

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, December 9, 2019 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 24 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 at 07:36 PM
6 Plesha, Roger	Present
7 Hampson, Sharon	Excused
8 Isola, Peg	Present
9 Gundersen, Jerome	Present
10 Cable, Kim	Present
11 Scheller, Patrick	Absent
12 Erickson, Randy	Present
13 Tryggestad, Tina	Present
14 Larson, Margaret	Excused
15 Kruse, Monica	Present
16 Ferries, Dan	Present
17 Giese, Mike	Present
18 Weber Strauss, Noelle	Present
19 Cornforth, Rick	Present
20 Doyle, Steve	Present
21 Burke, Vicki	Excused
22 Barlow, Patrick	Present
23 Nikolay, Matt	Present
24 Hoyer, Kevin	Present
25 Ebert, Ray	Excused
26 Hesse, Dan	Present
27 Jacobs, Thomas	Present
28 Keil, Karen	Present
29 Johnson, Tara	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- WCA Annual Conference Suggestions – Chair Johnson distributed forms to Supervisors for suggestions for breakout sessions at the WCA Annual conference in September.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Chair Johnson announced the ground breaking ceremony for the New La Crosse Center will be on Friday, December 13, 2019 at 10am. Details will be emailed to Supervisors.

- Chair Johnson noted that an upgrade to Office 365 will be done to Supervisors Computers on Thursday after the Board meeting. Supervisors should plan to leave their computers here that night.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

PROCLAMATION DECEMBER 2019 - ZONING, PLANNING AND LAND INFORMATION AND METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MONTH

WHEREAS, the staff of these departments assist and advise individuals, businesses, professionals and governmental communities by uniformly administering the zoning, floodplain, shoreland, subdivision, telecommunication, nonmetallic mining ordinances, and consistently carrying out the provisions of the comprehensive land use ordinances; and, **WHEREAS**, they coordinate land information systems for the assessment, taxation, mapping, building permits, planning and the educational needs of the public and private sector, one of which is the county land records website; and, **WHEREAS**, they help provide a safe and efficient transportation system plan, obtaining transportation funding, which is maintained and funded partly through Wisconsin, Minnesota and federally required metropolitan transportation planning department. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of December 2019 as Zoning, Planning and Land Information and Metropolitan Transportation Planning Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contributions of the staff dedicated to promoting the public health, safety and a property tax base through encouraging planned and orderly land use development.

Motion by P. Isola/K. Keil to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 4 excused - V. Burke, R. Ebert, S. Hampson and M. Larson.

APPOINTMENT

Motion by J. Gundersen / P. Isola to appoint Matt Hanewall as the Land Conservation Director effective December 31, 2019 to replace Gregg Stangl as recommended by Administrator O'Malley passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 4 excused - V. Burke, R. Ebert, S. Hampson and M. Larson.

- Recognition of Gregg Stangl who is retiring as the Land Conservation Director
 - Administrator O'Malley recognized Gregg Stangl for his 13 years at the county and was one of the first department heads Administrator O'Malley appointed.
- La Crosse County Historical Society Presentation – Peggy Derrick, Executive Director
 - The La Crosse County Historical Society discovers, collects, preserves, and shares the history of La Crosse County, Wisconsin. They believe in the value of enriching lives through the engagement with the history of La Crosse County. The mission is fulfilled by Hixon House Tours, Riverside Museum, Things That Matter – La Crosse Tribune, online database, special events, and special exhibitions.
- Chronic Wasting Disease and Waste Management – Jadd Stillwell
 - Fewer landfills are accepting deer carcasses now. 2019 shows that 30% of sites in Wisconsin no longer are accepting them. There is a continued request now from outside the region for disposal. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) affects deer, elk, reindeer, sika deer, and moose. Scientists believe CWD spreads between animals through contact with contaminated body fluid and tissue or indirectly through exposure to CWD in the environment. The primary focus of wildlife agencies is to control the spread of CWD and protection of the species. Testing can only be done postmortem from the collection of brain and specific lymphoid tissues. Disposal of animals testing positive for TSE has been incineration while non positive have been landfilled. Most arguments for landfilling in Subtitle D Sites are based on prions absorbing to organic material. This would result in extremely low prion concentration rate. The State directive

