

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, August 20, 2020 remotely via Microsoft Teams. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 28 supervisors were present when Chair Monica Kruse 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 Janssen, Barb	Present
4 Freedland, Maureen	Present
5 Mathu, Grant	Present
6 Plesha, Roger	Present
7 Padesky, Gary	Present
8 Isola, Peg	Present
9 Wacek, Dawn	Present
10 Cable, Kim	Present
11 Scheller, Patrick	Present
12 Erickson, Randy	Present
13 Tryggestad, Tina	Present at 06:26 PM
14 Larson, Margaret	Present
15 Kruse, Monica	Present
16 Ferries, Dan	Present
17 Pogreba, Jack	Present
18 Weber Strauss, Noelle	Present
19 Cornforth, Rick	Present
20 Doyle, Steve	Present
21 Burke, Vicki	Present
22 Kovacevich, Joe	Present
23 Nikolay, Matt	Present
24 Hoyer, Kevin	Present
25 Hundt, David	Present
26 Hesse, Dan	Present
27 Jacobs, Thomas	Present
28 Keil, Karen	Present
29 O'Neill, Jamie	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Monica Kruse

- Etiquette for County Board Meetings
 - All County Board etiquette for in person meetings will be asked of Supervisors with remote meetings. Supervisors are also reminded that the "chat" bar is to be used for business only. Masks will be required for all in person meetings and should only be removed while talking.
- Future Committee Meetings

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- The County Board Advance scheduled for August 26th has been cancelled and the rescheduled date for September has not been finalized yet. The September Planning meeting falls on Labor Day with either take place on the 14th or combined with the full Board meeting on the 17th. All County Board meetings will continue to be held remotely using Teams. They will be broadcast live on Facebook. All Standing Committee meeting will now be held in person in the County Board Room using social distancing and masks. All public input will be required in person as well.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Freedland announced that on August 26th at 11:45 A.M. outside the City of La Crosse, Mayor Kabat and Board Chair Kruse will present a proclamation on recognizing the 100 years of passing the 19th Amendment.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

- 2019 CAFR Review – Presented by Deputy Finance Director Lanae Nickelatti and Senior Accountant Christina Heit.
 - The annual financial reports include the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR), and the Single Audit. La Crosse County is required to have a financial audit each year but is not required to issue a PAFR. The CAFR contains an introduction, financial and statistical section. The Finance Department has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 14 consecutive years and the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for 5 consecutive years. The Single Audit includes the 2019 Federal Grant Expenditures and 2019 State Grant Expenditures. La Crosse County has Governmental funds, Enterprise funds and Internal Service funds. Enterprise funds (public charges) include the Hillview Campus, Lakeview Campus, Solid Waste and Household Hazardous Materials. Internal Service (services to other departments/governments) include Highway, workers comp, health self insurance and liability self insurance. Government funds are all other departments who are primarily funded by property taxes and intergovernmental revenues.
- Presentation of 2019 Annual Audit – Presented by Andrea Jansen and Leah Wipperfurth of Bakertilly.
 - The financial audit was completed for the year ending 12/31/2019 in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. An unmodified opinion was issued. No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies were identified.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by R. Plesha/D. Ferries to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning meeting held July 6, 2020 and the Monthly meeting held July 16, 2020 and the claims list for \$2,421,627.92 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-8/20 RE: ADOPTING SUSTAINABILITY GOALS OF IMPROVED EFFICIENCY TO REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION, ACHIEVING CARBON NEUTRALITY AND TRANSITIONING TO 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY BY 2050

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel Climate Change (IPCC) is an international treaty that seeks to stabilize the global climate system by pursuing efforts to limit the global average temperature increase to 1.5°C (2.7°F) above pre-industrial levels, which requires improved efficiency to reduce energy consumption, while pursuing carbon neutrality and 100% of energy coming from renewable sources by 2050; and **WHEREAS**, the French Island waste-to-energy plant operated by Xcel Energy burns refuse derived fuel provided by the regional solid waste system, producing less carbon emissions than landfilling of waste, which has saved

