

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING  
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, January 21, 2021 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. 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:

<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 Viner, Pamela	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 at 06:19 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**County Board Chair Report - Monica Kruse**

- Chair Kruse reminded the Standing Committee Chairs of the training session on Tuesday at 11:30am.
- Supervisor Conference Reports – none offered.

**Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley**

- Update on COVID-10 response and status on the process of vaccines.

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- o Health Director Jen Rombalski gave an update on the status of COVID-19 in this area. The goal is to vaccinate as many people as possible that are eligible. Over 7,000 people have been vaccinated in La Crosse County already. The Health Department's role is to communicate directly with those that are eligible and those that will become eligible and to fill gaps as a vaccinator. Currently Gundersen and Mayo are the only vaccinators with Weber Plus coming online next week. Currently there are two vaccines being used, Pfizer and Moderna which are both two dose vaccines. Two more vaccines will be coming out shortly, AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson which are a single dose vaccination. Vaccinations are focusing on healthcare workers, fire and police and now 65 plus population will be eligible on the 25<sup>th</sup>. More groups will continue to become eligible for groups 1A and 1B. A form has been released for people currently eligible for the vaccine to be put in contact with a vaccinator or to be placed on a list for notification when your group becomes available. You still need to follow current recommendations of wearing a mask, social distancing and getting tested.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Motion by M. Kruse/R. Erickson to appoint Sarah Winn to the Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee for a three term to expire July 31, 2023; appoint Keith Purnell to the Veterans Service Commission for a three year term to expire December 31, 2023; appoint Marte Peterson to the Veterans Service Commission as an alternate for the remainder of a term to expire December 31, 2021 to replace Keith Purnell passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by G. Padesky/T. Jacobs to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly meeting held December 17, 2020 and the claims list for \$1,564,764.97 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes.

### **DENIED AFTER-THE-FACT CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 1153 FILED BY BILLI SUE JANNUSCH, ACTING O/B/O LENNIE J WALDNER TO OPERATE A DOG GROOMING BUSINESS KNOWN AS CHIC PAWS HOME GROOMING ON A 13.91 ACRE LOT ZONED RURAL DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF HOLLAND**

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered an application filed by: BILLI SUE JANNUSCH, W6640 COUNTY RD V, HOLMEN, WI, 54636, ACTING O/B/O LENNIE J WALDNER, W6640 COUNTY RD V, HOLMEN, WI, 54636 and having held a public hearing on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021 for an after-the-fact Conditional Use Permit to operate a dog grooming business known as Chic Paws Home Grooming on a 13.91 acre lot zoned Rural District in the Town of Holland and described as follows: Part of the NW/NE of Section 20, T18N, R7W. Tax parcel 8-238-0. Property address W6640 County Rd V. Town of Holland. 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 four (4) in favor (Isola, Scheller, Keil, Cornforth), two (2) no (Hundt, Hesse), and one (1) abstention (Hoyer), the committee recommended denial of After-the-Fact Conditional Use Permit No. 1153. THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2021. Disapproved the application.

### **PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Motion by P. Isola/P. Scheller to approve. Discussion ensued. Planner Charlie Handy responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve as recommended by the committee which is to deny, passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes.

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**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 1154 FILED BY LUCAS MORRISSEY OF JOHNSON LANDSCAPING, LLC ACTING O/B/O DOUGLAS L AND CATHERINE S JOHNSON TO USE AN EXISTING 40FT X 63FT POLE SHED FOR STORAGE OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATED WITH A LANDSCAPING BUSINESS ON A 2.99 ACRE LOT ZONE RURAL DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF MEDARY. THIS PERMIT WILL REPLACE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 475 WHICH WAS NON-TRANSFERABLE**

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered an application filed by: LUCAS MORRISSEY OF JOHNSON LANDSCAPING, LLC, N3329 MILLER RD, LA CROSSE, WI, 54601, ACTING O/B/O DOUGLAS L AND CATHERINE S JOHNSON, W5545 STONE HILL RD, LA CROSSE, WI, 54601 and having held a public hearing on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021 for a Conditional Use Permit to use an existing 40-ft x 63-ft pole shed for storage of vehicles and equipment associated with a landscaping business, including pick-up trucks, trailers, skid loader, and miscellaneous tools. This permit will replace Conditional Use Permit No. 475 which was non-transferable. This 2.99 acre lot is zoned Rural District in the Town of Medary and described as follows: Part of the SE/SW of Section 23 and part of the NE/NW of Section 26, all in T16N, R7W. Tax parcel 9-1246-1. Property address W5545 Miller Rd. Town of Medary. 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 zero (0) no, the committee recommended approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 1154 subject to the following ten (10) conditions:

1. This permit is granted specifically to Lucas Morrissey of Johnson Landscaping, LLC. N3329 Miller Rd. La Crosse, WI 54601 to use an existing 40'x63' pole shed for storage of vehicles and equipment associated with a landscaping business including pick-up trucks, trailers, skid loader, and miscellaneous tools. This permit will replace Conditional Use Permit 475, which was non-transferable;
2. Storage is limited to the 40'x63' pole shed as proposed. No outside storage is authorized;
3. No retail sales authorized on this site;
4. No outdoor signage except as authorized by Chapter 33 of the La Crosse County Code of Ordinances;
5. A maximum of 20 employees;
6. Hours of operation: 7:30am - 5:00pm Monday through Friday. Closed during the winter;
7. A separate 911# is required for the business;
8. This permit is not transferrable;
9. Conditional Use Permit No. 475 is terminated in its entirety; and
10. The applicant provides legal proof of access to the site.

THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2021. 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.

