

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, September 16, 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	Present
11 Scheller, Patrick	Excused
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	Excused
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 at 06:26 PM
29 O'Neill, Jamie	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Monica Kruse

- WCA September Conference – the WCA Conference is September 27th – 28th at the La Crosse Center.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Padesky attended the Dive and Rescue Team open house and gave credit to those Supervisors who helped make that happen.

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- o Supervisor Hundt noted the dog park in West Salem will be having a fundraiser on September 25th.
- o Supervisor Ferries reminded Supervisors of the celebration of life for Jerry Sebranek on September 22nd at Boothill.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

- Veteran's Service Update – Presented by Veteran's Service Officer Adam Flood
 - o Only 35 states have County Veteran Service Officers (CVSO) and all counties in Wisconsin have a CVSO. The office assists veterans with benefits that they may not know are available to them. There were 8335 veterans in La Crosse County in 2020. Veterans are underutilizing services with no or minimal community outreach/education. La Crosse County will be 1st in veteran expertise by creating an epicenter for the veteran experience. A new position called the Veteran Coordinator will be a veteran liaison within organizations. They will identify veteran support, offer cost savings for organizations, and identify and attract veteran owned businesses. Services offered to veterans include healthcare, benefit administration, education, employment, and VA home loans. The Veterans Bonanza will be at the La Crosse Center on October 16, 2021 from 10am – 4pm. This event will introduce veterans and families to organizations that provide services, assistance and helpful resources.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by K. Cable/K. Hoyer to appoint Greg Sacia to the Wildlife Abatement Council to Replace Carl Mueller; appoint David Steinberg to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a term to begin immediately and expire January 18, 2022; appoint Paul Albrecht to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a term to begin immediately and expire January 17, 2023 to replace Mary Mooney passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 2 excused - P. Scheller and N. Weber Strauss.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by R. Plesha/T. Jacobs to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning meeting held August 9, 2021 and the Monthly meeting held August 19, 2021 and the claims list for \$3,575,899.05 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 2 excused - P. Scheller and N. Weber Strauss.

ORDINANCE NO. 188-9/21 TO AMEND S. 7.02 ENTITLED "PARKING REGULATIONS" OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of La Crosse does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 7.02 entitled "Parking Regulations" is amended to read:

7.02 PARKING REGULATIONS.

(1) NO PARKING EXCEPT FOR AUTHORIZED VEHICLES. No person shall stop or park any vehicle in any County-owned area designated for vehicular parking except as authorized by the Facilities Department. Maps designating the parking areas shall be on file at the Facilities Department.

(2) NO PARKING AREAS. Parking is prohibited in the following areas:

(a) County Trunk B from a point .184 miles west of County Trunk M to a point .089 miles south of Marking Road.

(b) County Road B (Bainbridge St) from a point .052 south of Elm St to a point .09 south of Elm St. The west side of County Road B.

(c) County Road B (Bainbridge St) from a point .044 north of County Road BW (Goddard St) to the intersection of County Road B and County Road BW. The west side of County Road B.

(d) County Road B (Bainbridge St) from a point .024 north of Clinton St to the intersection of County Road B and Clinton St. The west side of County Road B.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.

**MONICA KRUSE, COUNTY BOARD CHAIR
GINNY DANKMEYER, COUNTY CLERK**

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion by R. Erickson/M. Nikolay to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 2 excused - P. Scheller and N. Weber Strauss.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-9/21 RE: APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO LA CROSSE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS PARK DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS

WHEREAS, a Declaration of Protective Covenants for the La Crosse International Business Park is on file with the La Crosse County Register of Deeds; and **WHEREAS**, the Declaration of Protective Covenants provides that the covenants may not be terminated, extended, modified or amended without the consent of the City of La Crosse and County of La Crosse; and, **WHEREAS**, nine separate amendments have occurred since 2001; and, **WHEREAS**, a document has been prepared incorporating all the amendments into one document for ease of reference; and, **WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of La Crosse has considered and approved this document on August 12, 2021; and **WHEREAS**, the requested amendments are consistent with the stated purpose of the Covenants to provide for the orderly and attractive grouping of service, manufacturing and other industrial buildings and operations and are not adverse to the interests of La Crosse County. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby approve and adopt the August 2021 amendment of the Declaration of Protective Covenants for the La Crosse International Business Park; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Corporation Counsel shall ensure that the amendment to the Protective Covenants is filed with the Register of Deeds. **FISCAL NOTE:** No cost to La Crosse County.

**PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by R. Erickson/R. Geary to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 2 excused - P. Scheller and N. Weber Strauss.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-9/21 RE: DIRECTING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND SALE OF APPROXIMATELY \$12,790,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN, FOR THE PURPOSES OF FINANCING HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS AND REFUNDING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS OF THE COUNTY

WHEREAS, counties are authorized by Chapter 67 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*, as supplemented and amended, to borrow money and to issue general obligation promissory notes to finance any project undertaken for a public purpose or to refund outstanding obligations of such county; and **WHEREAS**, the County Board (the "*County Board*") of the County of La Crosse, Wisconsin (the "*County*"), has previously approved, by resolutions adopted by the County Board on the 9th day of November, 2020, the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes for the purpose of constructing highways and highway improvements, including highway buildings (collectively, the "*Project*"); and **WHEREAS**, the County Board does hereby determine that it is necessary and desirable to borrow money for the public purpose of constructing the Project; and **WHEREAS**, the County currently has outstanding its Taxable General Obligation County Home Bonds, Series 2010-A (Build America Bonds-Direct Pay), General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2010-D, General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2013-A, and General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2014-A (collectively, the "*Prior Obligations*"); and **WHEREAS**, the Prior Obligations are currently outstanding and are binding and subsisting legal obligations of the County; and **WHEREAS**, the County Board does hereby determine that it is necessary and desirable and in the best interests of the County to refund all or a portion of the Prior Obligations and to borrow money for such public purpose (the "*Refunding*"); and **WHEREAS**, the costs of the Project and the

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Refunding are not less than \$12,790,000; and **WHEREAS**, it is hereby determined that it is necessary and desirable to issue general obligation promissory notes of the County (the "Notes") in an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$12,790,000, for the public purposes of financing the costs of the Project and the Refunding; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Board of Supervisors of the County of La Crosse, Wisconsin, as follows:

Section 1. There shall be issued the Notes of the County in the aggregate principal amount of approximately \$12,790,000, in one or more series for the purposes aforesaid.

Section 2. For the purpose of offering the Notes for sale, pursuant to Section 67.08(2), *Wisconsin Statutes*, as supplemented and amended, the Finance Director of the County is hereby authorized and directed to determine the date of the sale of the Notes and to cause to be circulated the Official Terms of Offering and to publish appropriate notices of the sale of the Notes in a newspaper to be selected by the Finance Director of the County prior to the receipt of bids for the Notes. The Finance Director of the County shall also cause to be prepared and distributed an Official Statement or Official Statements, including the Official Terms of Offering, with respect to the Notes.

Section 3. After receipt of bids for the Notes and consideration thereof by this County Board, the County Board will consider a resolution awarding the Notes to the best respective bidders, prescribing the terms thereof and the forms of Notes, and levying taxes in the specific amount necessary to pay the principal of and interest on the Notes.

Section 4. The Chairman, the County Clerk, the County Treasurer the Finance Director and all other officers of the County are hereby authorized to execute all documents and certificates necessary in connection with the sale of the Notes including without limitation one or more official statements describing the Notes and the County.

Section 5. If any section, paragraph or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 6. All ordinances and resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby superseded to the extent of such conflict, and this Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. **FISCAL NOTE:** Debt Service Funding will be provided for in the 2022 budget.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/K. Keil to approve. Discussion ensued. Administrator O'Malley responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 2 excused - P. Scheller and N. Weber Strauss.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-9/21 RE: PROCLAIMING SUPPORT OF WELCOMING AFGHAN REFUGEES FLEEING PERSECUTION AND TERROR INTO OUR COUNTRY AND SALUTING THE WORK OF NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, NUMEROUS FAITH ORGANIZATIONS AND HOUSES OF WORSHIP WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THIS ENDEAVOR

