

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, July 15, 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:

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
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	Excused
28 Keil, Karen	Present
29 O'Neill, Jamie	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Monica Kruse

- Redistricting Update – Governor Evers vetoed a bill that would delay the redistricting timeline and counties are now working with a compressed timeline to complete redistricting in November. The Redistricting Committee will have their first meeting next week.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Hesse reminded everyone of the La Crosse County Fair that is happening in West Salem.

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- o Supervisor Hundt gave a report on the Lake Neshonoc Protection and Rehabilitation District's dredging project and requested \$1 million dollars to fund additional dredging.

Associate Administrator Report – Jane Klekamp

PROCLAMATION JULY 2021 - LONG TERM CARE & RESIDENTIAL SERVICES MONTH

WHEREAS, La Crosse County operates two long term care campuses – Hillview Health Care Center and Lakeview Health Center; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County residents or members of their family are provided affordable, quality long term care services in a person-centered environment; and, **WHEREAS**, staff at both campuses have worked through the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic while remaining committed to excellence in providing care and rehabilitation to all with respect for the dignity and rights of individuals; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of July as La Crosse County Long Term Care & Residential Services Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of persons dedicated to ensuring quality care to our residents in need.

Motion by R. Plesha/K. Keil to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 1 excused - T. Jacobs.

- Recognition of Clerk of Courts Pam Radtke – Clerk Radtke was recognized for her years of service to La Crosse County. She started in 1978 and was elected Clerk of Court in 1996. She was instrumental in the updating of many technological processes in the court's office.
- Recognition of Highway Commissioner Ron Chamberlain – Commissioner Chamberlain has been with La Crosse County since 2011 and has reconstructed or reconditioned over 76 miles of roads and bridges during that time.

Corporation Counsel Report – Megan DeVore

- Opioid Litigation Update – Corporation Counsel DeVore noted legislation was passed and signed that will bring us closer to the settlement of the multi district litigation. Governor Evers signed Act 57 which approved that the division of the settlement proceeds will be divided with 30% to the State and 70% to the counties and local governments that are already involved in litigation. This Act will provide assurance to the defendants that it will permanently resolve this litigation and prevents any new lawsuits from being filed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by A. Richmond/J. Pogreba to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting held June 7, 2021 and the Monthly Meeting held June 17, 2021 and the claims list for \$1,421,329.35 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 1 absent at vote - R. Cornforth, 1 excused - T. Jacobs.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-7/21 RE: APPROVAL OF A 'RAISE' GRANT APPLICATION FOR MULTIPLE PROJECTS INCLUDING, RECONSTRUCTION OF BAINBRIDGE STREET

WHEREAS, La Crosse County has acknowledged that there is insufficient funding to complete all identified County Roads capital improvements projects; and **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Transportation offers the "Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity" (RAISE) Grants Program to provide dedicated, discretionary funding for transportation infrastructure projects of local or regional impact; and **WHEREAS**, applications for the FY 2021 RAISE Transportation Grants Program are currently being solicited; and **WHEREAS**, the FY 2021 Appropriations Act directs that funds provided for RAISE Transportation Grants be divided not more than 50 percent for rural areas and 50 percent for urbanized areas and requires measures to ensure an equitable geographic distribution of grant funds and an appropriate balance in addressing the needs of urban and rural areas; and **WHEREAS**, eligible projects for RAISE Transportation Grants include surface transportation capital projects including highway, bridge, or other road projects as

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well as public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail transportation projects, port infrastructure investments, and intermodal projects; and **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County is considered a "rural area" per RAISE grant requirements and the maximum award for this round of RAISE Transportation Grants is \$25 million; and **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County will work in partnership with the City of La Crosse, (City) and the La Crosse County Harbor Commission (LCHC) and the La Crosse Municipal Airport; and **WHEREAS**, The proposed Project will improve access to reliable, safe, and affordable transportation for communities in rural areas; improve infrastructure condition; address public health and safety; promote regional connectivity; facilitate economic growth or competitiveness and address deteriorating conditions on rural transportation infrastructure ; and **WHEREAS**, the proposed Project will support the Administration's priorities for creating good paying jobs, improving safety, applying transformative technology, and addressing climate change and advancing racial equity; and **WHEREAS**, the proposed project will improve access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation for communities in rural areas, improve infrastructure condition, address public health and safety, promote regional connectivity, facilitate economic growth or competitiveness and addresses deteriorating conditions on rural transportation infrastructure; and **WHEREAS**, although there is a local match component to the RAISE project, the improvements to Fanta Reed Rd and Bainbridge St (CTH B) are projects that have already been approved in the Highway 2021 road plan as part of the 2021 budget; and **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County will be able to provide funding towards the local match and partner with the City, and the LCHC to contribute to the overall local match and project funding as identified in the RAISE grant application, which includes the use of funding programmed for maintenance, secured funding through other grant programs, and additional program funding as applicable; and **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of La Crosse County to apply for this grant again and to sign all necessary contracts to implement this program; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves the application for the 2021 RAISE Grant for this partnership. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair is hereby authorized to sign all necessary documents required for this application, after approval by Corporation Counsel. **FISCAL NOTE:** The County's portion of the Local Match is estimated at \$4,260,000 and the grant application amount to La Crosse County is estimated at \$6,360,000. The overall grant applied for, including all partners, is \$14,800,000 at roughly a 36% local match amount.

