

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, January 7, 2019 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	Present
6 Plesha, Roger	Present
7 Hampson, Sharon	Excused
8 Isola, Peg	Present
9 Gundersen, Jerome	Present
10 Cable, Kim	Present
11 Scheller, Patrick	Present
12 Holtze, Dave	Excused
13 Tryggestad, Tina	Excused
14 Larson, Margaret	Present
15 Kruse, Monica	Present
16 Ferries, Dan	Present
17 Giese, Mike	Present
18 Berg, Laurence	Present
19 Cornforth, Rick	Absent
20 Doyle, Steve	Excused
21 Burke, Vicki	Present
22 Barlow, Patrick	Present
23 Nikolay, Matt	Present
24 Hoyer, Kevin	Excused
25 Ebert, Ray	Excused
26 Hesse, Dan	Present
27 Jacobs, Thomas	Present
28 Keil-Arellano, Karen	Present
29 Johnson, Tara	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

CHAIR CHANGE

1st Vice Chair Kruse took the chair.

APPOINTMENT: Motion by T. Johnson/K. Keil-Arellano to appoint Tom Jacobs to the Health & Human Services Board to replace Peg Isola for the remainder of a term to expire April 30,

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2021 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 1 absent - R. Cornforth, 6 excused - S. Doyle, R. Ebert, S. Hampson, D. Holtze, K. Hoyer and T. Tryggestad.

CHAIR CHANGE

Chair T. Johnson resumed the chair.

- 2018 Mileage Reimbursement – Supervisors were reminded that the deadline for turning in 2018 mileage for reimbursement is January 17, 2019.
- Campaign Finance Exemption Reverification – Supervisors were asked to fill out their Campaign Finance Exemption Reverification form to satisfy the requirement for 2019.
- Advisory Referendum on Non-partisan Redistricting – Chair Johnson noted that a resolution will be coming through the Executive Committee this week asking for a referendum on redistricting to be put on the April ballot. The request is being made by the League of Women Voters.
- Supervisor Conference Reports – none offered.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

PROCLAMATION JANUARY 2019 - HIGHWAY SAFETY / TRANSPORTATION MONTH

WHEREAS, staff works so diligently to build safe roads for the residents of La Crosse County and visitors to travel upon; and, **WHEREAS**, maintenance such as snow plowing; salting; grading shoulders; mowing; repairing, sealing, sweeping, and paving roads and many other duties that keep La Crosse County highways clean and safe; and, **WHEREAS**, the safety of all traveling persons is ensured by the hard working men and women of the highway department. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of January 2019 as La Crosse Highway Safety Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of persons dedicated to ensuring safe roads for La Crosse County residents and visitors.

Motion by P. Barlow/R. Geary to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 1 absent - R. Cornforth, 6 excused - S. Doyle, R. Ebert, S. Hampson, D. Holtze, K. Hoyer and T. Tryggestad.

- Update on Multi-County Opioid Litigation – Corporation Counsel Megan DeVore gave an update on the Opioid Litigation that the County is involved with. 71 of the 72 counties in Wisconsin are involved in the litigation in some manner. A judge in Ohio is overseeing all the Federal court cases with over 1400 plaintiffs. Three counties in Ohio are scheduled for a court trial in September of 2019. The primary goals of the litigation is accountability, monetary relief, and abatement of the epidemic. There are also about 200-225 state cases that were filed and will begin to go to trial.
- 2018 Highlights and County Tax Impacts on Individual Properties
 - La Crosse County property taxes are one of the lowest in the state. The tax rate per \$1000 evaluation decreased by 7% since 2014. La Crosse County has an Aa1 credit rating from Moody's.
 - In 2018 the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant program awarded \$136,965 to five single family home projects and over the three years, NRG has awarded \$658,675 in grants to 16 projects. Mississippi Valley Health Services has generated a total of \$8.8 million over 11 years.
 - Collaboration success includes the land sale to the Town of Hamilton; new landfill entrance also expands International Business Park; Human Services leads on addressing child welfare crisis; reconstruction and transfer of portion of CTH C and STH 108; and the Second Chance Grant to assist people in transition from jail to the community.
 - Operational Achievement and Enhancements include the Emergency Services Management; continued integration of Lakeview and Hillview; Enterprise Resource Planning system; Coalition to End Homelessness; and the County holds a referendum on transportation funding options.
 - County taxes paid by individual properties are impacted by changes in the total tax base compared to previous year, total county tax levy compared to previous

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year, apportionment among the 18 municipalities including changes in equalized value, and assessed value of the individual property.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by T. Jacobs/M. Larson to adjourn at 7:07 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 1 absent - R. Cornforth, 6 excused - S. Doyle, R. Ebert, S. Hampson, D. Holtze, K. Hoyer and T. Tryggstad.

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, January 7, 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 JANUARY 2019.