

## **LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, October 8, 2018 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 25 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:

<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	Present
6 Plesha, Roger	Present
7 Hampson, Sharon	Present
8 Isola, Peg	Present
9 Gundersen, Jerome	Present
10 Cable, Kim	Present
11 Scheller, Patrick	Excused
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 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
  - Chair Johnson read a letter from the WCA thanking La Crosse County for hosting the WCA Conference in September.
  - Supervisor Burke and Freedland attended the open house for Dynamic Recycling.

(108-18/19)

- Supervisor Kruse attended the Public Health Legislation gathering at the University with area legislators and they discussed topics of health as it pertains to our area.

**Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley**

**PROCLAMATION OCTOBER 2018 - SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, La Crosse County helps to minimize the environmental impact of waste disposal in our region through management of award winning programs including waste-to-energy, landfill operations, gas to energy recovery and household hazardous materials collection; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has helped to facilitate the successful implementation of single-stream recycling collection in the cities of La Crosse and Onalaska that has resulted in a 137 percent increase in recycling; and **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has adopted an update to the 2008 Solid Waste Management Plan, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has accepted the plan that provides a roadmap for continued success in the operational, environmental and financial performance of the Solid Waste Department; and **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County enhances regional solid waste and recycling efforts through expanding sustainability practices and collaboration on all aspects of solid waste and recycling, processing and beneficial reuse of by-products, in part through support of the Sustainable La Crosse Commission. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of October 2018 as La Crosse County Solid Waste and Recycling Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of persons dedicated to operating one of the most environmentally sustainable solid waste disposal systems in the nation.

Motion by M. Freedland/M. Giese to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 4 excused - L. Berg, R. Cornforth, P. Scheller and T. Wehrs.

- WCA Conference Report – Child Protective Services Resolution and strategy
  - Administrator O'Malley reviewed the history of CPS funding and the need behind this resolution. Counties outside of Milwaukee County that are not State administered are severely underfunded. WCA has a strategy to lobby legislators and candidates on this topic. Adequate funding for CPS will help cover other needs in the County. More information will be coming.
- United Way Campaign – The 2019 United Way Campaign kickoff video was shown to Supervisors. Donations forms were placed on their desks to be filled out and turned in.
- 2019 County Administrator's Budget Recommendation Overview
  - In the 2019 recommended budget, La Crosse County tax levy will go up from \$34.326 million to \$34.934 million. That's a 1.77% increase versus a 1.73% value of new construction. The mill rate will drop from \$3.75 to \$3.68 per thousand. The budget books will contain a summary by departments and orgs; a list of fees, charges and permits; the 5 year plan for capital plan; budgeted positions by department and program; fund balances applied and year end totals; excess sales tax; outside agencies; debt retirement and debt schedule; and property valuation and tax levy comparison for 2003-2019. Results of the 2019 budget will be 1.75% raises across the board, refines indirect cost allocation to maximize revenue, reduces some positions in Human Services while expanding CPS staff, shifts some hourly employees from 37.5 hr/wk to 40 hr/wk, uses fund balance for small capital projects without borrowing, and 1<sup>st</sup> year of 5 year flexible plan to \$5 million per year for highway.
  - The 5 year plan to reach \$5 million/year for capital road funding will reduce and phase out 10 year borrowing over next 2 years, shift to shorter term borrowing (3 year term), tax levy impact moderated while past highway debt is being paid off, and plan to be reviewed each year to consider new circumstances if revenues change.
  - Fund balance for small capital projects will include park capital and road improvements at Goose Island, radio site upgrade at Mindoro site, final costs

(109-18/19)

of Enterprise Resource Planning and Kronos, jail security scanner, possible solar project, boiler replacement and evaluation / design of receiving buildout for LEC, equipment for Sheriff's department squads, and Park Plaza sale proceeds for partial cost of site work at St. Joe's Highway shop location.

- o 2019 specific budget decisions for board include Personnel resolutions, fees and charges, employee health insurance, and compensation increase and union contracts. Budget will continue with committee review by departments in October cycle with a special Executive Committee meeting. Changes by committees will go to Executive Committee and/or full board in November. Resolutions for changes to fees and personnel positions at the November 5<sup>th</sup> Planning meeting after action by Executive Committee. Public hearing will be on November 12<sup>th</sup> and Annual meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

- Supervisor Ferries asked for a department comment on the marijuana referendum question by the DA, Sheriff, Health, and Human Services.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by S. Doyle/S. Hampson to adjourn at 7:38 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 4 excused - L. Berg, R. Cornforth, P. Scheller, 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, October 8, 2018 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 11 OF OCTOBER 2018.**