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over 300,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions over the past 32 years and provided electrical power to more than 10,000 homes, while extending the life of the landfill as part of a comprehensive waste disposal system seeking to encourage reduction, reuse or recycling to minimize landfilling to the extent possible. **WHEREAS**, the County has a demonstrated history of action on sustainability and innovative energy conservation projects including but not limited to roof top solar, the gas-to-energy project with Gundersen Health systems producing electricity and heat recovery and implementation and conversion to light emitting diode (LED) technology; and **WHEREAS**, according to the 2019 Sustainability Indicators Report, the County, in conjunction with Xcel Energy initiatives, has achieved a 39% reduction in CO2 emissions associated with energy consumption since 2007, including fuel use by County vehicles, natural gas and electricity use at county facilities, while saving more than \$2 million dollars within County operating budgets by implementing sustainable practices; and **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin pays an estimated \$14 billion dollars to states with fossil fuel resources and is last in per capita workforce in the clean energy economy in midwestern states, and pursuing these goals will reduce cash flows out of state, spur local economic development and create jobs; and, **WHEREAS**, without achievement of these goals, local climate change impacts will continue to include extreme weather events that threaten infrastructure, excessive flooding, worsening heat waves, increasingly severe and more frequent droughts, diebacks of native tree species, increased presence of algal blooms on area lakes and ponds, and loss of suitable trout stream habitat in Wisconsin; and **WHEREAS**, the February 4, 2019 Center on Wisconsin Strategies report, Wisconsin Opportunity in Domestic Energy Production: The Economic and Health Benefits of 100% In-State Energy Production by renewable resources would result in a statewide economic benefit of more than \$28 billion, plus the addition of more than 160,000 jobs and social and health benefits of decreased pollution and carbon emissions; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse County Board adopts the goals of improved energy efficiency to reduce energy consumption, achieving carbon neutrality and transitioning to 100% clean, renewable energy by 2050 for County operations, and leads the pursuit of these goals community-wide when considering land use planning, public transit, job creation, energy conservation, housing, economic development decisions and facilitation of public private partnerships. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County will seek to collaborate across local governments, area institutions and community organizations in pursuit of these goals, including prioritizing equity, affordability and access, particularly for low-income and marginalized communities, while encouraging the engagement of local businesses, residents and environmental advocacy groups, to exchange ideas and implement action steps to address the challenges of reducing energy use, addressing climate change and pursuing sustainable development. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County will undertake planning and action initiatives to assist in achieving these sustainability goals for County operations, and County staff will provide a status report to the County Board as part of the annual update of the Sustainability Indicators report. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that La Crosse County will continue to educate, evaluate and incorporate emerging sustainable technologies and practices into future management decisions, purchases and construction projects. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County must evaluate and show positive effects on key sustainability measures as it evaluates future potential consequences of decisions in its adoption of carbon reducing energy methods or projects. Those key measures must include economical (financial), environmental (ecological) and social sustainability (people, social capital). **FISCAL NOTE:** The direct fiscal impact is unknown without analysis of individual actions, however, the history of initiatives to date demonstrates significant budget savings over time.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by P. Isola/R. Cornforth to approve. Discussion ensued. Motion by M. Freedland/K. Hoyer to amend by substituting the last "Be It Further Resolved" clause with the following language: "Be It Further Resolved that the County must evaluate and show positive effects on key sustainability measures as it evaluates future potential consequences of decisions in its adoption of carbon reducing energy methods or projects. those key measures must include economical (financial), environmental (ecological) and social sustainability (people, social

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capital)" passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes. Motion by A. Richmond/R. Cornforth to amend by striking the words "Paris Climate Agreement is an International Treaty" in first paragraph and insert the words, "Intergovernmental Panel Climate Change (IPCC)" passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 1 abstention - K. Hoyer. The motion to approve as twice amended passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes.

ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z420-8/20 RE: DEFERRED PETITION NO. 2032 FILED BY ALEX PARCHER D/B/A BROADWAY PROPERTIES, LLC, TO REZONE A 2.43 ACRE LOT FROM GENERAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT CONDITIONS NOT RECORDED TO COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR RENTAL STORAGE UNITS IN THE TOWN OF HOLLAND

