, for the public purpose of constructing highways and highway improvements, pursuant to Chapter 67 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*, as supplemented and amended; and **WHEREAS**, it is now necessary and desirable for the County to issue its General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2018-A in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$2,800,000 (the "*Notes*") for the public purpose of constructing highways and highway improvements; and **WHEREAS**, all or a portion of the expenditures relating to said improvements and to be made from the proceeds of the Notes (the "*Expenditures*") (i) have been paid within the sixty (60) days prior to the passage of this Resolution, or (ii) will be paid on or after the passage of this Resolution; and **WHEREAS**, the County reasonably expects to reimburse itself or pay for the Expenditures with the proceeds of the Notes; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County Board of Supervisors of the County of La Crosse, Wisconsin, as follows:

*Section 1. Authorization.* There shall be issued the Notes of the County in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,800,000, for the public purpose aforesaid.

*Section 2. Sale of Notes.* For the purpose of offering the Notes for sale, pursuant to Section 67.08(2), *Wisconsin Statutes*, as supplemented and amended, the Auditor/Finance Director of the County is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be circulated the Official Terms of Offering and to publish appropriate notices of the sale of the Notes in a newspaper to be selected by the Auditor/Finance Director of the County prior to the receipt of bids therefor and to receive bids for the Notes. The Auditor/Finance Director of the County shall also cause to be prepared and distributed an Official Statement or Official Statements, including Official Terms of Offering, with respect to the Notes.

*Section 3. Award of Notes.* After receipt of bids for the Notes and consideration thereof by this County Board of Supervisors, this County Board of Supervisors will consider a resolution awarding the Notes to the best bidder, prescribing the terms thereof and the form of Note, and levying taxes in the specific amount necessary to pay the principal of and interest on the Notes.

*Section 4. Reimbursements.* The County reasonably expects to reimburse or pay the Expenditures with proceeds of the Notes. The maximum principal amount of the obligations expected to be issued for the Expenditures and to be made from the Notes is \$2,800,000.

*Section 5. Other Documents.* The Chairperson, the County Clerk, the County Treasurer, the Auditor/Finance Director and all other officers of the County are hereby authorized to execute all documents and certificates necessary in connection with the sale of the Notes, including without limitation an official statement describing the Notes and the County.

*Section 6. Severability.* If any section, paragraph or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability or such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

*Section 7. Ordinances, Resolutions Superseded.* All ordinances and resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby superseded to the extent of such conflict, and this Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage.

**FISCAL NOTE:** Debt Service Funding will be provided for in the 2019 budget.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by D. Weidenbach/P. Barlow to approve. Discussion ensued. Chair Kruse noted there's a 3/4 full board vote required. Administrator O'Malley responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 5 excused - R. Ebert, S. Hampson, T. Johnson, I. Tahiri and T. Wehrs.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 24-8/18 RE: ACCEPTANCE OF BAKER TILLY VIRCHOW KRAUSE, LLP AUDIT REPORT ON LA CROSSE COUNTY'S 2017 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, 2017; and, **WHEREAS**, the Financial Audit and Management Letter was presented to the La Crosse County Board at the County Board Planning meeting on August 6, 2018. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby accepts the Financial Audit and Management Letter as presented for the 2017 fiscal year. **FISCAL NOTE:** Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP's fee for 2017 audit services is \$75,225, for which money is budgeted in 2018 and allocated across several departments.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by D. Weidenbach/T. Tryggestad to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 5 excused - R. Ebert, S. Hampson, T. Johnson, I. Tahiri and T. Wehrs.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 25-8/18 RE: APPROVAL OF REVISED CLERICAL AND PARAPROFESSIONAL PAY SCALES FOR 2018**

**WHEREAS**, the pay scales of CU (clerical and paraprofessional union) and CE (non-union clerical) are inconsistent, overly complicated and lack an equitable system for comparison of position qualifications or responsibilities and are primarily the result of bargaining history over decades; and **WHEREAS**, the Personnel Director and Associate County Administrator began working with Administrative Professionals in 2016 to identify similar positions and titles, identify a point factor method used by other employers that compares factors in three key areas (Knowledge, Responsibility and Working Conditions), met with Department Heads/Managers to complete an evaluation of each position using the point system as an equity tool to develop pay scales that simplify titles, equalizes steps and establishes a process for classification without decreasing wages of current staff; and **WHEREAS**, though Act 10

prohibits negotiating on anything except base wages, the Personnel Director met and conferred with the Clerical and Professional union to explain the new system and Department Heads/Managers have provided personalized letters for each affected employee to explain their own individual step placement within the new system, contingent upon County Board approval. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Board of Supervisors approve the CA, CP, CAE and CPE pay scales replacing the CU and CE pay scales effective September 10, 2018 as attached, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Hillview and Lakeview positions on the CE pay scale be added to the HCS pay scale effective September 10, 2018 with the implementation plan attached. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Administrator will establish a committee of Department Heads and Managers for the purpose of considering requests by Department Heads for reclassification of positions covered by the CA, CP, CAE and CPE pay scales on an annual basis using the point factor method for future budget years beginning with fiscal year 2020. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Finance and Human Resources Departments are authorized to make the necessary changes to implement the approved pay scales. **FISCAL NOTE:** Implementation costs are approximately \$18,370 for 2018 which will be transferred from the General Fund Salary Contingency 100.155.1480 to individual budgets if needed.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by D. Weidenbach/P. Isola to approve. Discussion ensued. Administrator O'Malley responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 5 excused - R. Ebert, S. Hampson, T. Johnson, I. Tahiri and T. Wehrs.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

- Supervisor Geary asked for an outgoing presentation from Sheriff Helgeson.
- Supervisor Hesse asked for an update on getting emails on personal phones.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by P. Barlow/D. Ferries to adjourn at 6:25 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 5 excused - R. Ebert, S. Hampson, T. Johnson, I. Tahiri 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, August 16, 2018 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 AUGUST 2018.**