

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2018**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, June 21, 2018 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. 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:

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	Absent
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	Present
19 Cornforth, Rick	Present
20 Doyle, Steve	Present
21 Burke, Vicki	Present
22 Barlow, Patrick	Excused
23 Nikolay, Matt	Excused
24 Hoyer, Kevin	Present
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:

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Geary announced the Solid Waste Annual Meeting would be tomorrow.
 - Supervisor Weidenbach attended the Renew Program to fix up properties in the lower Northside and there is new artwork displayed in the hallways of the Administrative Center.

- Administrator O'Malley announced the interviews for Solid Waste Director would be next Friday.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

- Need for increased Funding and Reforms for Child Protective Services
 - Human Services Director Jason Witt reviewed the extreme challenges that Child Protective Services is experiencing in Wisconsin. There has been a 39% increase in the number of kids in out-of-home care from 2012-Q2018. Many counties have seen an even more dramatic increase. Out of home care costs are unsustainable. La Crosse County has seen an expense of \$1,845,713. The level of legislative oversight and engagement in Wisconsin's Child Welfare System compared to other states appears to be low.

AGENDA ORDER

Chair Johnson asked for unanimous consent to take agenda item #6-5 Resolution Re: Request for Increased Funding and Oversight Reforms for Wisconsin's Child Protective Services System out of order. There were no objections.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-6/18 RE: REQUEST FOR INCREASED FUNDING AND OVERSIGHT REFORMS FOR WISCONSIN'S CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin child welfare system is county-operated and state-supervised, except Milwaukee County, where the system is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF), Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services (DMCPS); and **WHEREAS**, DCF provides insufficient funding to counties for the provision of child abuse and neglect services including; prevention, investigation, treatment, and out-of-home placement costs, though the state has primary responsibility for compliance with federal requirements and shares liability for ensuring the system is meeting its obligations to children and families in all 72 counties; and **WHEREAS**, in recent years the state of Wisconsin added numerous mandates and practice expectations which increased county child protective services (CPS) workload and costs; and **WHEREAS**, the opioid and methamphetamine epidemics have brought Wisconsin's child welfare system to a point of crisis, with increasing concern about the system's ability to meet its obligations to children and families; and **WHEREAS**, the capacity for counties to continue to bear the lion's share of financial responsibility to address this crisis has been exhausted, as rising county contributions to the CPS system have far outpaced increases to the DCF Children and Family Aids allocation and counties have used reserve funding to cover CPS expenses and increase staffing; and **WHEREAS**, maintaining sufficient resources for Wisconsin's child welfare system is critical to secure the safety and future of our most vulnerable children; and **WHEREAS**, without a proportional increase in the DCF Children and Family Services allocation, the CPS system has been stressed for over a decade, causing caseloads for CPS workers to grow to unreasonable levels, contributing to high levels of staff turnover in some counties and an overrun of out-of-home care costs above what counties can sustain within available resources; and **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's CPS system leaves significant gaps in state-level oversight for all counties except Milwaukee county, including the absence of caseload standards, no process for regular legislative evaluation and prioritization of CPS needs and the absence of a legislative committee that provides regular policy guidance concerning CPS system issues such as adequate funding, performance, cost sharing and long-term stability; and **WHEREAS**, along with DMCPS, all eleven of Wisconsin's peer states with county-administered CPS systems have either adopted caseload standards for CPS caseworkers, completed thorough workload studies as a basis of determining funding needs, or otherwise have made significant recommendations related to keeping CPS workloads manageable; and **WHEREAS**, the children within Wisconsin's CPS system are too important to allow the current level of under-resourcing, oversight gaps and disparity of attention given to DMCPS compared to the rest of the state to continue, while shifting the burden to property taxpayers. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors requests that the state of Wisconsin increase Children and Family Aids Allocation funding to counties in the 2019-21 Biennial Budget in order to cover a greater share of out-of-home care costs and to implement caseload standards based on the

