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**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, June 8, 2020 with Microsoft Teams. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 25 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 at 6:26 PM
8 Isola, Peg	Present
9 Wacek, Dawn	Present
10 Cable, Kim	Present
11 Scheller, Patrick	Excused
12 Erickson, Randy	Present
13 Tryggestad, Tina	Present
14 Larson, Margaret	Present
15 Kruse, Monica	Present
16 Ferries, Dan	Present
17 Pogreba, Jack	Absent
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	Absent
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

- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Chair Kruse read a statement regarding the recent events surrounding the death of George Floyd and creating a new system.
 - Chair Kruse noted she sent an email about the County Board Advance being scheduled for July 29th from 12pm – 4pm. Please respond with your availability.

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Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

PROCLAMATION JUNE 2020 - PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES MONTH

WHEREAS, the County Parks system and our Natural Resources are an integral part of the La Crosse County Community with 9 parks, 963 acres of recreational opportunities and 236 miles of trout streams; 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 2020 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 T. Jacobs/K. Cable to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 2 absent - D. Hundt and J. Pogreba, 2 excused - G. Padesky and P. Scheller,

- Collaboration to End Homelessness update – Julie McDermont
 - This is a joint project of La Crosse County and Community Housing Service Providers of the Coulee Collaborative to End Homelessness that was started in November 2017. A total of 196 households have been served that include 477 individuals with 206 adults/271 children. 43% of households have experienced domestic violence. Only 19 of 196 households are paying above fair market rent and 59% of households are paying more than 30% of their gross income. The projected expenditure as of June 1, 2020 was \$404,676.87 with an actual expenditure of \$290,450.80. Funding is used to pay for late fees and legal fees, relocation expenses, rent/arrears, and utilities. 95% of clients who have completed the program have retained housing and 38% have increased their income with 98% doing so by gaining or increasing employment. Eviction filings and new clients entering homelessness has decreased. The next steps are to focus on provisions of quality service for increased self-sustainability, continue use Coordinated Entry Prevention Prioritization List, and focus on increased coordination with other funding sources.
- 2019 Sustainability Indicators Report – Anders Olson
 - The Sustainability Indicators Report looks at electricity, natural gas, vehicle fuel and paper usage and CO2 emissions along with community wide waste & recycling, transportation, land use, and socio-economic conditions. Electricity usage has gone down 20% since 2007 with a cumulative savings of \$709,000. Natural Gas usage is down 36% since 2007 with a cumulative savings of \$368,000. Annual vehicle usage has gone up 3% since 2007 with a cumulative savings of \$123,000. Annual CO2 emission from energy use is down a total of 39%. Paper usage is also down 49% since 2009 with a cumulative savings of \$895,000. In total, cumulative savings from efficiency/conservation from 2008-2019 is \$2 million.
 - Community wide electricity usage is up 2.4% from 2015, up 14% since 2015 for natural gas usage, and up .7% since 2009 for emission. The French Island Waste to Energy Plant produced 77 million kWh of electricity per year that keeps 40,000 tons out of the landfill each year. The Landfill Gas to Energy Project creates 600,000 therms/year of heat and 7 million kWh/year of electricity.
- Evolution of Land Services, understanding land use policies
 - La Crosse County Land Services Department consists of Land Conservation, Zoning Planning and Land Information, Environmental Health, County Surveyor, UW-Extension, Community Development, and the La Crosse Area

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Planning Committee. Over the next several months a plan will be developed to go over the various ordinances and codes that entails these departments and their impacts on our community.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by A. Richmond/P. Isola to adjourn at 7:17 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 2 absent - D. Hundt and J. Pogreba, 1 excused - P. Scheller.

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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 8, 2020 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 2020.