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**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Organizational Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 29 supervisors were present when Clerk Dankmeyer 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	Vacant	
2	Geary, Ralph	Present
3	Pierce, David	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	Baroni, Mike	Present
19	Cornforth, Rick	Present
20	Doyle, Steve	Present
21	Abraham, Rob	Present
22	Viner, Pamela	Present
23	Nikolay, Matt	Present
24	Hoyer, Kevin	Present
25	Jacobsen, Dennis	Present
26	Hundt, David	Present
27	Hesse, Dan	Present
28	Keil, Karen	Present
29	Schlimgen, Ken	Present
30	Mader, Dillon	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OATH OF OFFICE

All Supervisors present, being duly elected to office at the April 5, 2022 Spring Election, were sworn in by the Honorable Judge Scott Horne.

ELECTIONS/ORGANIZATION: CHAIR

- Clerk Dankmeyer opened the floor for nominations for Chair of the County Board of Supervisors for the 2022-2024 term. D. Hesse nominated Supervisor Kevin Hoyer for Chair. S. Doyle nominated Supervisor Monica Kruse for Chair. There were no other nominations for Chair. Motion

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by S. Doyle/G. Padesky to allow nominees to speak passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes, 1 vacant – District 1. Supervisor Kruse was elected Chair by a secret ballot with 19 votes and Supervisor Hoyer with 9 votes, 1 abstention, 1 vacant – District 1.

- Clerk Dankmeyer opened the floor for nominations for First Vice Chair of the County Board of Supervisors for the 2022-2024 term. T. Tryggestad nominated Supervisor Kim Cable for First Vice Chair. There were no other nominations. Supervisor Cable was elected First Vice Chair by a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes, 1 vacant – District 1.
- Clerk Dankmeyer opened the floor for nominations for Second Vice Chair of the County Board of Supervisors for the 2022-2024 term. M. Larson nominated Supervisor Randy Erickson for Second Vice Chair. R. Geary nominated Supervisor Dan Ferries. K. Schlimgen nominated Supervisor Kevin Hoyer. There were no other nominations. Motion by G. Mathu/D. Wacek to allow the nominators to speak passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes, 1 vacant – District 1. Supervisor Erickson was elected Second Vice Chair by a secret ballot with 19 votes, Supervisor Hoyer with 8 votes, Supervisor Ferries with 2 votes, 1 vacant – District 1.

CHAIR KRUSE TOOK THE CHAIR

Corporation Counsel Report – Megan DeVore

- Code of Ethics / Conflict of Interest
 - Corporation Counsel Megan DeVore gave a presentation on the Code of Ethics and the Conflict of Interest that all supervisors must be aware of and follow. The Wisconsin Ethics Code for Local Public Officials was reviewed and supervisors were informed of what is prohibited under s. 19.59. Items that Local Public Officials may accept and retain and items they should not accept were also discussed. Supervisors were also informed of conduct prohibited under s. 946.13 as it relates to conflict of interest. The La Crosse County Code of Ethics was also reviewed by Corporation Counsel. If Supervisors have any questions or need advice, they should contact Corporation Counsel.

County Clerk Report – Ginny Dankmeyer

- Required Forms – Clerk Dankmeyer reviewed the forms required by Supervisors to fill out and turn in.
- Mileage Reimbursement and Vehicle Insurance Requirements – Mileage reimbursement was reviewed along with the necessary proof of insurance.
- Business Cards - Supervisors wanting business cards should contact the clerk.
- Agenda / S:Drive – Supervisors were reminded of where the agendas are posted for the upcoming meetings.

County Board Chair Report - Monica Kruse

MONTHLY MEETING TIME

Motion by K. Cable/D. Ferries to start the board meetings at 6pm on the third Thursday of the month passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes, 1 vacant – District 1.

- County Board Advance
 - This is a meeting outside of the normal County Board meeting at the beginning of each term to dive deeper into the issues the County is dealing with. An email will be sent asking for availability and scheduled between May 23rd and end of May.
- WCA Meetings – Supervisors who are interested in attending the WCA meetings should contact the County Clerk to be registered.
 - District Meeting – April 29th, 12pm – 2pm Three Bears Resort
 - Annual Conference – September 18-20, 2022 – Kalahari, WI Dells
- Committee Assignments – Chair Kruse, Cable and Erickson will work on committee assignments this week and Supervisors will be notified when they are done.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Isola announced the SWCDBG met on April 13, 2022. It covers 11 Counties in Southwest Wisconsin and grant funding is used to establish a housing loan program to rehabilitate housing for low income residence. The next two-year contract will be \$2.5 million.