methodology developed by the Wisconsin County Human Services Association (WCHSA) to evaluate the necessary staffing resources for Wisconsin's CPS system to meet its obligations. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the state of Wisconsin close critical oversight gaps by creating the legislative mechanisms to review CPS resource needs of the 71 non-Milwaukee counties as part of the biennial budget process and ensure an appropriate committee provide ongoing policy guidance to respond to emerging CPS trends and ongoing system needs. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Scott Walker, Department of Children and Families Secretary Eloise Anderson, Department of Administration Secretary Ellen Nowak, Senator Shilling, Representatives Doyle and Billings and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration at the Annual Business meeting to become a part of the WCA legislative platform. **FISCAL NOTE:** Between 2011 and 2017, annual expenditures for La Crosse County Child Protective Services and Juvenile Justice Services out-of-home placements rose by \$1,845,713 (89%). During that same period, La Crosse County's combined annual Children and Family Aids and Youth Aids allocations from the State of Wisconsin decreased by \$121,260 (-4%). For calendar year 2018, La Crosse County's combined annual Children and Family Aids and Youth Aids allocations increased by \$152,250 (5%) compared to calendar year 2017.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by S. Hampson/M. Kruse to approve. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 6 excused - P. Barlow, D. Ferries, M. Nikolay, I. Tahiri, T. Tryggestad and T. Wehrs.

AGENDA ORDER

Chair Johnson asked for unanimous consent to take the County Board Photo out of order. There were no objections.

RECESS

The County Board took a brief recess to take the County Board and Committee photos.

Administrator Report (cont.)

- Overview of the Blufflands Plan – Planner Charlie Handy reviewed the Bluffland Plan. A sample funding commitment to the Bluffland investment and the Bluffland Coalition was presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by R. Plesha/D. Hesse to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly meeting held May 17, 2018 and the claims list for \$2,166,947.94 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 6 excused - P. Barlow, D. Ferries, M. Nikolay, I. Tahiri, T. Tryggestad and T. Wehrs

RESOLUTION NO. 5-6/18 RE: AUTHORIZING A POSITION AND PURCHASES RELATED TO THE DEMENTIA CARE SPECIALIST GRANT FUNDING

WHEREAS, the number of individuals in La Crosse County who are age 65 and older is expected to double by the year 2040 and according to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey, currently 1/3 of households in La Crosse County house one or more individuals 60 years of age or older and ¼ of households house one or more individuals age 65 years or older; and **WHEREAS**, the occurrence of the diagnosis of dementia increases as an individual ages and statistics indicate that approximately 70-80% of individuals with dementia live at home, in the community; and **WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin, through the Dementia Friendly Communities initiative, seeks to improve community awareness of, support of and services to those who are impacted by dementia in an effort to respond to this quickly growing population; and **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Public Health has awarded the County a Dementia Care Specialist Grant in the amount of \$80,000 annually, with no match requirements to La Crosse County Human Services-Aging and Disability

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Resource Center for the purpose of providing a Dementia Care Specialist and establishing a Dementia Friendly Community philosophy within La Crosse County, including dementia related training and support for professionals, caregivers, and community members along with providing guidance for individuals as they learn of and respond to needs that arise from memory issues/dementia; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors accepts the Dementia Care Specialist Grant in the amount of \$40,000 pro-rated for July-December 2018 and \$80,000 annually thereafter; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that County Board of Supervisors authorizes the hiring of an 1.0 FTE ADRC Professional position, effective July 1, 2018, to fulfill the proposed programming outlined in the Dementia Care Specialist Grant proposal which staff will be hired and retained only so long as they can be supported by State and Federal dollars related to the Dementia Care Specialist/Aging and Disability Resource Center grant or from directly related program savings; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair is authorized to execute any contracts or documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution, after approval by Corporation Counsel. **FISCAL NOTE:** Total grant award is \$40,000 for the period of July through December 2018, and \$80,000 annually thereafter with no County match required. The new position would be created in the County financial system under the Human Services – Aging and Disability Resource Center section to account for the personnel and operating costs of the grant.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

VETERAN'S AGING AND LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE

Motion by S. Hampson/P. Isola to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 6 excused - P. Barlow, D. Ferries, M. Nikolay, I. Tahiri, T. Tryggestad and T. Wehrs.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-6/18 RE: COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER-CARE COORDINATOR TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE GREAT RIVERS HUB

