

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, May 6, 2019 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 23 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	Absent
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	Excused
13 Tryggestad, Tina	Present at 06:11 PM
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	Excused at 07:05 PM
24 Hoyer, Kevin	Present
25 Ebert, Ray	Present
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

- WCA Annual Conference – Sauk County – September 22-24, 2019
 - Supervisors were reminded the deadline to sign up to attend the conference is May 16th.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Weidenbach announced the new art show being displayed in the lobby of the Administrative Center titled “Dark Alley”.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

PROCLAMATION MAY 2019 - LAW ENFORCEMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY & COURTS MONTH

WHEREAS, in a free society, law enforcement is entrusted and expected to protect the civil rights of its residents and visitors to our community; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County employees serve to enhance public safety in the Courts, District Attorney, Sheriff, Emergency Management Coordination, Medical Examiner and Public Safety Communications; and **WHEREAS**, thousands of residents and visitors are helped each year by the professionals who respond to emergencies and assist those in need. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of May as Law Enforcement, Public Safety & Courts Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of persons dedicated to ensuring the safety of its county's residents and visitors to our community.

Motion by K. Cable/M. Larson to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 2 absent - I. Tahiri and T. Tryggstad, 4 excused - L. Berg, R. Cornforth, D. Holtze, and P. Scheller.

- State Budget Update – Kyle Christianson, Director of Government Affairs, WCA
 - Kyle Christianson gave an update on what's happening in Madison. Legislators have only been on the floor a few times and will be on the floor a few times this summer and fall. They are working on getting funding for child welfare, 911 systems and juvenile corrections. The Finance Committee will start meeting and discussing shared revenue. He is optimistic the legislators will pass a budget by July 1st. They are not expecting many bills to be passed this session.
- Preliminary discussion regarding a potential contribution for the La Crosse Center expansion
 - Initial observation is the La Crosse Center is an important regional asset and significant economic driver. Years of neglected maintenance needs to be addressed and the Center expansion is needed to remain competitive. The City and Center Board have been planning for 5 years. It is logical to see outside funding but the County has no obligation and hasn't had any role in the decisions. La Crosse County has never been asked to participate in any of the facility planning, design, governance, or financial plan – only a request for money on March 21, 2019. There currently is no funding in the 2019 County budget. The request from the City invites many questions.
 - There is an estimated annual debt service of \$2,500,000 for 20 years with room tax of \$1,300,000; facility fees of \$25,000; La Crosse County request of \$100,000; City of Onalaska request of \$50,000 for 10 years and City of La Crosse property tax levy of \$1,075,000 for 20 years and going up at 10 years. County of La Crosse and City of Onalaska contributions would have a relatively small impact on the overall annual plan of 5.9%. Primary questions are what is the impact on City taxpayers, what is the assumed room tax rate, or limit on the LACVB budget? Would these impact competitiveness for attracting events? The City portion of room tax is used for parks, recreation, streets and police. The presumably offsets the City property taxes, general fund.
 - Additional questions to ask: what is the most realistic estimated economic impact to sales tax revenue of the expansion; how is it affected by changed in the room tax or cuts to the LAXVB; are naming rights revenues available to reduce costs; is there a governance role for County representation on the Center Board if funding is provided; what is the net impact on the County budget is approved; and could County funds leverage other contributions?
 - The options would include to make no contribution; TID #9 excess funding of a one time \$178,000; projected portion of increase in County sales tax revenue due to center expansion of approximately \$60,000/year for 10 years to equal

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\$600,000; Mayor Kabat's request from the March 21st letter of \$100,000/year for 20 years for \$2,000,000.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered

ADJOURN

Motion by R. Ebert/R. Plesha to adjourn at 7:59 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 1 absent - I. Tahiri, 5 excused - L. Berg, R. Cornforth, D. Holtze, M. Nikolay, and P. Scheller.

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, May 6, 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 MAY 2019.