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion by R. Erickson/M. Nikolay to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 1 excused - T. Jacobs.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-7/21 RE: APPROVAL OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS ANALYST FOR 2021

WHEREAS, La Crosse County Emergency Services has provided consolidated dispatch services to all municipal public safety and emergency responders for over 39 years, and has evolved to include centralized records management, computer aided dispatch and mobile communications; and **WHEREAS**, the maintenance and upgrade of these systems continue to evolve and improve, requiring significant dedicated staff time from the Information Technology department in cooperation with Emergency Services and area agencies, while addressing significant cyber-security challenges, plus increased demand for quick records access for the court system; and **WHEREAS**, the needs of the agencies continues to expand exponentially as the technology improves to include access to audio and video recordings from multiple sources like officer worn body cameras and multiple building mounted recording devices; and **WHEREAS**, the departments are currently completing the first stage of a multi-year Records Management System upgrade in 2021, to be followed by a major upgrade of the Central Square Computer Aided Dispatch, Mobile and Jail Records management systems; and **WHEREAS**, this next stage of enhancement will lead to additional operational efficiencies for area agencies, increased training demands, upgraded equipment, all indicating the need for a dedicated subject matter expert committed to these systems. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves the addition of 1.0 fulltime

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equivalent Information Technology Systems Analyst for 2021, dedicated to Emergency and Public Safety system records management and software operations. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Human Resources department is authorized to take the necessary steps to fill the position in cooperation with the Information Technology Director as soon as practical. **FISCAL NOTE:** The mid-point of the salary range for an IT Systems Analyst is \$36.09 per hour with the starting step to be determined based on qualifications. If filled by 9-1-2021, the position would cost approximately \$32,203 for the four months with benefits which will be transferred from Non-Departmental Salary Contingency 100.155.1480.60700.04

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/G. Padesky to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 1 excused - T. Jacobs.

REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION RE: CREATION OF AN AD HOC STUDY COMMITTEE ON AN INDEPENDENT POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/G. Mathu to approve. Discussion ensued. Corporation Counsel Megan DeVore responded to questions from the Board. Motion by G. Padesky/A. Richmond to amend by adding a 3rd Be It Further Resolved clause to say "Anyone who agrees to be on the committee, who are not law enforcement, will agree to do a ride along on a Friday and Saturday night with police officers" passed on a voice vote with 25 ayes, 3 nays - D. Hundt, P. Isola and D. Wacek, 1 excused - T. Jacobs. Motion by S. Doyle/G. Padesky to refer back to the Criminal Justice Management Council. Motion by K. Hoyer/J. Pogreba to amend the motion to refer back to Criminal Justice Management Council to Judiciary and Law failed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 nays, 1 excused - T. Jacobs. Motion by D. Hundt/K. Hoyer to call the question passed on a voice vote with 20 ayes, 8 nays - K. Cable, R. Cornforth, S. Doyle, R. Erickson, M. Freedland, M. Nikolay, G. Padesky and P. Viner, 1 excused - T. Jacobs. The motion to refer back to the Criminal Justice Management Council passed on a voice vote with 22 ayes, 6 nays - M. Freedland, P. Isola, M. Kruse, J. O'Neill, T. Tryggestad and D. Wacek, 1 excused - T. Jacobs.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Supervisor Richmond inquired about ARPA funds for the homeless.

ADJOURN

Motion by D. Ferries/P. Isola to adjourn at 8:01 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 1 excused - 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 Monthly Meeting held Thursday, July 15, 2021 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 16 OF JULY 2021.