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 2032 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: ALEX PARCHER D/B/A BROADWAY PROPERTIES, LLC, W7765 PARCHER CT, HOLMEN, WI, 54636 and having held a public hearing on the 3rd day of August 2020 for a petition to rezone a 2.43 acre lot from the GENERAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT CONDITIONS NOT RECORDED to the COMMERCIAL DISTRICT for commercial rental storage units in existing detached accessory buildings located in the Town of Holland and is described as follows: Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map No. 87 in Vol. 13. Tax parcel 8-960-2. Property address N8827 US Highway 53. Town of Holland. 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 seven (7) in favor, and zero (0) no, the committee voted to approve deferred Zoning Petition No. 2032 subject to no conditions. (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 20th day of August, 2020. Approved the petition as submitted, becomes an ordinance.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by P. Isola/R. Erickson to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 1135 FILED BY JAMES SHURSON D/B/A A1 ADVANCED PUMPING SERVICE INC FOR AN OFFICE AND TO STORE AND MAINTAIN EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LIQUID WASTE BUSINESS ZONED EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF HAMILTON

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered an application filed by: JAMES SHURSON, N4314 COUNTY RD M, WEST SALEM, WI, 54669 D/B/A A1 ADVANCED PUMPING SERVICE, INC, N4314 COUNTY RD M, WEST SALEM, WI, 54669 and having held a public hearing on the 3rd day of August, 2020 for a Conditional Use Permit for an office and to store and maintain equipment and vehicles associated with the liquid waste business including a skid steer, dump truck, 2 semis, 2 tractors, 4 pick-ups, and 4 straight trucks within an existing 54-ft x 150-ft building with a 15-ft x 80-ft lean-to and zoned EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT in the Town of Hamilton and described as follows: Part of the NE/NW of Section 9, T16N, R6W. Tax parcel 7-252-0. Property address N4445 County Rd M. Town of Hamilton. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats. and s. 17.36 Zoning Code: 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 or correspondence from the people; and, did receive and consider action from the affected Town Board(s). The Committee, under s. 91.48(1), Wis. Stats., along with the affected Town Board(s), under s. 17.36(4), have the authority to approve the application with integral conditions or to disapprove of the application. Having considered the entire record the Committee's recommendation is to: By a vote of seven (7) in favor, and

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zero (0) no, the committee recommended approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 1135 subject to the following eleven (11) conditions:

1. Conditional Use Permit No. 1135 is issued specifically to James Shurson, N4314 County Rd M, West Salem, WI, 54669 d/b/a A1 Advanced Pumping Service, Inc, N4314 County Rd M, West Salem, WI, 54669, for an office and to store and maintain equipment and vehicles associated with the liquid waste business including a skid steer, dump truck, 2 semis, 2 tractors, 4 pick-ups, and 4 straight trucks within an existing 54-ft x 150-ft building with a 15-ft x 80-ft lean-to, on land zoned Exclusive Agriculture District. Property described as part of the NE/NW of Section 9, T16N, R6W. Tax parcel 7-252-0. Property address N4445 County Rd M. Town of Hamilton;
2. In accordance with the applicant's impact statement, hours of operation are from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and night and weekend emergencies;
3. In accordance with the impact statement, a total of 8 employees are authorized during the week, 2 on weekends;
4. All waste generated by maintaining equipment and servicing vehicles shall be disposed of in a code compliant manner;
5. Outside storage of vehicles, machinery and any business inventory were not included in the application and is not authorized, except for employee parking;
6. A driveway permit is required for change in use;
7. A Zoning/Occupancy Permit is required for structural changes proposed to be made on the building to accommodate the business;
8. The applicant shall contact the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) to determine if state plan approval is required for any proposed modifications to the building that may be required to meet safety and building codes. Confirmation of approval, or confirmation from DSPS indicating approval is not necessary shall be submitted to the Zoning Department prior to issuance of a Zoning/Occupancy Permit or use of the premises as proposed;
9. On-site storage of wastewater or other waste material collected by the business is not allowed;
10. Any advertising shall meet the requirements of Chapter 33 of the La Crosse County Code of Ordinances except upon the approval of an appeal to the Planning, Resources and Development Committee; and
11. This permit is not transferrable.

THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 20th day of August, 2020. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by P. Isola/K. Keil to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 1136 FILED BY JAMES OLSON OF OLSON CONSTRUCTION INC O/B/B LYNELLE JO AND RICKY J HINKLEY TO CONSTRUCT ONE SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE ON LAND USED AS CROPLAND WITH CLASS 1 & 2 SOILS ON EXISTING 59.51 ACRE BASE FARM TRACT AND ZONED EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF BARRE

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered an application filed by: JAMES OLSON OF OLSON CONSTRUCTION, INC., 2409 16TH ST S, LA CROSSE, WI, 54601, O/B/O LYNELLE JO & RICK J HINKLEY, W5445 COUNTY RD F #46 and having held a public hearing on the 3rd day of August, 2020 for a Conditional Use Permit to construct one single family residence on land used as cropland with Class 1 & 2 soils on an existing 59.51 acre Base Farm Tract and zoned EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT in the Town of Barre and described as follows: Part of the SW/SE and SE/SW of Section 19, T16N, R6W. Tax parcel 2-115-2. Property address W3328 Welsh Coulee Rd. Town of Barre. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats. and s. 17.36 Zoning Code: 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 or correspondence

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from the people; and, did receive and consider action from the affected Town Board(s). The Committee, under s. 91.48(1), Wis. Stats., along with the affected Town Board(s), under s. 17.36(4), have the authority to approve the application with integral conditions or to disapprove of the application. Having considered the entire record the Committee's recommendation is to: By a vote of seven (7) in favor, and zero (0) no, the committee recommended approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 1136 subject to the following five (5) conditions:

1. Conditional Use Permit No. 1136 is issued specifically to Lynelle Jo Hinkley, N3328 Welsh Coulee Rd, La Crosse, WI, 54601, to construct one single family residence on land used as cropland with Class 1 & 2 soils on an existing 59.51 acre Base Farm Tract zoned Exclusive Agriculture District. Property described as part of the SW/SE and SE/SW of Section 19, T16N, R6W. Tax parcel 2-115-2. Property address W3328 Welsh Coulee Rd. Town of Barre;
2. A minimum of 35 acres of the 59.51 acre Base Farm Tract (BFT) must be deed restricted to allow future agricultural uses only with no additional farm or non-farm residences allowed on this deed restricted area;
3. The residence must be constructed within the deed restricted area;
4. The proposed location shall be as indicated on the application; and
5. These conditions shall apply until lifted or amended by the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors.

THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 20th day of August, 2020. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by P. Isola/D. Hesse to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-8/20 RE: QUIT CLAIM DEED OF PROPERTY TO STATE OF WISCONSIN – DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the County currently owns property located in two parcels along the intersection of STH 14/61/35 which was previously needed for highway right of way; and, **WHEREAS**, this property is approximately 20 acres more particularly located at:

Parcel 1: Sec. 27, T15N, R7W, NW ¼ - NE ¼ and the NE ¼ - NW ¼, recorded at Volume 228, Page 76, Document #523865

Parcel 2: Sec. 27, T15N, R7W, NW ¼ - NE ¼ and the NE ¼ -NW ¼, recorded at Volume 161, Page 267, Document #281088; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation has indicated that this property is now needed by the State in order to complete a highway construction project located in this area; and **WHEREAS**, pursuant to s. 84.09, Wis. Stats., and Order of the Department of Transportation, the State has requested that this land be conveyed to the State of Wisconsin; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby authorizes the transfer of property as identified above to State of Wisconsin-Department of Transportation; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair and County Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Quit Claim Deed to transfer said property to the State of Wisconsin-Department of Transportation, after approval by Corporation Counsel. **FISCAL NOTE:** There are no outstanding taxes regarding the parcel. No further costs to La Crosse County.

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion by R. Erickson/J. Kovacevich to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes.

