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**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, December 6, 2021 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 26 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 | Excused |
| 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 | Excused |
| 20 Doyle, Steve | Present |
| 21 Burke, Vicki | Present |
| 22 Viner, Pamela | Present |
| 23 Nikolay, Matt | Present |
| 24 Hoyer, Kevin | Present |
| 25 Hundt, David | Present |
| 26 Hesse, Dan | Present |
| 27 Jacobs, Thomas | Excused |
| 28 Keil, Karen | Present |
| 29 O'Neill, Jamie | Present |

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Monica Kruse

- Update from December 1, 2021 Special Executive Meeting on Long Term Planning related to unsheltered population - Chair Kruse noted that the Executive Committee and City of La Crosse Officials met jointly to discuss the purchase of the Chamber of Commerce building and the 1.68 acres surrounding to create bridge housing or transitional housing for homeless individuals on that site. Onsite staffing would be provided by La Crosse County Human Services Department and other community

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support services. Staff has been encouraged to look at the possibility to purchase that building contingent on approval by both County and City Boards.

- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisory Hoyer and Supervisor Keil helped to install the next 4H Chapter of Officers.
 - Supervisor Tryggestad attended the White Privilege Symposium held in La Crosse.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

PROCLAMATION DECEMBER 2021 - ZONING, PLANNING AND LAND INFORMATION AND METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MONTH

WHEREAS, the staff of these departments assist and advise individuals, businesses, professionals, and governmental communities by uniformly administering the zoning, floodplain, shoreland, subdivision, telecommunication, nonmetallic mining ordinances, and consistently carrying out the provisions of the comprehensive land use ordinances; and,

WHEREAS, they coordinate land information systems for the assessment, taxation, mapping, building permits, planning and the educational needs of the public and private sector, one of which is the county land records website; and, **WHEREAS**, they help provide a safe and efficient transportation system plan, obtaining transportation funding, which is maintained and funded partly through Wisconsin, Minnesota and federally required metropolitan transportation planning department, which is maintained and funded partly through Wisconsin, Minnesota and federally required metropolitan transportation planning department. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of December 2021 as Zoning, Planning and Land Information and Metropolitan Transportation Planning Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contributions of the staff dedicated to promoting the public health, safety and a property tax base through encouraging planned and orderly land use development.

Motion by P. Isola/K. Keil to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - R. Cornforth, K. Cable and T. Jacobs.

APPOINTMENT

Motion by G. Padesky/M. Larson to appoint Lanae Nickelotti as the Finance Director to replace Sharon Davison passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - R. Cornforth, K. Cable and T. Jacobs.

- Update on work of Comprehensive Planning Advisory Committee
 - County Planner Charlie Handy presented an update on the committee's work. 475 people responded to a survey that went out on May 4th, 235 people responded to the survey on Farmland Preservation input, and over 200 responses on the Sustainability survey. The Comp Plan's core values include sustainability, collaborative, equitable, forward thinking and respect. Survey respondents ranked the core values on importance: Sustainable, respectful, equitable, collaborative and forward thinking. 50% of landowners indicated they plan to pass the farm on to the next generation, 4% said they planned to sell some or all for land development, 10% plan to increase the size of the farm, and 7% want to pursue renewable energy options. Policy recommendations include: develop county wide energy plan, request action plans from local utilities for attaining the 2050 goal of carbon neutrality and 100% clean energy, develop programs that encourage shorter commutes for county employees, initiate incentive programs for development within rural sanitary sewer districts, provide additional funding for conservation, promote local production of foods, improve conditions for diverse population to contribute to the farm economy, guide growth to developed areas where public facilities and services can be economically provided, and encourage the protection of economically productive areas including farmland and forests.

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The tentative plan is for the first reading of the ordinance to be at the April County Board meeting.

- Future Calendar on reporting to County Board
 - Associate Administrator Jane Klekamp presented an updated plan for departments to report to County Board. The calendar will show what department will report each month and tours of the departments. An overview of an annual report was also discussed.
- Report on American Rescue Plan Act project funding requests
 - The task force recommendations were presented to the County Board. \$22.89 million was allocated to La Crosse County with funding being required to be obligated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026. Some eligible examples are public health, economic hardship, revenue lost/replacement, premium pay or water/sewer/broadband infrastructure. Ineligible examples would be pensions, fund balances, or cutting taxes. Over 80 people sat on the 7 task forces. The group included county board members, representatives of diverse community groups, subject-matter experts and county staff. Most task forces met at least 4 times to work on proposals. The total requested from the task forces is \$32,380,000. The various projects developed by the task forces were discussed. Motion by A. Richmond/G. Padesky to take \$500,000 from the contingency fund to be used for Veteran Organizations passed on a voice vote with 22 ayes, 4 nays - M. Freedland, D. Hundt, P. Isola and M. Kruse, 3 excused - R. Cornforth, K. Cable and T. Jacobs. Prioritization tonight on the task forces priority projects will help maximize access to grants and other funding and the plan will be revisited regularly for flexibility. Resolutions will be presented to the Board in January for spending approval. The tasks forces will move to implement and continue to evaluate priorities and to see other sources of other funding. Everything will continue to be brought back to the County Board for evaluation.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by D. Hundt/J. Pogreba to adjourn at 8:18 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 3 excused - R. Cornforth, K. Cable and T. Jacobs.

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, December 6, 2021 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 10 OF DECEMBER 2021.