

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, July 9, 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	Present
6 Plesha, Roger	Present
7 Hampson, Sharon	Present
8 Isola, Peg	Absent
9 Gundersen, Jerome	Excused
10 Cable, Kim	Excused
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	Excused
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	Excused
25 Ebert, Ray	Present
26 Hesse, Dan	Present
27 Wehrs, Tina	Excused
28 Keil-Arellano, Karen	Present
29 Johnson, Tara	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A) County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- CAFR Sign-up sheet – a sheet was passed around for any Supervisor who wanted a paper copy of the CAFR
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Holtze distributed a sheet with information on ordering County apparel.

- Supervisor Barlow announced that tomorrow evening at 5:45pm at the Administrative Center the Greater La Crosse Area Medical Reserve Corp will hold a session on helping the public realize they are the help until help arrives.

B) Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

- Employer Support of Guard & Reserve Award: Facilities Director Jim Speropulos
 - Facilities Director James Speropulos was presented with the ESGR (Employer Support of The Guard and Reserve) Award from Walt Haag and Jerry Meyer. ESGR presents Department of Defense awards to employers that support employees serving in the National Guard and Reserve. He was nominated by employee Ryan Westfahl for the Patriotic Award as well.

PROCLAMATION JULY 2018 - NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING MONTH
WHEREAS, La Crosse County residents or members of their family are provided affordable, quality long term care services in a person-centered environment; and, **WHEREAS**, staff is committed to excellence in providing care and rehabilitation to all with respect for the dignity and rights of individuals including those who have special physical, developmental, and mental health needs; and **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County operates two long term care campuses – Hillview Health Care Center and Lakeview Health Center. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of July as La Crosse County Long Term Care & Residential Services Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of persons dedicated to ensuring quality care to our residents in need.

Motion by T. Tryggestad/R. Plesha to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 1 absent - P. Isola, 5 excused - K. Cable, M. Giese, J. Gundersen, K. Hoyer and T. Wehrs.

APPOINTMENT

Motion by P. Barlow/D. Holtze to appoint Jadd Stillwell as the Solid Waste Director as recommended by Administrator O'Malley. Discussion ensued. Administrator O'Malley discussed the background and leadership of Jadd Stillwell that makes him a great candidate for this position. The motion to appoint passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 1 absent - P. Isola, 5 excused - K. Cable, M. Giese, J. Gundersen, K. Hoyer and T. Wehrs.

- Annual Report by Couleecap – Hetti Brown
 - Executive Director Hetti Brown presented the Couleecap Annual Report. They have been a community action agency for over 50 years and serve La Crosse, Monroe, Crawford and Vernon Counties. Over 22,000 residents are assisted annually. Couleecap fights poverty and promotes self-sufficiency, economic development and social justice. 43% of La Crosse County working adults do not make enough to meet basic needs. Couleecap operates over 20 programs, over \$7 million Annual Community Investment and employs 50 local residents. Goals for 2018 include to decrease the rate of homelessness – secure housing for 330 people, provide healthy food to 32,000 people and distribute 1.5 million pounds of food, secure reliable transportation for 35 working adults, provide 80 people with financial counseling and savings account development, make critical home repairs for 200 households, provide 500 people with energy assistance and emergency furnace repair, and help 85 small businesses start or expand. George Kruck was also recognized as the new Board of Directors Chair.
- Sustainable La Crosse Annual Indicators Report
 - Anders Olson presented the La Crosse County 2017 Sustainability Indicators. County related indicators included are electricity usage, natural gas usage, vehicle fuel usage, CO2 emissions, paper usage and waste & recycling. For La Crosse County Government as compared to 2007 showed annual electricity

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usage was down 15%, annual natural gas usage was down 32%, vehicle fuel usage down 11%, CO2 emissions from energy use down an overall of 37%, paper usage down 34%, and annual municipal recycling quantities were up 142%.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by K. Keil-Arellano/P. Scheller to adjourn at 7:18 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 21 ayes, 1 absent - P. Isola, 7 excused - K. Cable, S. Doyle, R. Ebert, M. Giese, J. Gundersen, K. Hoyer 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 Planning Meeting held Monday, July 9, 2018 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 10 OF JULY 2018.