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to hunters is the preferred option of disposal to be landfills. The secondary option is to bury on private land and last option is to dispose of on private land. State directive to non-hunters such as processors, testing facilities, and taxidermist is to landfill only. La Crosse Landfill has accepted deer for over 30 years. All counties served are in/or bordering CWD Zones including Minnesota. Current estimates show approximately 60% of deer are processed at homes. The current management program is support for region – outlet which aligns with WDNR Management/CWD Containment plan, continue to monitor State and Federal programs, and use BMP for site operations. The shift in landfill acceptance is from the unknown risks.

- Status Reports
 - Lakeview Business Park option to purchase
 - The option to purchase is consistent with Board priorities on development in West Salem – Lakeview Business Park. The Village requests approval of an exclusive option to purchase instead of having two governmental entities involved with future development agreements. Terms of the exclusive option are intended to streamline the sale and development. The County will continue to lease land for farming and the term of the agreement will be for five years, with an option to renew or terminate with 6 months prior to expiration.
 - Lake Neshonoc Dredge Project and Phosphorus Credit Agreement
 - The last dredge project was in 2000 and cost \$2 million. It was expected to last 50+ years and the County funded \$1 million of it and the Lake District funded \$1 million. Sediment build up has been excessive due to the high water events. The County has no revenue source in the 2020 budget and will not share in the cost of the project but does require our approval to proceed. The Village Wastewater Utility should avoid nearly \$2.8 million in capital costs using Phosphorus credits. The Village will fund approximately \$500,000. The Lake District will incur the balance of the \$2 million project. The Village, County and Lake District agree to work together to maximize the use of any phosphorus credits that could save capital costs of the City of La Crosse wastewater treatment and help to fund conservation projects to potentially offset some of Lake District cost and/or delay need for future dredging.
 - Close of Community Development Block Grant Revolving Loan Program
 - The County has been operating a CDBG since 1997. The Department of Housing and Urban Development and the WI Department of Administration have initiated the close of all CDBG-RLF's in WI to repurpose the funds. The County will pay 100% of unused CDBG funds (approximately \$670,000) to the State and pay off the loan principal of the four outstanding loans (approximately \$780,000) with general fund/excess sales tax. These funds will be put into a designated CDBG close grant fund for La Crosse County eligible projects (approximately \$1,450,000). The County will receive outstanding principal and interest payments from the four loans to the County general fund for future economic development uses as determined by the Board. The four loans are Skipperliner, S&S Cycle, Lovechild, and River Steel.
 - Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement with Village of Bangor
 - The transfer will include road segments from intersection of CTH B and STH 162/Pearl Street easterly to CTH U and CTH B from CTH U to I-90 overpass. The described roadway will be deleted from the County Highway System and Bangor accepts as part of Village system effective December 20, 2019. La Crosse County obligations are to contribute

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\$38,000 for design in 2020; \$1,220,575 toward reconstruction by January 30, 2021 and approximately \$785,000 of CDBG-CLOSE Grant Funds to the Village. The Village of Bangor obligations will be to accept the jurisdiction and maintenance responsibilities for the roadway as described. The County and Village will jointly pursue grant funding under Local Roads Improvement Program. The County will assist with the pursuit of grant funding including CDBG-public facilities program or other programs available.

SUGGESTION FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered

ADJOURN

Motion by M. Nikolay/D. Weidenbach to adjourn at 7:54 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 5 excused - V. Burke, R. Ebert, S. Hampson, M. Larson and I. Tahiri.

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, December 9, 2019 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 DECEMBER 2019.