

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, January 18, 2018 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 23 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	Excused
9 Gundersen, Jerome	Present
10 Cable, Kim	Present
11 Scheller, Patrick	Excused
12 Holtze, Dave	Present
13 Tryggestad, Tina	Excused
14 Larson, Margaret	Present
15 Kruse, Monica	Present
16 Ferries, Dan	Excused
17 Giese, Mike	Present
18 Berg, Laurence	Excused
19 Cornforth, Rick	Present
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

- WCA Annual Conference
 - Hosting responsibilities – La Crosse County will be hosting the WCA Conference in September. Chair Johnson is looking for Supervisors who want to help with the hosting responsibilities.

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- Program idea – On February 5th, the WCA Program Committee will be meeting to come up with topics, speakers and breakout sessions. Please let Chair Johnson know if you have any ideas for topics or breakout sessions.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Barlow noted that several members of HHS staff and foster parents testified in Madison about the bills regarding the Foster Care System. Supervisor Doyle added that the La Crosse area had the best representation in the State and the foster care workers were very convincing.
 - Supervisor Geary attended the WCHA Winter School Conference. He noted that there are self-driving cars already in Wisconsin and there was a lot of talk at the conference on unsustainable funding.

CHAIR CHANGE

1st Vice Chair Hampson took the chair.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by T. Johnson/D. Holtze to reappoint Larry Warzynski to the Board of Adjustment for a term to expire June 30, 2020; reappoint Thomas Thompson to the Board of Adjustment as the 1st alternate for a term to expire June 30, 2018; reappoint Barbara Frank to the Board of Adjustment as the 2nd alternate for a term to expire June 30, 2019; reappoint Steve Johnston to the La Crosse County Library Board for a three year term to expire December 31, 2020; reappoint Fred Marini to the La Crosse County Library Board for a one year term to expire December 31, 2018 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 6 excused - L. Berg, D. Ferries, P. Isola, P. Scheller, I. Tahiri and T. Tryggestad.

CHAIR CHANGE

Chair T. Johnson resumed the chair.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by R. Plesha/D. Hesse to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly meeting held December 21, 2017 and the claims list for \$998,886.03 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 6 excused - L. Berg, D. Ferries, P. Isola, P. Scheller, I. Tahiri and T. Tryggestad.

ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z391-1/18 RE: PETITION NO. 2008 FILED BY FRED HILBY OF LA CROSSE ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING COMPANY INC., ACTING O/B/O GERRARD REALTY CORP, TO REZONE FROM THE GENERAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO THE RURAL DISTRICT FOR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL USE IN THE TOWN OF HOLLAND

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 2008 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by Fred Hilby of La Crosse Engineering And Surveying Company Inc., 1212 S. 3rd St, La Crosse, WI, 54601, acting o/b/o Gerrard Realty Corp, 420 5th Ave S., Ste A, La Crosse, WI, 54601 and having held a public hearing on the 2nd day of January 2018 for a petition to rezone from the General Agriculture District to the Rural District for single family residential use in the Town of Holland and described as follows: Lots 1-9, Gerrard Black River Addition; a 21.711 acre lot being part of the NW/NW of Section 8, T18N, R7W; a 13.59 acre lot being part of the NE/NE of Section 7, T18N, R7W, and; a 1.033 acre lot being that part of Government Lot 8 lying South of Heram Rd, excepting the Westerly 100-ft. Tax parcels 8-1591-0, 8-1592-0, 8-1593-0, 8-1594-0, 8-1595-0, 8-1596-0, 8-1597-0, 8-1598-0, 8-1599-0, 8-95-0, 8-96-0, 8-118-0. Town of Holland. 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

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a vote of six (6) in favor, and zero (0) no, and one (1) absent (Cornforth), the committee recommended approval of Zoning Petition No. 2008 subject to the Town of Holland conditions as follows:

1. Combining tax parcels 8-1591-0 and 8-1592-0; 8-1593-0 and 8-1594-0; 8-1595-0 and 8-1596-0;
2. One single family residence only on each tax parcel post-combination including tax parcel 8-95-0, and two single family residences only on the remaining tax parcels 8-118-0 and 8-96-0; and
3. If Zoning Petition No. 2008 is approved, these deed restrictions shall be recorded by the petitioner or petitioner's agent within 30 days of La Crosse County Board approval and before transfer of ownership of any lot subject to this petition, or Zoning Petition No. 2008 shall be considered null and void and approval of a new petition will be required for the zoning to take effect.

(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 18th day of January, 2018. Approved the petition with amendments/conditions, becomes an ordinance, after recording conditions.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Motion by T. Wehrs/R. Cornforth to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 6 excused - L. Berg, D. Ferries, P. Isola, P. Scheller, I. Tahiri and T. Tryggestad.

RESOLUTION NO. 56-1/18 RE: SUPPORT FOR STH 16 ONALASKA CONNECTOR TRAIL AND LA CROSSE RIVER MULTI-USE PATH BRIDGE PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the La Crosse County Comprehensive Plan encourages transportation systems that are based on regional priorities and encourages cooperative efforts to further build upon a countywide bicycle-pedestrian trail system that provides safe and efficient routes to interconnect all incorporated cities and villages in La Crosse County; and **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Landfill Conceptual Natural Resource Management Plan & Trail & Recreation Master Plan has established the goal for the Landfill Trail System to connect with regional and City trails; and **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County is a member of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC), Metropolitan Planning Organization, which has approved the 2035 Coulee Regional Bicycle Plan recommending a continuous off-road facility along STH 16 between La Crosse and West Salem; and **WHEREAS**, the LAPC's Committee on Transit and Active Transportation has proposed establishing and signing a regional bicycle route connecting south La Crosse to downtown West Salem along an alignment to include the STH 16 Trail; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby support the STH 16 Onalaska Connector Trail project and the La Crosse River Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge project to complete a 9-mile continuous off-road trail within STH 16 right-of-way between Onalaska and West Salem. **FISCAL NOTE:** No cost to the County.

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion by M. Freedland/R. Ebert to approve. Discussion ensued. Highway Commissioner Ron Chamberlain responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 6 excused - L. Berg, D. Ferries, P. Isola, P. Scheller, I. Tahiri and T. Tryggestad.

RESOLUTION NO. 57-1/18 RE: SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY ADJACENT TO CTH OA TO LEAH AND JEREMY BERLIN

WHEREAS, La Crosse County is the owner of a parcel property that was previously needed for highway right of way; and **WHEREAS**, this property formerly abutted the 'old' CTH OA and, although it also abuts 'new CTH OA, the County no longer needs the entire area of the parcel for highway right of way; and **WHEREAS**, the adjoining property owners, Leah and Jeremy Berlin have expressed an interest in purchasing the approximately .25 acre property

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more specifically described as: Part of the Southeast ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 32, Township 16 North, Range 6 West, Town of Barre, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 32; Thence S89°37'08"W 494.08 feet; Thence N00°00'33"E 24.75 feet; Thence N89°37'08"E 191.97 feet to the point of beginning; Thence 66.62 feet along the arc of a curve concave to the northwest with a radius of 233.19 feet and a chord which bears N34°17'01"E 66.39 feet; Thence N26°01'23"E 157.26 feet; Thence N18°42'46"E 314.36 feet; Thence S14°42'29"W 462.31 feet; Thence S37°32'18"W 58.50 feet; Thence S89°37'08"W 54.22 to the point of beginning; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee has previously determined that it is in the public interest to sell this excess right of way to the Berlins and approved sale at the same rate at which the County acquired the property in the area (\$6,000/acre); **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby approve the sale of the .25 acre parcel adjacent to the Berlin's property to Leah and Jeremy Berlin for \$1,500; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair is authorized to sign any and all documents including deeds to complete the sale of such parcel after approval by Corporation Counsel. **FISCAL NOTE**: The County will receive approximately \$1,500.00 from the sale of the property, plus any required closing costs. Proceeds from the sale shall be deposited in Org. 710-18200.002.

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion by M. Freedland/L. Pfaff to approve. Discussion ensued. Highway Commissioner Ron Chamberlain responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 6 excused - L. Berg, D. Ferries, P. Isola, P. Scheller, I. Tahiri and T. Tryggstad.

RESOLUTION NO. 58-1/18 RE: APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO ACCESS EASEMENT AGREEMENT TO NESHONOC SPORTS, LLC

WHEREAS, in 2011 La Crosse County entered into an Access Easement Agreement with Neshonoc Sports, LLC, to provide Neshonoc Sports with a second driveway with ingress and egress from their sport and bait shop business to Highway 16 over property owned by the County of La Crosse in Swarthout-Neshonoc Park; and, **WHEREAS**, the Access Easement Agreement indicated that the easement shall remain only so long as the business use on the grantee's property remains as a sport and bait shop including the sale of gas, food and beverages; and, **WHEREAS**, Neshonoc Sports is operating a restaurant and sport and bait shop upon the premises; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has no objection to allow the continuation of the access easement from the grantee's sport and bait shop and restaurant business to Highway 16 over the access easement area and to allow for the amendment to the Access Easement Agreement for this purpose; and, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves an amendment to the Access Easement Agreement by the County of La Crosse to Neshonoc Sports, LLC to allow the easement to remain valid as long as the Neshonoc Sports property remains as a sport and bait shop, including sale of gas, food and beverages and as a restaurant. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair and County Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an amended Access Easement Agreement, after approval by Corporation Counsel. **FISCAL NOTE**: Grantee will be responsible for the recording fee.

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion by M. Freedland/R. Ebert to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 6 excused - L. Berg, D. Ferries, P. Isola, P. Scheller, I. Tahiri and T. Tryggstad.

RESOLUTION NO. 59-1/18 RE: ACKNOWLEDGE "THE BEST OF PUBLIC SERVICE"

WHEREAS, the following employees have been a faithful part in providing "The Best of Public Service" to La Crosse County:

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Dave Geske	Health	40+
Patricia M. Banegas	Clerk of Courts	37+
William Reardon	Highway	35+
Leo J. Leis	Highway	33+
Wanda D. Neumann	Lakeview	33+
Mary Meehan Strub	UW Extension	32+
Michael P. Hussey	Hillview	30+
Robin M. Scheel	Clerk of Courts	29+
Diane L. McKee	Hillview	25+
Eric J. Faas	Sheriff	20+
Susan K. Drangstveit	Lakeview	16+
Nancy L. Stetzer	Lakeview	16+

WHEREAS, it is the wish of the County Board of Supervisors to acknowledge long and faithful service on behalf of the citizens of La Crosse County; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that a resolution extending our congratulations be recorded in La Crosse County Board Proceedings and a certificate of our actions be presented as an expression of our gratitude.

TARA JOHNSON, COUNTY BOARD CHAIR
GINNY DANKMEYER, COUNTY CLERK

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by S. Hampson/K. Cable to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 6 excused - L. Berg, D. Ferries, P. Isola, P. Scheller, I. Tahiri and T. Tryggestad.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS:

- Supervisor Geary asked for a LADCO update.

ADJOURN

Motion by K. Tyser/D. Weidenbach to adjourn at 6:23 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 6 excused - L. Berg, D. Ferries, P. Isola, P. Scheller, I. Tahiri and T. Tryggestad.

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, January 18, 2018 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 JANUARY 2018.