

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING  
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, September 19, 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:

<b>District Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
1 Richmond, Andrea	Excused
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	Excused
12 Holtze, Dave	Present
13 Tryggestad, Tina	Present
14 Larson, Margaret	Present
15 Kruse, Monica	Excused
16 Ferries, Dan	Present
17 Giese, Mike	Present
18 Weber Strauss, Noelle	Present
19 Cornforth, Rick	Present
20 Doyle, Steve	Present
21 Burke, Vicki	Present
22 Barlow, Patrick	Present
23 Nikolay, Matt	Present
24 Hoyer, Kevin	Present
25 Ebert, Ray	Excused
26 Hesse, Dan	Excused
27 Jacobs, Thomas	Present
28 Keil, Karen	Excused
29 Johnson, Tara	Present

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson**

- Vandali Vang reported on the Complete Count Committee for the 2020 census. It was started back in July 2019 and is focusing on the hard to count communities, minorities, and

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communities with language barriers. They are reaching out to various community members to be a part of their Complete Count Committee.

- Supervisor Conference Reports
  - Supervisor Weidenbach attended the DMI luncheon where the La Crosse Arts Board received an award to recognize their efforts in bring art to downtown La Crosse.

#### **Corporation Counsel Report – Megan DeVore**

- Opioid Litigation Update
  - The update is on two main things. Purdue Pharma has filed for bankruptcy. Talk of a settlement isn't exactly a settlement within the lawsuit. Absent any other agreement, once the bankruptcy is filed it will freeze all assets. The settlement or agreement will be with the bankruptcy court. The litigation scheduled to start in October will commence as planned. The judge in the multi district litigation did approve the settlement class. We have until November 22<sup>nd</sup> to opt out of that class.

#### **CHAIR CHANGE**

Second Vice Chair Doug Weidenbach took the chair.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

Motion by T. Johnson/T. Tryggstad to reappoint Peg Isola to the CBDG - Southwest Wisconsin Housing Region for a two year term to expire September 30, 2021; reappoint Sharon Hampson to the Aging and Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee for a two year term to expire July 31, 2021 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 6 excused - R. Ebert, D. Hesse, K. Keil, M. Kruse, A. Richmond and P. Scheller.

#### **CHAIR CHANGE:**

Chair Johnson resumed the chair.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by R. Plesha/J. Gundersen to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly meeting held August 15, 2019 and the claims list for \$4,098,883.31 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 6 excused - R. Ebert, D. Hesse, K. Keil, M. Kruse, A. Richmond and P. Scheller.

#### **FIRST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE**

ORDINANCE NO. 178 TO AMEND S. 7.04 ENTITLED "SPEED LIMITS" OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

#### **PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

Motion by P. Barlow/D. Holtze to move the first reading. Discussion ensued. Highway Commissioner Ron Chamberlain responded to questions from the Board. The ordinance will be held over for 30 days and is on file and open for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk and on the La Crosse County web site at: [www.co.la-crosse.wi.us](http://www.co.la-crosse.wi.us). Upon adoption and publication it will be incorporated into the La Crosse County General Code of Ordinances.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 19-9/19 RE: APPROVE FORMATION OF 2020 COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, our United States Constitution requires a Census of the population of our nation every ten years; and **WHEREAS**, Census information is used to determine how many members our state has in the United States House of Representatives and is also used to determine districts in our state legislature and local governing bodies; and **WHEREAS**, having an accurate and complete Census count is important to our community in determining Federal and State aids and grants, economic development, housing assistance, transportation improvements and many other uses; and,

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**WHEREAS**, every resident of our county deserves to be counted in the 2020 census. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Board of La Crosse County recognizes the importance of the 2020 Census and agrees to form a Complete Count Committee, with appropriate sub-committees as needed, and to promote the Census to assure that all residents of our county are counted. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Complete Count Committee shall be an Ad-Hoc Committee of the County Board appointed by the County Board Chair and this committee shall report to the Executive Committee as needed. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a copy of this will be sent to the State Delegation, Governor Evers, the Federal Delegation, Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA), U.S. Census Bureau, and Chicago Regional Director. **FISCAL NOTE**: The costs of the Complete Count Committee are unknown and not budgeted at this time. Anticipated expenses may be included in the 2020 County Board budget and subject to approval by the County Board accordingly.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by D. Weidenbach/M. Larson to approve. Discussion ensued. Chair Johnson and Assistant Administrator Jane Klekamp responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 6 excused - R. Ebert, D. Hesse, K. Keil, M. Kruse, A. Richmond and P. Scheller.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-9/19 RE: AUTHORIZING PURCHASES RELATED TO COLLABORATIVE CRI WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has awarded 5 counties/regions in Wisconsin a one year extension of the Collaborative Crisis Intervention Services to Youth (CCISY) grant focusing on: improving the identification of youth with Severe Emotional Disturbances; increasing the frequency of youth crisis diversion from behavioral health hospitalization; reducing annual frequency of psychiatric hospitalizations for youth; maximizing the number of residential stabilization resources for youth; this grant has been in place since July 1, 2014; and, **WHEREAS**, that La Crosse County was awarded a total of \$117,853 to utilize July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 to be continued to use as such:

