

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, June 7, 2021 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700 and 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
8 Isola, Peg	Present
9 Wacek, Dawn	Present
10 Cable, Kim	Present
11 Scheller, Patrick	Absent
12 Erickson, Randy	Present
13 Tryggestad, Tina	Present
14 Larson, Margaret	Present
15 Kruse, Monica	Present
16 Ferries, Dan	Present
17 Pogreba, Jack	Absent, Present at 06:54 PM
18 Weber Strauss, Noelle	Present
19 Cornforth, Rick	Excused
20 Doyle, Steve	Excused at 07:51 PM
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	Excused
29 O'Neill, Jamie	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by K. Cable/T. Jacobs to appoint Jose Rubio-Zepeda to the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee for a term to start immediately and expire March 31, 2023 to replace Julianna Meyer; appoint Heidi Svee, Michael Sersch, and Vincent Loera to the Criminal Justice Management Council for a term to expire April 30, 2024; appoint Heidi Allred to the Criminal Justice Management Council for the remainder of a term to expire April 30, 2024 to replace Toya Reynolds passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 2 absent – J. Pogreba and P. Scheller, 2 excused - K. Keil and R. Cornforth.

(24-21/22)

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

PROCLAMATION JUNE 2021 - PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES MONTH

WHEREAS, the county parks system and our natural resources are an integral part of the La Crosse County community; and **WHEREAS**, our parks and natural resources are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all residents, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and **WHEREAS**, parks and natural resources are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; 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 2021 as La Crosse County Parks and Natural Resources Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution made by County employees to the preservation of our Parks and Natural Resources for the benefit of all.

Motion by P. Isola/M. Nikolay to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 2 absent - J. Pogreba and P. Scheller, 2 excused - K. Keil and R. Cornforth.

- Update on Redistricting revised timeline and legislation
 - Administrator O'Malley updated the Board on the redistricting timeline. The proposed timeline would use current districts for 2022 elections and current legislation would give until February 2022 for Counties to have tentative Supervisory Districts. Municipalities would then have until May 15, 2022 to adjust the ward boundaries. Counties then would have 60 days after every municipality has adjusted their wards to adopt the final Supervisory Districts which will be first used in 2024 election.
- American Recovery Act Funding Review: allowed uses and timeline
 - La Crosse County is expected to receive \$22.9 million and half of that was already received with the other half expected in June 2022. As unbudgeted revenue, any spending decisions must be approved by 2/3 vote of the full board or a simple majority if it is part of the 2022 budget deliberations. These funds may be used for eligible costs incurred beginning March 3, 2021 through December 31, 2024 and must be spent by December 31, 2026. Municipalities will also be receiving an allocation. The four main uses are to support public health expenditures for COVID mitigation, address negative economic impacts from public health emergency, provide premium pay for essential workers, and water, sewer and broadband infrastructures. The rule to replace loss revenue provides for a broad latitude to use these funds for the provisions of government services, maintain infrastructure or pay-go spending for new infrastructure. The rule says that States may not use funds to cut taxes.

County Board Chair Report - Monica Kruse

- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Burke noted the Dairy Breakfast will happen at the Morning Star Dairy Farm on June 19th.
- Chair Kruse Value Discussion
 - Chair Kruse discussed what the American Rescue Plan means for La Crosse County. It's an initiative to revive, reinvigorate, and reinvent the US economy. It puts cities and counties in the driver seats instead of the states. These funds could have long term legacy building impacts. We can collaborate with other counties and municipalities to maximize our ability to meet pandemic response needs and to build a stronger and more equitable economy.
- Full Board Discussion
 - UW Extension led small group work to have Supervisors come up with values that will help to prioritize how to use these funds. This will help to identify what

(25-21/22)

is important. Supervisors then voted on the list of values based on what they felt were important. This list of values will be compared with the Board Advance list of priorities.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Supervisor Geary asked for an update on the MTU.

ADJOURN

Motion by V. Burke/T. Jacobs to adjourn at 8:00 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 3 excused - S. Doyle, K. Keil and R. Cornforth.

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, June 7, 2021 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 8 OF JUNE 2021.