RESOLUTION #           8-11

TO:        HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RE: ASSIGNING SUPERVISION AND DIRECTION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COORDINATOR STAFF AND FUNCTIONS TO THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Coordinator is retiring in November 2019 after 30+ years of service and the Emergency Services Administrator is retiring in February 2020 after 37+ years of service, so replacing both these positions within a short period of time requires thoughtful planning; and,

WHEREAS, Emergency Management functions, including those activities under Chapter 323 Wis. Stats, and SARA Title III Hazardous Materials, are currently supervised and directed by the Emergency Services Administrator whose primary responsibilities are directing operation of the 24 hour, 7 days/week County wide Public Safety Dispatch department and 9-1-1 system; and,

WHEREAS, the new Emergency Services Administrator will need to focus on managing personnel, guiding capital improvement public safety radio site improvements, preparing for E-911 and working with the IT department to upgrade computer aided dispatch and records management software systems; and,

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial for the Emergency Management functions to be supervised and directed by the Sheriff department in order to encourage greater collaboration among emergency responders in order to proactively train and plan for potential future emergency incidents and events.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board assigns supervision and direction of Emergency Management staff and functions to the Sheriff’s Office under the direction of the Chief Deputy effective November 15, 2019, while the positions will remain civilian non-protective personnel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that hiring the new Emergency Management Coordinator will be completed by the Emergency Services Administrator, in cooperation with the Sheriff and Chief Deputy this fall in order to provide for adequate orientation and overlap before the current incumbent retires.

FISCAL NOTE: There may be an additional cost for the period of overlapping employment, which will be addressed with a transfer from salary contingency at the close of the fiscal year.

Date:                August 6, 2019

COMMITTEE CHAIR
Alice Spenos

RECORDING CLERK

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Fin. Director
Corp. Counsel
Board Chair
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Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 15 Day of August, 2019

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE
I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 15th day of August 2019.

Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk