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LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2020

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, April 13, 2020 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 28 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	Excused
10 Cable, Kim	Present
11 Scheller, Patrick	Present
12 Erickson, Randy	Present
13 Tryggestad, Tina	Present
14 Larson, Margaret	Present
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	Present
22 Barlow, Patrick	Present
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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

PROCLAMATION APRIL 2020 - LA CROSSE COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties serving more than 300 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; and **WHEREAS**, counties provide health services, administer justice, keep communities safe, foster economic opportunities and much more; and **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County and all counties take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, wellbeing and safety of our residents

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in efficient and cost-effective ways; and **WHEREAS**, under National Association of Counties President Mary Ann Borgeson's leadership, NACo is demonstrating how "Counties Matter," especially in supporting older adults, their families and caregivers; and **WHEREAS**, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to elevate awareness of county responsibilities, programs and services; and **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of April 2020 as National County Government Month and encourages all county officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

Motion by S. Hampson/D. Weidenbach to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 1 excused - J. Gundersen.

- COVID-19 Update
 - Health Director Jen Rombalski gave an update on COVID-19 and La Crosse County's Health Departments response, impact and success. The three main objectives are to 1: Prevent; 2: Identify early and limit spread; and 3: Improve outcomes. Staff members are providing round the clock public response and currently three press conferences a week. The Health Department is working on investigating positive cases and close contacts of those positive patients. To date: there are 26 positive cases in La Crosse County, of those, 8 are recovering at home and 1 in the hospital, 17 have recovered, and there have been no reported deaths.
- Continuity of Operations Update – Associate Administrator Jane Klekamp gave an update on how the various County Departments are continuing to work through the COVID-19 pandemic. Many employees have transitioned to working from home while County buildings are still mostly closed to the public.

FAILED RESOLUTION: RESOLUTION RE: CONTINUING TERMS OF INCUMBENT COUNTY SUPERVISORS UPON POSTPONEMENT OF THE SPRING 2020 ELECTION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by M. Kruse/K. Keil to postpone indefinitely. Discussion ensued. Corporation Counsel Megan DeVore responded to questions from the Board and explained the reason we no longer need this resolution. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 1 excused - J. Gundersen.

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- Supervisor Conference Reports – none offered.
- Recognition of Outgoing Supervisors – Chair Johnson acknowledged the outgoing Supervisors and their years of service to the La Crosse County Board. Supervisors who will not be returning are Doug Weidenbach, Isaac Tahiri, Sharon Hampson, Jerome Gundersen, Mike Giese, Patrick Barlow, Ray Ebert, and Chair Tara Johnson.

ADJOURN

Motion by R. Ebert/P. Barlow to adjourn at 7:27 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 1 excused - J. Gundersen.

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

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County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting held Monday, April 13, 2020 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 4 OF MAY 2020.