

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, June 10, 2019 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:

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	Present
8	Isola, Peg	Present
9	Gundersen, Jerome	Present
10	Cable, Kim	Present
11	Scheller, Patrick	Present
12	Holtze, Dave	Excused
13	Tryggestad, Tina	Present
14	Larson, Margaret	Excused
15	Kruse, Monica	Present
16	Ferries, Dan	Present
17	Giese, Mike	Present
18	Vacant	
19	Cornforth, Rick	Present
20	Doyle, Steve	Present
21	Burke, Vicki	Present
22	Barlow, Patrick	Excused
23	Nikolay, Matt	Present
24	Hoyer, Kevin	Present
25	Ebert, Ray	Present
26	Hesse, Dan	Present
27	Jacobs, Thomas	Present
28	Keil, Karen	Present
29	Johnson, Tara	Present

MOMENT OF SILENCE: A moment of silence was held for past County Board Supervisor Wilbert Ipsen who recently passed away. He was appointed in 1958 and served through 1984.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- Chair Johnson noted the importance of this date in history. 100 years ago the State of Wisconsin passed the 19th amendment that gave women the right to vote.

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- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Burke announced on Wednesday from 6-9pm there will be a fundraiser at David Reay's in Onalaska for the Onalaska Lake District.
 - Supervisor Cornforth noted that a slide deck was emailed to all Supervisors from the Sustainable La Crosse Commission's Public Forum on water quality.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

PROCLAMATION JUNE 2019 - PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES MONTH

WHEREAS, the County Parks system and our Natural Resources are an integral part of the La Crosse County Community; and, **WHEREAS**, the quality of our Parks and Natural Resources provides safe and healthy places for residents and visitors to recreate and enjoy; and, **WHEREAS**, residents and visitors are encouraged to educate themselves and adopt responsible lifestyles that preserve the beauty and value of our Parks and Natural Resources; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County employees from the Facilities Department and the Department of Land Conservation serve to educate, protect, maintain and enhance the quality of our Parks and Natural Resources; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the Month of June 2019 as La Crosse County Parks and Natural Resources Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution made by County employees dedicated to the welfare of our Parks and Natural Resources for the benefit of our residents and visitors of La Crosse County.

Motion by R. Geary/K. Keil to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 3 excused - P. Barlow, D. Holtze and M. Larson, 1 vacant – District 18.

- Xcel Energy report on French Island Waste to Energy Plant – Presented by Tina Ball, Environmental Analyst and Mike Herro, Area Manager for Xcel Energy.
 - Xcel Energy is the 4th largest utility in Wisconsin and is located in eight states. They serve 3.5 million electric customers, 2 million gas customers and employ about 11,000 people. The French Island Plant displaces over 10,000 tons of coal annually and operates 24 hours a day, 5 days a week and have 33 employees. In 2018, the plant burned 53,000 tons of RDF 33,000 tons of wood biomass and 26,000 tons of ties. Over 11,000 tons of ash was sent to the La Crosse County landfill for disposal. This saved the County from having to build one to two more landfills. The plant produced enough electricity to supply approximately 10,000 homes for 5 days per week for 30 years and saved over 300,000 metric tons of GHG emissions. The 2018 emissions on the boilers was below the 2001 emissions. Communities with waste-to-energy plants have a 20% higher recycling rate (on average) than communities without waste-to-energy.
- Update on West Salem Business Park
 - Administer O'Malley reviewed a couple resolutions that will be coming to County Board next week with regards to the Lakeview Business Park. One will be for an easement to the Village of West Salem to deal with storm water and long term development of the road for future developments. The second resolution for altering the municipal revenue sharing agreement. The area is now captured by TIF by the County by special legislation. Any new developments will be taken on by the Village of West Salem.
- Update on La Crosse Center funding request
 - La Crosse County has had no part or responsibility for the project decision making nor have they been sought out to work on regional funding solutions. The timing of La Crosse County's answer to funding will not delay any decision by the City, nor does the construction financing or long-term bonds rely upon our answer now. The County has been involved in several regional collaborations including the Trane all abilities park, Neighborhood Revitalization grants, Household Hazardous Material program, La Crosse Regional airport,

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- Gillette St / CTH B freight project upgrade, among many more. Could a portion of PRAT be an option was presented with a negative response.
- o The La Crosse Center is an important regional asset and significant economic driver. Years of neglected maintenance need to be addressed and the Center expansion is needed to remain competitive. The City and Center Board have been planning for 5 years and the County has no obligation to help fund and hasn't had any role in the decision making thus far. The County Board is in favor of supporting with the 2020 budget but wanted more data, verify economic impact and other questions. It is estimated the annual impact of the County ½% sales tax to be \$205,000 - \$248,000 from the existing center and \$60,000 - \$94,000 from the expansion and remodel.
 - o The City will proceed without an answer on the County's contribution. Any Supervisor can propose a resolution at any time for support. Nothing is planned for in the 2019 budget, and will likely be a 2020 budget discussion. A PRAT could help reduce the local tax impact of roads and the La Crosse Center if people are willing to talk. Even if approved, the County and City of Onalaska contributions would have a relatively small impact on the overall annual plan (5.9%).

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICAS – none offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by P. Scheller/D. Ferries to adjourn at 7:51 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 3 excused - P. Barlow, D. Holtze and M. Larson, 1 vacant – District 18.

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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, June 10, 2019 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 JUNE 2019.