- Augmenting staff on a regional level to better address crisis response and follow up on all children's crisis situations, providing short term case management and crisis planning; and,
- Augmenting staff on a regional level that can provide short term crisis therapy; and,
- Making crisis stabilization available to increase the opportunity for hospital diversions; and,
- Augmenting supports and services available to families (WFT/Parenting Place/ILR); and,
- Supporting training for staff to attend crisis/suicide related conferences as well as supporting CIT training for Law Enforcement; and,

**WHEREAS**, from 2014-2018, an average of 660 youth per year were assessed by the crisis team; and, **WHEREAS**, there has been follow up contact on all the children's crisis interventions, with most follow up occurring within two days; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County continues to offer Crisis Intervention Team training to local Law Enforcement on an annual basis. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby accepts the funding of \$117,853 obtained from the DHS Collaborative Crisis Intervention Services to Youth Grant. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that La Crosse County is obligated to contract for all services that are necessary to meet the terms of the DHS Collaborative Crisis Intervention Services to Youth Grant as long as they can be supported with the related federal funding; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair is authorized to execute any contracts or documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution, after approval by Corporation Counsel; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Finance Department is authorized to make any necessary and appropriate account transfers relating to accepting this additional federal funding. **FISCAL NOTE**: Award funds of a total \$117,853, with no County match required, and the award period ending June 30, 2020. The operating costs will be tracked under the 210.445.4600 division within the County financial system under the Integrated Support and Recovery Services section.

#### **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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Motion by M. Giese/K. Cable to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 6 excused - R. Ebert, D. Hesse, K. Keil, M. Kruse, A. Richmond and P. Scheller.

**FIRST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE**

ORDINANCE NO. 179 TO AMEND CHAPTER 11 "PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES" OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Motion by M. Giese/S. Hampson to move the first reading. Discussion ensued. Corporation Counsel Megan DeVore responded to questions from the Board. The ordinance will be held over for 30 days and is on file and open for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk and on the La Crosse County web site at: [www.co.la-crosse.wi.us](http://www.co.la-crosse.wi.us). Upon adoption and publication it will be incorporated into the La Crosse County General Code of Ordinances

**ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z410-9/19 RE: DEFERRED PETITION NO. 2025 FILED BY RICK A & LISA MEYER TO REZONE FROM EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE PENDING CONDITIONS NOT RECORDED AND THE EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO THE RURAL DISTRICT FOR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL USE IN THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD**

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Deferred Petition No. 2025 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by Rick A and Lisa M Meyer, N973 County Rd M, Coon Valley, WI, 54623 and having held a public hearing on the 3rd day of September 2019 for a petition to rezone from the Exclusive Agriculture Pending Conditions Not Recorded and the Exclusive Agriculture Districts to the Rural District for continued single family residential use located in the Town of Greenfield and described as follows: A 5.39 acre Lot 1 on a proposed Certified Survey Map prepared by Professional Land Surveyor Michael A Lydon and dated 04-30-2019. Part of the West½ of the SW¼ of Section 23, T15N, R6W. Tax parcels 6-553-1 and part of 6-553-0. Town of Greenfield. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats.: the Committee did publish and receive proof of a Class II notice of the hearing; did receive receipts of mailing of the notices to the affected Town Clerk(s); did hold a public hearing to hear testimony and official correspondence; and, did receive and consider action from the affected Town Board(s). The Committee, under s. 59.69(5)(e)4, and under s. 91.48(1), Wis. Stats., has the authority to approve the petition as submitted; to disapprove of the petition; or, to modify and approve the petition. Having considered the entire record the Committee's recommendation is to: By a vote of five (5) in favor, zero (0) no, and two (2) excused (Cornforth, Hesse), the committee voted to approve Deferred Zoning Petition No. 2025 subject to the following four (4) conditions:

1. These deed restrictions shall be recorded within 30 days of County Board approval, or by October 19, 2019;
2. Only one single family residence is authorized on this 5.39 acre lot;
3. These deed restrictions supersede those required by Zoning Petition No. 1936 for this new Certified Survey Map lot only; and
4. These deed restrictions can only be amended or lifted by the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors.

(If this petition is approved as a conditional zoning, deed restrictions must be recorded before zoning takes effect.) The County Board, under s.59.69(5)(e)5 Wis. Stats., has the authority to effectuate the petition by ordinance or to disapprove it. The County Board took the following action this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019. Approved the petition with amendments/conditions, becomes an ordinance, after recording conditions

**PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Motion by P. Isola/J. Gundersen to approve. Discussion ensued. Zoning and Planning Administrator Nathan Sampson responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 6 excused - R. Ebert, D. Hesse, K. Keil, M. Kruse, A. Richmond and P. Scheller.

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**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

- Supervisor Freedland asked for an update on election security with La Crosse County and the State.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by K. Hoyer/I. Tahiri to adjourn at 6:40 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 6 excused - R. Ebert, D. Hesse, K. Keil, M. Kruse, A. Richmond 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 Monthly Meeting held Thursday, September 19, 2019 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 20 OF SEPTEMBER 2019.**