WHEREAS, The La Crosse County Community Health Improvement Plan, based on data from the Community Health Assessment, identifies Social Determinants of Health as one of three top priorities; and, **WHEREAS**, this plan further identified that people in need cannot connect to the resources available. The Great Rivers Hub, an innovative system change initiative using the evidence-based Pathways Community Hub model, meets this need; and, **WHEREAS**, Community Care Coordinators working in community agencies in La Crosse County contract with the Great Rivers Hub to provide the critical link to resources for target populations enrolled in the Hub; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County Health Department already provides Care Coordination for high ER users and pregnant women with substance use disorders and seeks to hire a full-time position to expand this service; and, **WHEREAS**, revenue for the position is secured through both a Medical College of Wisconsin grant (2017-2021) and outcome-based payments for completing client pathways, assuring sustainability of the position; and **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors approve the hiring of a Community Health Worker – Care Coordinator to work with the Great Rivers Hub. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if grant funding or reimbursement for pathways completed does not provide enough dollars for the position to remain budget neutral and not on the tax levy, hours would decrease or the position would be eliminated. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Finance and Personnel Departments are directed to make any necessary changes to the pay plan and the budget. **FISCAL NOTE:** The annualized wage and fringe for the position is approximately \$58,104, covered by grant funding and outcome-based payments for the 1st fiscal year.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by S. Hampson/A. Richmond to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 6 excused - P. Barlow, D. Ferries, M. Nikolay, I. Tahiri, T. Tryggestad and T. Wehrs.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-6/18 RE: AUTHORIZING JUVENILE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY ARCHITECTURAL STUDY

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WHEREAS, Wisconsin Act 185 closes Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake schools by January 1, 2021, while requiring counties to establish new Secured Residential Care Centers for Youth (SRCCY), and provides up to \$40 million to assist counties with grant reimbursement for 95% of construction costs; and, **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Act 185 establishes a study committee to recommend rules for programming the newly established SRCCY's and also creates a grant committee to consider applications from interested counties by March 31, 2019 and to make a recommendation of grant awards to the legislative Joint Committee on Finance by July 1, 2019; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse and Eau Claire County Human Services Departments have operated regional juvenile detention facilities for years (mainly serving 40 Western Wisconsin Counties) and may submit separate grant applications to replace or remodel their facilities, while collaborating on services; and, **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Juvenile Detention Facility was constructed in 1987 and may benefit from remodeling or replacement by accessing the State Grant program, while continuation of regional juvenile detention services is cost beneficial for La Crosse and those counties served; and **WHEREAS**, in order to have accurate cost information to prepare a grant application for consideration, the facilities department solicited quotes from two architectural firms with experience in correction facilities and recommends the selection of Venture Architects for the cost of \$28,000. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the La County Board that the Facilities Director is authorized to contract with Venture Architects for an amount not to exceed \$28,000 to develop cost estimates and options for remodeling or replacing the current Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF) to serve as a Secured Residential Care Center for Youth (SRCCY) under Wisconsin Act 185. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that County Board approval will be required to apply for the grant under Wisconsin Act 185, in order to insure support for remodeling or replacing the Juvenile Detention Facility. **FISCAL NOTE**: The \$28,000 will come from General Fund Contingency 100.155.1480.60700.05, and transferred to account 100.155.1450-60230.00 Non-Departmental – Architectural Services

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by S. Hampson/M. Kruse to approve. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Cable asked that in the Now Therefore Be It Resolved clause that La Crosse County be corrected. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 6 excused - P. Barlow, D. Ferries, M. Nikolay, I. Tahiri, T. Tryggstad and T. Wehrs.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-6/18 RE: SUPPORT FOR INCREASED PUBLIC DEFENDER ACCESS AND COMPENSATION