**ZONING PETITION NO. Z430-1/21 RE: PETITION NO. 2053 FILED BY MILESTONE MATERIALS, A DIVISION OF MATHY CONSTRUCTION TO REZONE A 146.12 ACRE LOT FROM EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO RECREATIONAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT FOR AN EXISTING LIMESTONE QUARRY AND FUTURE EXPANSION OF SAID QUARRY IN THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON**

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 2053 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: MILESTONE

MATERIALS, A DIVISION OF MATHY CONSTRUCTION, 920 10<sup>TH</sup> AVE N, ONALASKA, WI, 54650 and having held a public hearing on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021 for a petition to rezone a 146.12-acre lot from the EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT to the RECREATIONAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT for an existing limestone quarry and future expansion of said quarry located in the Town of Washington and is described as follows: The SE/SE of the NE Quarter; the SW/SW of the NE Quarter except for the East 60-ft of said SW/SW of the NE Quarter and a triangular parcel of land described as: beginning at the NE corner of the SW/SW of the NE Quarter, thence 60-ft Westerly along the Northern border of the Quarter-Quarter-Quarter section line to point of beginning, then continuing Westerly another 180-ft along this same line, then 349.86 feet S 32°43'53" East to a point 60-ft West of the East line of the Quarter-Quarter-Quarter section, thence Northerly 300-ft to the point of beginning; and the NW/NW of the SE Quarter lying north of State Highway 33 except for tax parcels 12-168-0 and 12-169-0; all in Section 7, T15N, R5W. Town of Washington. Tax parcels 12-146-0 and the SW portion of tax parcel 12-144-1. Also; tax parcel 12-179-2 which lies in part of the West Half of the NW Quarter; and part of the NW/SW, all in Section 8, T15N, R5W. Town of Washington. 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 Zoning Petition No. 2053 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2021. Approved the petition with amendments/conditions, becomes an ordinance, after recording conditions.

#### **PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Motion by P. Isola/D. Hesse to approve. Discussion ensued. Planner Charlie Handy responded to questions from the Board. Motion by P. Isola/G. Padesky to amend the 146.12 to 72.16 acres passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes. The motion to approve as recommended by the Committee as amended passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 45-1/21 RE: REAUTHORIZATION OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION SELF-INSURANCE**

**WHEREAS**, La Crosse County is a qualified political subdivision of the State of Wisconsin; and, **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Worker's Compensation Act (Act) provided that employers covered by the Act either insure their liability with worker's compensation insurance carriers authorized to do business in Wisconsin, or to be exempted (self-insured) from insuring liabilities with a carrier and thereby assuming the responsibility for its own worker's compensation risk and payment; and, **WHEREAS**, the State and its political subdivisions may self-insure worker's compensation without a special order from the Department of Workforce Development (Department) if they agree to report faithfully all compensable injuries and agree to comply with the Act and rules of the Department; and, **WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee at its January 13th meeting approved the continuation of the self-insured worker's compensation program, in compliance with Wisconsin Administrative Code DWD 80.60(3). **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does ordain as follows:

- (1) To provide for the continuation of a self-insured worker's compensation program that is currently in effect, and;
- (2) Authorizes the County Clerk to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Worker's Compensation Division, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

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**FISCAL NOTE:** This is a periodic reauthorization of that program as required by the State. There is no fiscal impact to this resolution. The self-insured Worker's Compensation program has provided substantial savings for La Crosse County since its inception in 1996.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by K. Cable/A. Richmond to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 46-1/21 RE: APPROVING UP TO \$100,000 FOR HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SERVICES IN 2021**

**WHEREAS**, preventing individuals and families from becoming homeless will save intervention dollars currently spent on shelter, incarceration, mental health, emergency room and related services, while averting loss of employment, insecurity for children, and mental health crises; and **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors released \$500,000 of General Fund reserves allocated in the 2018 budget, which funded direct aid in 2018, 2019 and 2020 to households and individuals for rent and other assistance, matched by staffing support through Independent Living Resources, Salvation Army, Catholic Charities and the La Crosse Area Family Collaborative; and **WHEREAS**, the Coulee Collaborative to End Homelessness has requested an additional \$100,000 from the County to fund direct aid in 2021, which matches the additional funding commitments for staffing support from community partners. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors, approves up to \$100,000 to provide short-term direct aid to individuals and families to prevent homelessness through the Coulee Collaborative to End Homelessness and used by clients of Independent Living Resources, Salvation Army, Catholic Charities and the La Crosse Area Family Collaborative, which will be matched from other funding sources for staffing and support services. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the county funding will reimburse these agencies for short-term direct aid provided to individuals and families, contingent upon assessment of household income at or below 80% of County Median Income, while verifying that the recipients are not receiving assistance from multiple agencies. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that county funding for short-term direct aid may be used for rental assistance, utilities, security deposit, child-care and vehicle repairs in order to maintain housing, prevent eviction and/or continued employment. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Coulee Collaborative to End Homelessness will continue to collect data and report to the County Board on the uses of the funding, the number of individuals and families assisted and any measurable effect on the use of local intervention and shelter resources, in order to consider the effectiveness of the expanded prevention services for requesting funding in future budgets. **FISCAL NOTE:** This resolution would amend the 2021 budget to allocate \$100,000 in Org 100. 155.1590 Non-Departmental Account 64300.01 for Operating Expenses from General Fund Balance – Excess Sales Tax, with County Board approval required for any use of the allocation.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by K. Cable/G. Mathu to approve. Discussion ensued. Associate Administrator Jane Klekamp, Human Services Supervisor Isaac Hoffman, and Administrator O'Malley responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a voice vote with 27 ayes and 2 abstentions - D. Ferries and M. Nikolay.

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

**ADJOURN**

Motion by R. Plesha/T. Tryggestad to adjourn at 7:33 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes.

(103-20/21)

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, January 21, 2021 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 22 OF JANUARY 2021.