WHEREAS, La Crosse County is home to many military members and veterans who served and sacrificed in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Freedom's Sentinel as part of our nation's Global War on Terrorism in response to the September 11, 2001 attacks, forming a lasting bond with the People of Afghanistan; and **WHEREAS**, the U. S. fight against Taliban forces following the September 11, 2001 attacks expressed American solidarity with Afghan people in their fight for democracy, women's rights, free speech and economic prosperity; and **WHEREAS**, the U.S. departure from Afghanistan, after roughly 20 years of combat, involvement and untold valor from our American troops and remarkable sacrifices from their families and loved ones here at home, will result in many Afghan refugees, many of whom fought and worked along American troops for the last two decades, to seek and flee persecution sometimes based on their support of the United States and our mission; and **WHEREAS**, people in La County sincerely appreciate the work and valor of our Armed Forces in Afghanistan and their sacrifices, including the solemn sacrifices of the families of the fallen. This includes their work in protecting everyday Afghans from the terror and repression they now prospectively flee; and **WHEREAS**, there are many in Afghanistan who not only supported the United States' mission, but supported our troops and military personnel through

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acts of difficult labor and courage, and took the lead in creating a more inclusive society, actions that place them at risk in Afghanistan today; and **WHEREAS** La Crosse County's population includes persons fleeing or who have fled oppression, violence and persecution from many lands and nations from all over the world and from every religious faith in the world, and many Americans whose families are now part of the fabric of La Crosse County come from households that were at one time refugee households, and refugees often become some of the most patriotic Americans and they enrich our culture and economy through their personal stories, values and work ethic, and they enhance La Crosse and help make it the exceptional County and community it is today; and **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has a proud heritage of welcoming refugees to our communities and was the site of arrival for large groups of refugees from Vietnam and Cambodia in 1975 and thereafter among other refugee groups; and **WHEREAS**, we affirm our solidarity with the people of Afghanistan and our friendship with all who labor for freedom among the nations of the world; and **WHEREAS**, many of the first Afghan allies admitted into the U.S. this summer and housed at Fort McCoy arrive as Special Immigrant Visa applicants or as at-risk Afghans and are also compassionately referred to as special immigrants or as guests of the U.S.; and **WHEREAS**, a strong local coalition in La Crosse County made up of non-profits and faith organizations is leading efforts to assist these refugees including special immigrants as they land at Fort McCoy in neighboring Monroe County, including Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, Catholic Charities, the American Red Cross, and church, mosque and synagogue houses of worship, and they are coordinating efforts such as collecting supplies and have indicated a desire to assist in resettling refugees around the country and in this county, as well as to help provide housing, job placement, food, mentorship and other assistance; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of La Crosse proudly proclaims its support of refugee families living within our County, State and our United States, and expresses its support of welcoming Afghan refugees and special immigrants fleeing persecution and terror into our nation, county and local communities. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County of La Crosse shall work with cities and other governmental units within our county and other applicable public entities and local religious, civic and charitable organizations to assure that we will be a welcoming community that accepts Afghan refugees and special immigrant visa holders as guests and possible future neighbors and shall actively promote this welcoming attitude. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County of La Crosse salutes the work of non-profit organizations, numerous faith organizations and houses of worship that do remarkable work for our refugee population, and whose work will be needed in this endeavor, and invites its community residents to help our newest neighbors find affordable housing, employment, food and mentorship and other ways to help the transition into our community in their new home country. **FISCAL NOTE:** No cost to La Crosse County

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/M. Freedland to approve. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 2 excused - P. Scheller and N. Weber Strauss.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-9/21 RE: ACCEPTANCE OF YOUTH SYSTEM OF CARE GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, La Crosse County Youth System of Care was presented with a unique opportunity from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Office of the Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP), to provide financial support for the enhancement of the System of Care through the addition of two part-time Community Cultural Liaisons; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County was awarded \$197,600 to support these services through the contract period which runs from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023; and, **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Youth System of Care was created to address racial disproportionality in the Youth Justice System by providing early intervention services; and **WHEREAS**, almost 50 percent of youth referred to the System of Care to date are racially diverse and could benefit from the supports provided by Community Cultural Liaisons; and, **WHEREAS**, the Cultural Liaisons will be especially helpful considering the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has disproportionately affected racial and ethnic minorities and other vulnerable populations,