WHEREAS, the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees those charged with crimes the right to a speedy, public trial by jury, the right to confront accusers, and the right to the assistance of counsel; and **WHEREAS**, the United States Supreme Court in 1963 established that the government must provide counsel if a defendant cannot afford it and other cases have established that the assistance must be effective, not merely a lawyer appearing, unprepared, for a defendant; and **WHEREAS**, the State Public Defender often provides representation to indigent defendants using certified private attorneys who are reimbursed at the nation's lowest hourly rate of \$40 which was set by the Legislature more than 20 years ago in 1995 when the rate was reduced from \$50; and **WHEREAS**, a 2013 Wisconsin State Bar Association survey determined the average overhead rate in Wisconsin is \$41.79/hour to operate a small law firm, \$40 per hour does not fairly reimburse lawyers representing indigent clients, making it more difficult to procure representation; and **WHEREAS**, lack of representation for indigent clients causes a backlog in the criminal justice system, leads to longer pre-trial periods of detention in county jails, inefficiency for courts, and slower justice for victims, creating a burden on the courts and Wisconsin Counties. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors implores the Wisconsin legislature to provide adequate resources to the State Public Defender's Office for representation of indigent clients by increasing the rate of reimbursement for assigned attorneys to a market rate that will ensure the prompt appointment of counsel with the rate indexed to inflation. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Walker, Senator Shilling, Representatives Doyle and Billings and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration at the Annual Business

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meeting to become a part of the WCA legislative platform. **FISCAL NOTE:** The cost to La Crosse County is the prolonged detention of defendants in the County Jail at a cost of \$95/day.

**JUDICIARY AND LAW COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by K. Cable/M. Larson to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 6 excused - P. Barlow, D. Ferries, M. Nikolay, I. Tahiri, T. Tryggestad and T. Wehrs.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-6/18 RE: INCREASE HOURS OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY VICTIM WITNESS CLERK

WHEREAS, the Victim Witness Clerk has been a .8 position since 2013, being full-time prior to that; and **WHEREAS**, the position will be vacant due to a retirement in July; and **WHEREAS**, the number of victims have steadily increased from 2655 in 2013 to 2987 in 2017 and the number of witnesses have also steadily increase from 12,098 in 2013 to 17,019 in 2017; and **WHEREAS**, the increased volume has made it difficult for the .8 (30 hours/week) position to keep up with the workload; and **WHEREAS**, the District Attorney's Office receives 90% reimbursement from the State for the position; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the District Attorney's Office is authorized to replace the vacant Victim Witness Clerk as a full-time position. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Finance and Personnel Departments are directed to make the necessary changes to the pay plan and budget to reflect the approved change. **FISCAL NOTE:** The annualized wage and fringe for the position is approximately \$54,985. After the State reimbursement of 90% the fiscal impact is estimated at \$2300.

**JUDICIARY AND LAW COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by K. Cable/D. Weidenbach to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 6 excused - P. Barlow, D. Ferries, M. Nikolay, I. Tahiri, T. Tryggestad and T. Wehrs.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-6/18 RE: APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MEMBERS OF THE BLUFFLAND COALITION REGARDING BLUFFLAND INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the County has previously approved the "Blufflands Plan" which is a plan to organize a regional approach to the conservation and recreational use of area blufflands; and **WHEREAS**, it has been an anticipated part of the Blufflands Plan to form the Bluffland Coalition by organizing area stakeholders multiple municipalities in Wisconsin and Minnesota as well as private non-profits; and, **WHEREAS**, a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Members of the Bluffland Coalition Regarding Bluffland Initiative (MOU) has been drafted and is attached as **Exhibit A**; and **WHEREAS**, the purpose of the MOU is to facilitate the implementation of the Bluffland Plan and specifically to promote consistency in bluffland access, development, preservation and restoration across municipal boundaries; and **WHEREAS**, although the MOU would remain in effect until July 15, 2023 it may be terminated at any time for any reason upon ninety (90) days written notice; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Members of the Bluffland Coalition Regarding Bluffland Initiative for the purpose of facilitating the implementation of the Bluffland Plan and promoting consistency in bluffland access, development, preservation and restoration across municipal boundaries **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair, after approval of Corporation Counsel, is hereby authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding consistent with above terms. **FISCAL NOTE:** Funds for 2018 are budgeted within org 100.130.1190 Bluffland Protection.

**PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by R. Cornforth/J. Gundersen to approve. Discussion ensued. Planner Charlie Handy and Administrator O'Malley responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve

passed on a voice vote with 21 ayes, 1 nay - K. Hoyer, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 6 excused - P. Barlow, D. Ferries, M. Nikolay, I. Tahiri, T. Tryggestad and T. Wehrs.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 1055 FILED BY ALEXANDER LEVKOVITCH AND ELENA BAKALOV TO OPERATE A COMMERCIAL ANIMAL ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE BREEDING AND SALE OF FRENCH BULL DOGS INCLUDING A 16-FT X 36-FT KENNEL BUILDING AND SIX DOG RUNS ON LANDS ZONED RURAL DISTRICT CONDITIONS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF HOLLAND

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered an application filed by Alexander Levkovitch and Elena Bakalov, 21306 Starry Ln, Lake Zurich, IL, 60047 and having held a public hearing on the 4th day of June, 2018 for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a commercial animal establishment for the breeding and sale of French bull dogs including a 16-ft x 36-ft kennel building and six dog runs on lands zoned Rural District Conditions Recorded in the Town of Holland and described as follows: Part of Government Lot 5 in the SW/SW of Section 5, T18N, R7W. Tax parcel 8-79-3. Property address W6852 Heram Rd. Town of Holland. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats. and s. 17.36 Zoning Code: 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 or correspondence from the people; and, did receive and consider action from the affected Town Board(s). The Committee, under s. 91.48(1), Wis. Stats., along with the affected Town Board(s), under s. 17.36(4), have the authority to approve the application with integral conditions or to disapprove of the application. Having considered the entire record the Committee's recommendation is to: By a vote of five (5) in favor, zero (0) no, and two (2) excused (Cornforth, Wehrs), the committee recommended approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 1055 subject to the following fourteen (14) conditions:

1. This permit is approved specifically for Alexander Levkovitch and Elena Bakalov, 21306 Starry Ln, Lake Zurich, IL, 60047, to operate a Commercial Animal Establishment at W6852 Heram Rd for a maximum of 10 adult French bulldogs;
2. This permit is valid only with an approved commercial animal establishment permit and upon payment of the yearly permit fee as indicated by the La Crosse County Health Department;
3. The owner must stay in compliance with Chapter 11 of La Crosse County's Code of Ordinances, which deals with minimum standards providing for construction materials, spaces required for each dog, temperature control, cleaning, air exchange, food storage, potable water and vaccinations;
4. The owner will have minimum on-site customers and will provide off-street parking;
5. No signage is authorized;
6. No employees except for family members;
7. The Humane Society will perform inspections and declare compliance or issue citations, as contracted with La Crosse County;
8. Only those kennel and runway areas that meet the Health Code are included in this permit;
9. It may be necessary at times to reduce the number of dogs until compliance with the Health Code is obtained. Until then the owners are subject to the termination of this permit;
10. Absolutely no animal waste products generated from this permit are allowed to surface or otherwise drain to the waterway. Animal waste shall be disposed of with a private waste removal company;
11. This permit is non-transferrable;
12. A state tax identification number is required to records sales tax and to report to the County's ½% sales tax;
13. The owners must provide a written training and socialization plan to be followed and distributed to all new owners of dogs; and
14. The owners shall keep a record of return buyers to insure they have not disposed of previous dogs before they receive any new ones.

THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 21st day of June, 2018. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by R. Cornforth/J. Gundersen to approve. Discussion ensued. Planner Charlie Handy responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a voice vote with 21 ayes, 1 nay - P. Isola, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 6 excused - P. Barlow, D. Ferries, M. Nikolay, I. Tahiri, T. Tryggestad and T. Wehrs.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 1056 FILED BY MATTHEW SWEET, ACTING ON BEHALF OF WILDHAVEN FARMS, INC., FOR ONE SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE ON A PROPOSED APPROXIMATELY 16 ACRE LOT OF A 187.67 ACRE BASE FARM TRACT WHERE THE RESIDENCE WILL BE SITUATED ON CLASS I AND II SOILS ON LANDS ZONED EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF HAMILTON