FIRST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 182 TO AMEND S 7.08 ENTITLED "ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES" OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion by R. Erickson/M. Nikolay 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. Upon adoption and publication, it will be incorporated into the La Crosse County General Code of Ordinances.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-8/20 RE: APPROVING VIDEO CONFERENCING EQUIPMENT FOR COURTROOMS TO ENABLE IMPROVED SECURE REMOTE PROCEEDINGS DUE TO THE PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic most La Crosse County Circuit Court proceedings have been conducted remotely by video conferencing since mid-March of 2020; and **WHEREAS**, it is likely that video appearances may continue to be necessary on an on-going or intermittent basis into the future; and **WHEREAS**, although current technology has allowed adequate video conference proceedings to this point, there are improvements to be made as well as additional barriers that will need to be addressed when some of the participants are present in the courtroom and some are not able to be present in the courtroom due to COVID19-related concerns; and **WHEREAS**, video appearances in court proceedings are significantly different than video conferencing in other settings and must replicate the “in-court” experience as closely as possible by providing all participants the ability to clearly see and hear everything that is occurring in the courtroom; by providing attorneys and clients the ability to privately confer and by ensuring that the Judge and other court personnel are able to efficiently manage their dockets; and **WHEREAS**, only one of the five Circuit Court branches is currently equipped with video conference equipment and that equipment is nearing time for replacement; and **WHEREAS**, new video conferencing equipment in all five of the Circuit Court branch courtrooms as well as in the Circuit Court Family Court Commissioner’s courtroom will provide consistency of equipment between courtrooms and will provide a secure system that will protect the privacy of litigants while also providing due process; and **WHEREAS**, the cost of equipping each of the six courtrooms is estimated to be around \$42,000 per courtroom for a total of approximately \$248,925; and **WHEREAS**, the Governor has allocated \$1.9 million from the Federal CARES act as part of the Routes to Recovery grant program to La Crosse County and a review of eligible costs indicates the cost of the video conferencing equipment would be reimbursable; and **WHEREAS**, the CARES/Routes to Recovery grant program requires that money be expended by end of year in order to be submitted for reimbursement for COVID-19 response costs to protect public health and safety; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Board authorizes the expenditure of up to \$248,925 for the purpose of equipping the six courtrooms (five Circuit Court branches and Family Court Commissioner) with video conferencing equipment; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these expenses will be submitted for reimbursement through the Routes To Recovery grant but in the event that the expenses are deemed ineligible will be paid for by the general fund. **FISCAL NOTE:** The cost of the equipment will be submitted for reimbursement through the Routes to Recovery grant program. If the expense is not reimbursed by Routes to Recovery grant, the expense would be paid out of the general fund (requires 2/3 vote as an unbudgeted expenditure).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/A. Richmond to approve. Motion by K. Cable/P. Isola to amend by replacing \$210,000 with \$248,925 in the first “Now Therefore Be It Resolved” clause and in the seventh “Whereas” clause, replace \$210,000 with \$248,925 and \$35,000 with \$42,000. Discussion ensued. Administrator O’Malley and IT Director John Parshall responded to questions from the Board. The motion to amend passed on a voice vote with 28 ayes, 1 abstention - K. Hoyer. The motion to approve as amended passed on a voice vote with 28 ayes, 1 abstention - K. Hoyer.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-8/20 RE: AUTHORIZING POSITION AND PURCHASES RELATED TO THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE JAG EBDM PRETRIAL PILOT SITES PROJECT GRANT FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Justice has awarded a JAG EBDM Pretrial Pilot Sites Project grant in the amount of \$106,373, with no match requirements, to La Crosse County effective July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. Such funding is to be utilized to develop and enhance a pretrial program designed to maximize public safety and court appearance while maximizing pretrial release; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County Justice Support Services is an active participant in the Wisconsin Pretrial Pilot Project along with six other Wisconsin Counties, and is well positioned to perform the expectations and standards of a pretrial agency as required by the pilot project; and, **WHEREAS**, the need to continue the position of pretrial screening social worker is required to take on the additional tasks of assessing those charged with a crime that are not in custody to provide the courts with necessary information to assist in making bond decisions, as well as the additional requirements of quality assurance and training as outlined by the pilot project. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby accepts the JAG EBDM Pretrial Pilot Sites Project grant in the amount of \$106,373 and the County Administrator is authorized to execute any documents to effectuate this resolution, after approval of Corporation Counsel; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board of Supervisors authorize the continuation of 1.0 FTE Justice Support Services Social Worker position, to fulfill the proposed programming outlined in the DOJ Pretrial Pilot grant proposal; 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**, that the additional staff authorized under this resolution will be retained only so long as they can be supported by State dollars related to the DOJ Pretrial Pilot grant or from directly related program savings; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Finance Department is authorized to make any necessary and appropriate account transfers related to accepting this additional funding. **FISCAL NOTE:** Total grant award is \$106,373 currently ending December 31, 2021. There is no local match requirement. Wisconsin Department of Justice has indicated available funding to support these pretrial needs over a period of 4 years in total (with funding beginning 5/1/19). A division has already been established within the County financial system under the Justice Support Services section to account for the personnel and operating costs of this continued grant funding.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by T. Tryggstad/D. Wacek to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Supervisor Padesky asked for an update on the homeless situation in our area.

ADJOURN

Motion by A. Richmond/R. Erickson to adjourn at 7:42 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes.

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, August 20, 2020 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 21 OF AUGUST 2020.