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and which has contributed to a higher need for service to youth in the area of social and emotional health as reported by the System of Care and its youth serving partners; and, **WHEREAS**, as a result of a recent Request for Proposal process, La Crosse County Youth System of Care will use the Wisconsin Partnership Program award to contract with Hope Restores. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby accepts the Wisconsin Partnership Program award in the amount of \$197,600, and the County Administrator is authorized to execute any documents to effectuate this Resolution after approval of Corporation Counsel; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that La Crosse County is authorized to contract for all other services that are necessary to meet the terms of the Wisconsin Partnership Program contract as long as they can be supported with the related state funding; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Finance Department is authorized to make any necessary and appropriate account transfers related to accepting this additional funding. **FISCAL NOTE:** Award funds of a total \$197,600, with no County match required, and the award period ending August 31, 2023. The operating costs will be tracked under the 210.510.5235 division within the County financial system under the Justice Support Services section.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Motion by T. Tryggstad/V. Burke to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 2 excused - P. Scheller and N. Weber Strauss.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-9/21 RE: APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE MEMBERS OF THE BLUFFLAND COALITION REGARDING BLUFFLANDS INITIATIVES AND GUIDELINES FOR REQUESTING COUNTY BLUFFLANDS FUNDING

WHEREAS, the County approved the "Blufflands Plan" in 2016 to guide a regional approach to the conservation and recreational use of area blufflands and a Memorandum of Understanding in October 2018, that has been modified in 2021 to expand participation, which is attached as **Exhibit A**; and, **WHEREAS**, through July of 2021 the following public and private organizations have approved the MOU: City of La Crosse, City of Onalaska, City of La Crescent, Town of Shelby, Mississippi Valley Conservancy, La Crosse Area Planning Committee, Outdoor Recreation Alliance, Friends of the Bluffland, while other area local governments are considering approval in the coming months; and, **WHEREAS**, County staff has developed "Guidelines for Requesting Blufflands Funding" from the County that is attached as **Exhibit B**. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding Between Members of the Bluffland Coalition Regarding Bluffland Initiatives and the Guidelines for Requesting Blufflands Funding from the County, for the purpose of facilitating the implementation of the Bluffland Plan and promoting consistency in bluffland access, development, preservation and restoration across municipal boundaries. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that no use of County funding for bluffland projects can be released from any source without approval by resolution of the County Board of the specific project. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair, after approval by Corporation Counsel is hereby authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding consistent with the above terms. **FISCAL NOTE:** Funds have been budgeted in previous years for a total of \$190,600 toward potential bluffland projects and have been carried forward in 2021.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by P. Isola/K. Hoyer to approve. Discussion ensued. Administrator O'Malley responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 2 excused - P. Scheller and N. Weber Strauss.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 1172 FILED BY DAN HANSON FOR TRANSIENT RESIDENTIAL USES ON LAND THAT IS ZONED GENERAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF HOLLAND

No. 1172 filed by DAN HANSON W7800 A. JOHNSON ROAD HOLMEN, WI 54636 and having held a public hearing on the 30TH day of AUGUST, 2021 for a Conditional Use Permit on land that is zoned General Agriculture District for Transient Residential Uses (S. 17.05 (5) (D) 1.1) in the Town of Holland and described as follows: Part of the SW-NE, SEC 11, T18N, R8W. Tax Parcel No. 8-890-0. Property address A. Johnson Rd. Town of Holland. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats. and s. 17.10 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. 17.10(8), 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 five (5) in favor, zero (0) no, and two (2) excused (Isola, Hesse), the committee recommended approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 1172 subject to the following five (5) conditions:

1. This permit is exclusively granted to Daniel Hanson & Kristi Johnson for a Conditional Use Permit for transient residential use of a proposed cabin on parcel number 8-890-0.
2. The applicant shall obtain an Administrative Conditional Use Permit which authorizes the residential use of a proposed cabin. Deed restrictions shall be recorded on a minimum of 35 acres of the Base Farm Tract indicating no further residential development is authorized. The designated 35 acres must include all residential components of the proposed development; and
3. The use of recreational vehicles for occupancy is not authorized on this parcel.
4. The permittee shall contact the State of Wisconsin to determine if the proposed structure is subject to the State of Wisconsin Commercial Building Code. Correspondence shall be provided to the Zoning Department and made part of this file.
5. This permit shall automatically terminate upon transfer of ownership or discontinuance of this conditional use for a period of 12 months or more.

THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 16th day of September 2021. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by P. Isola/R. Cornforth to approve. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 2 excused - P. Scheller and N. Weber Strauss.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered

ADJOURN

Motion by A. Richmond/J. Pogreba to adjourn at 7:15 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 2 excused - P. Scheller and N. Weber Strauss.

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, September 16, 2021 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 29 OF SEPTEMBER 2021.