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered an application filed by Matthew Sweet, W4941 County Rd S, Holmen, WI, 54636, acting on behalf of Wildhaven Farms, Inc., N5446 Gills Coulee Rd, West Salem, WI, 54669 and having held a public hearing on the 4th day of June, 2018 for a Conditional Use Permit for one single family residence on a proposed approximately 16 acre lot of a 187.67 acre Base Farm Tract where the residence will be situated on Class I and II soils on lands zoned Exclusive Agriculture District in the Town of Hamilton and described as follows: Part of the fractional NW/SW of Section 30, T17N, R6W. Part of tax parcel 7-1077-0. Town of Hamilton. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats. and s. 17.36 Zoning Code: 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 or correspondence from the people; and, did receive and consider action from the affected Town Board(s). The Committee, under s. 91.48(1), Wis. Stats., along with the affected Town Board(s), under s. 17.36(4), have the authority to approve the application with integral conditions or to disapprove of the application. Having considered the entire record the Committee's recommendation is to: By a vote of five (5) in favor, zero (0) no, and two (2) excused (Cornforth, Wehrs), the committee recommended approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 1056 subject to the following six (6) conditions:

1. One fifth of the 187.67 acre Base Farm Tract (BFT) or 37.54 acres must be deed restricted to allow future agricultural uses only with no additional farm or non-farm residences allowed on this deed restricted area;
2. The residence must be constructed within the 37.54 acre deed restricted area;
3. The proposed location of the residence shall be as indicated on the application and abutting the town road;
4. The entire BFT must be deed restricted to allow future farm and non-farm residences by conditional use permit only at the density of development authorized by the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance;
5. Protection of the stream bank practices installed on this lot shall be in accordance with La Crosse County Land Conservation requirements; and
6. These conditions shall apply until amended by the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors.

THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 21st day of June, 2018. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by R. Cornforth/R. Ebert to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 6 excused - P. Barlow, D. Ferries, M. Nikolay, I. Tahiri, T. Tryggestad and T. Wehrs.

ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z395-6/18 RE: PETITION NO. 2012 FILED BY LEROY WIPF, ON BEHALF OF JAY A JUST, TO REZONE A 12.62 ACRE LOT FROM THE GENERAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT AND GENERAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT DEED RESTRICTIONS NOT RECORDED TO THE RURAL DISTRICT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ONE SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE IN THE TOWN OF HOLLAND

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 2012 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by Leroy Wipf,

W8043 Vermeer St, Holmen, WI, 54636, on behalf of Jay A Just, W6836 County Rd T, Holmen, WI, 54636 and having held a public hearing on the 4th day of June 2018 for a petition to rezone a 12.62 acre lot from the General Agriculture District and General Agriculture District Deed Restrictions Not Recorded to the Rural District for construction of one single family residence in the Town of Holland and described as follows: Lot 2 of Certified Survey Map No. 17 in Vol.

15. Tax parcel 8-121-8. 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 a vote of five (5) in favor, zero (0) no, and two (2) excused (Cornforth, Wehrs), the committee recommended approval of Zoning Petition No. 2012 subject to the Town of Holland approval and the recording of the following three (3) deed restrictions:

1. Only one single family residence is authorized and no further subdivision of the lot;
2. These conditions may only be lifted by the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors; and
3. These deed restrictions shall be recorded within 30 days of June 21, 2018 (by July 20, 2018) or this petition shall be considered denied.

(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 June, 2018. Approved the petition with amendments/conditions, becomes an ordinance, after recording conditions.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by R. Cornforth/D. Hesse to approve. Discussion ensued. Planner Charlie Handy responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 6 excused - P. Barlow, D. Ferries, M. Nikolay, I. Tahiri, T. Tryggestad and T. Wehrs.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-6/18 RE: APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO LA CROSSE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS PARK DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Protective Covenants for the La Crosse International Business Park provides that the covenants may not be terminated, extended, modified or amended without the consent of the City of La Crosse and County of La Crosse; and, **WHEREAS**, Fiberpro, Inc., the owner of Lot 22 of the International Business Park, has requested an amendment to the Landscaping section of the Protective Covenants for the La Crosse International Business Park, as shown in Exhibit A, to exempt lot 22 in order to remove the requirement for underground irrigation and to allow specific sod maintenance; and, **WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of La Crosse will also be considering the requested amendments at their June 2018 meetings; **WHEREAS**, if either the City Council or the County Board reject the proposed amendments to the protective covenants the proposed amendments will not be allowed; and, **WHEREAS**, the requested amendments are consistent with the stated purpose of the Covenants to provide for the orderly and attractive grouping of service, manufacturing and other industrial buildings and operations and are not adverse to the interests of La Crosse County. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby approve amendment of the La Crosse International Business Park Declaration of Protective Covenants as proposed by Fiberpro Inc. to remove the requirement of underground irrigation and to allow alternative maintenance to the sod on lot 22 only. **FISCAL NOTE:** No cost to La Crosse County.

