

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING  
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, October 5, 2020 via Microsoft Teams. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 27 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:

<b>District Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
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
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	Absent
23 Nikolay, Matt	Present
24 Hoyer, Kevin	Excused
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**

**PROCLAMATION OCTOBER 2020 - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, New Horizons Shelter and Outreach Centers in conjunction with the La Crosse Domestic and Sexual Abuse Community Coordinated Response Team, End Abuse Wisconsin, and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence is commemorating October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and **WHEREAS**, the month of October seeks to further greater awareness of the incidence of domestic violence, primarily focusing on the victims who have suffered emotional and physical abuse, and celebrating the achievements of

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domestic abuse advocate groups throughout the state and nation; and **WHEREAS**, through the inspiration, courage and persistence of survivors, their friends and their support groups, legislation has been enacted to provide protection and services for those suffering from emotional and physical terror; and **WHEREAS**, there is still a lot of work left to do to address this most serious problem; and **WHEREAS**, government officials, domestic violence programs, social service agencies, religious organizations, education institutions, health care providers and funding agencies are joining in the effort to promote an awareness of the incidence of domestic violence and to provide services to its victims. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Motion by A. Richmond/D. Ferries to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 1 absent - J. Kovacevich, 1 excused - K. Hoyer.

- Public Records Request – Supervisors were reminded that all public record requests need to be forwarded to the County Clerk to keep track of them. Corporation Counsel and IT will be notified and will take care of responding. IT reviewed the recommended ways for Supervisors to check their emails remotely.
- Supervisor Conference Reports – none offered.

#### **Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley**

#### **PROCLAMATION OCTOBER 2020 - SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, La Crosse County helps to minimize the environmental impact of waste disposal in our region through management of award winning programs including waste-to-energy, landfill operations, gas to energy recovery and household hazardous materials collection; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has helped to facilitate the successful implementation of single-stream recycling collection in the cities of La Crosse and Onalaska that has resulted in a 137 percent increase in recycling; and **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has adopted an update to the 2008 Solid Waste Management Plan, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has accepted the plan that provides a roadmap for continued success in the operational, environmental and financial performance of the Solid Waste Department; and **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County enhances regional solid waste and recycling efforts through expanding sustainability practices and collaboration on all aspects of solid waste and recycling, processing and beneficial reuse of by-products **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of October 2020 as La Crosse County Solid Waste and Recycling Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of persons dedicated to operating one of the most environmentally sustainable solid waste disposal systems in the nation.

Motion by G. Mathu/K. Cable to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 1 absent - J. Kovacevich, 1 excused - K. Hoyer.

- 2021 County Administrator's Budget Recommendation
  - The 2021 recommended property tax levy would be \$36.480 million which is an increase of 1.92% vs 1.58% value of new construction and a mill rate of \$3.48/thousand. The 2019 vs 2020 proposed tax rate per \$1,000 valuation decreased by 10 cents or -2.79%. The 2019 year end results have La Crosse County in the strongest financial position in the past 17 years. The General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance grew from 59% - \$20.7 million to 67% - \$23.4 million. Revenues are on track for YTD. The Health Department shifted 75% of their focus to the COVID response and expect reimbursement. Expenses are down in most areas and sales tax is on pace with 2019 thru July. Some of the greatest decrease in the tax levy is Human Services, Courts, UW Extension, interest investment revenue is up, and 1 month of insurance premium waiver for operating budgets saves \$1.2 million. The largest increase in tax levy is the decline in sales tax estimated and indirect cost revenues. The Highway Department's St Joes project was reviewed which is a \$4.2 million project.

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- o The Board will make budget decisions with resolution on Personnel, fees and charges, employee health and dental insurance, employee compensation increase for 2021, Highway borrowing authorization for road projects and St. Joe's Shop, and 2021 Budget and Tax Levy. There will be a special Executive Committee meeting in October to finalize budget changes. A public hearing on the budget will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- County Board Advance Format – October 7, 2020 1-4pm.
  - o Supervisors were reminded of the Board Advance and the format was discussed. Facilitators will assist with small group discussion on the list of questions. Further information will be emailed.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered.**

**ADJOURN**

Motion by G. Mathu/J. Pogreba to adjourn at 7:27 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 1 absent - J. Kovacevich, 1 excused - K. Hoyer.

**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, October 5, 2020 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 15 OF OCTOBER 2020.**