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion by R. Geary/D. Holtze to approve. Discussion ensued. Administrator O'Malley and Planner Charlie Handy responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 6 excused - P. Barlow, D. Ferries, M. Nikolay, I. Tahiri, T. Tryggestad and T. Wehrs.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-6/18 RE: WISCONSIN WORKER SHORTAGES AND NEED FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM

WHEREAS, the Department of Health Services, Division of Long Term Care projects the number of individuals over the age of 65 will rise to almost 24% of Wisconsin's population, up from 13.7% in 2010; and **WHEREAS**, the 7 Rivers Alliance noted that the local worker shortage in "The Workforce Innovation for a Strong Economy (WISE)" plan indicates that the 7 Rivers Region needs to attract and retain 1,500-2,000 more workers each year during the next decade; and **WHEREAS**, U.S. Senator Ron Johnson, Chair of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee sent a strong message on the need for more workers during a hearing to discuss bipartisan calls for more visas for temporary foreign workers noting "There's not one manufacturing plant in Wisconsin, not one dairy farm, not one resort that can hire enough people"; and **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's Public Policy Forum projects a statewide worker shortage of 196,009 by 2024 which does not take into account the many additional job openings that will be created as baby boomers retire, which will contribute to an even larger worker shortage by 2040; and **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's labor force is expected to increase by only 0.2%, while total jobs in the state are expected to increase by 6% between 2014 and 2024; and **WHEREAS**, the annual survey by United Van Lines ranks Wisconsin in the top 10 of outbound moves, with 55% of the 2,405 moves being out of Wisconsin; and **WHEREAS**, the Public Policy Forum notes that applicants will need training and education to fill job vacancies, so workforce development efforts will need to address that 60% of the projected jobs will require on-the-job training, 10% will require postsecondary training or an Associate's degree and 30% will require a bachelor's degree or higher; and **WHEREAS**, the Fiscal Times reports 11 million undocumented immigrants are living in the United States today, accounting for 3.5% of the U.S. population and 5.1% of the U.S. workforce; and **WHEREAS**, without the labor of undocumented immigrants, workforce shortages would be even more apparent, affecting farming and Wisconsin's dairy industry; and **WHEREAS**, undocumented immigrants paid about \$72 million in state and local taxes in Wisconsin in 2014, according to the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy. The Institute estimates that if those immigrants were given full legal status, they would have paid nearly \$20 million more. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the State of Wisconsin should encourage the Federal Government to develop and implement a long-term plan for immigration reform that maximizes legal immigration and improves the visa process for temporary workers as a means to reduce the impact of worker shortages throughout Wisconsin and the nation. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to U.S. Senators Johnson and Baldwin, Governor Walker, Senator Shilling, Representatives Doyle and Billings and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration at the Annual Business meeting to become a part of the WCA legislative platform. **FISCAL NOTE:** There is no direct budgetary cost to La Crosse County.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by M. Kruse/K. Cable to approve. Discussion ensued. Administrator O'Malley responded to questions from the Board. Motion by D. Holtze/M. Giese to amend by adding Representative Ron Kind to the last Be It Further Resolved clause passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 6 excused - P. Barlow, D. Ferries, M. Nikolay, I. Tahiri, T. Tryggestad and T. Wehrs. The motion to approve as amended passed on a voice vote with 21 ayes, 1 nay - L. Berg, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 6 excused - P. Barlow, D. Ferries, M. Nikolay, I. Tahiri, T. Tryggestad and T. Wehrs.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by K. Keil-Arellano/S. Doyle to adjourn at 6/21/2018 7:45:11 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 20 ayes, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 8 excused - P. Barlow, D. Ferries, J. Gundersen, S. Hampson, M. Nikolay, I. Tahiri, T. Tryggestad and T. Wehrs.

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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, June 21, 2018 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 JUNE 2018.