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- o Supervisor Cable reminded that Earth Day is on April 24th and Myrick Park Center will have a lot of activities for children and adults.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

- 2022 Calendar - Administrator O'Malley reviewed the 2022 Calendar and the various Policy Planning Meeting topics planned for the year.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by R. Cornforth/G. Mathu to appoint Kristina Fore and Andrew Alvaro Rasmussen to the Criminal Justice Management Council for a three year term to expire April 30, 2025; reappoint Lynn Valiquette to the La Crosse County Ethics Board for a three year term to expire April 30, 2025; reappoint Margaret Larson, Bryan Meyer, Bryan Stephen, John Parshall, Ron Roth, and Cory Lynch to the Land Information Council for a three year term to expire April 30, 2025; reappoint Jarrod Holter and Steve Hodgen to the Solid Waste Policy Board for a three year term to expire April 30, 2025. Motion by M. Baroni/K. Hoyer to vote for Andrew Alvaro Rasmussen separately passed on a voice vote with 20 ayes, 9 nays - K. Cable, R. Erickson, M. Freedland, P. Isola, D. Mader, G. Mathu, D. Pierce, P. Scheller and D. Wacek, 1 vacant – District 1. The motion to appoint Kristina Fore, Lynn Valiquette, Margaret Larson, Bryan Myer, Bryan Stephen, John Parshall, Ron Roth, Cory Lynch, Jarrod Holter and Steve Hodgen passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes, 1 vacant – District 1. Motion by D. Wacek/T. Tryggestad to reappoint Andrew Alvaro Rasmussen to the Criminal Justice Management Council for a three year term to expire April 30, 2025 passed on a voice vote with 18 ayes, 11 nays - R. Abraham, M. Baroni, D. Ferries, D. Hesse, K. Hoyer, D. Hundt, D. Jacobsen, G. Padesky, R. Plesha, J. Pogreba and K. Schlimgen, 1 vacant – District 1.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by G. Mathu/K. Keil to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting held March 17, 2022 and the claims list for \$3,144,723.46 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes, 1 vacant -District 1.

POSTPONED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF EXPANSION OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ACQUISITION AND DEMOLITION GRANT PROGRAM & ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/P. Scheller to approve. Motion by K. Cable/K. Hoyer to postpone until the June 16, 2022 Monthly Meeting passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes, 1 vacant – District 1.

POSTPONED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVE USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING FOR A CHILD CARE NEIGHBORHOOD MODEL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/D. Wacek to approve no vote. Motion by K. Cable/M. Freedland postpone until the June 16, 2022 Monthly Meeting passed on a voice vote with 29 ayes, 1 vacant – District 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-4/22 RE: APPROVE INCREASE OF VACANT SENIOR ACCOUNTANT IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT FROM .25 TO 1.0 FULLTIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) IN 2022

WHEREAS, from 2014 through 2019, the Finance Department has decreased staff positions by 3.65 full time equivalent (FTE) due in part to increased efficiencies gained through the New World Financial system and has a recent vacancy this year in the .25 (FTE) Senior Accountant position authorized in the 2022 Budget; and, **WHEREAS**, the responsibilities and workload of the Finance Department have increased in complexity and volume, including quarterly reporting on uses of the \$22,923,224 allocated to La Crosse County through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which must be obligated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026 with significant on-going reporting requirements not anticipated during preparation of the 2022 budget; and, **WHEREAS**, reimbursement for staff time committed to administration of ARPA funding is a permitted use of funds, including the costs of tracking and monitoring ongoing expenditures for response to the pandemic and administering the use of funds for the eight project areas outlined in Resolution #55-1/22; and, **WHEREAS**, reporting requirements of employee

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payroll have increased the workload in standardizing the use of the UKG-Kronos time reporting system across County Departments and the County must comply with newly modified standards of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves an increase in the vacant .25 Senior Accountant to 1.0 FTE to the Finance Department Budget in 2022 to address the increasing workload in the department. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Human Resources department is authorized to take the necessary steps to fill the position of Senior Accountant in cooperation with the Finance Director as soon as practical. **FISCAL NOTE:** Most of the expected 2022 cost of up to \$53,000 for half a year will be covered by \$37,000 in salary savings in the department budget and reimbursement by the American Rescue Plan Act funding based on actual time allocation of staff time devoted to ARPA reporting. Any remaining cost will be transferred from salary contingency at year end 2022.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/R. Plesha to approve. Motion by K. Schlimgen/J. Pogreba to amend by changing the Now Therefore Be It Resolved to read: ...increase in the vacant .25 Senior Accountant to 1.0 FTE (amendment) as a limited term employee until the end of 2026, or earlier if the American Rescue Plan Act 2021 Funds for the County have been exhausted (end amendment) to the Finance Department budget... failed on a voice vote with 25 nays, 4 ayes - K. Hoyer, D. Hundt, J. Pogreba and K. Schlimgen, 1 vacant – District 1. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes, 1 vacant – District 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-4/22 RE: ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDING TO SUPPORT RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FOR MEDICAID MEMBERS WITH OPIOID USE DISORDER

WHEREAS, the residential substance abuse benefit offered by Wisconsin Medicaid since February 2021 excludes the costs of room and board due to restrictions in Federal law, creating a potential barrier to residential substance use disorder treatment for Medicaid members; and **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), using a portion of dollars received under a recent multistate settlement with McKinsey & Company, a manufacturer of opioid drugs, has approved a one-year grant to La Crosse County in the amount of \$110,083 to fund room and board costs for Medicaid members with opioid use disorder; and **WHEREAS**, the grant funding, which is available to cover costs incurred from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, will help support the Human Services Department in providing much needed treatment access to La Crosse County citizens suffering from opioid use disorder. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby accepts the \$110,083 in grant funding from Wisconsin DHS; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that La Crosse County is obligated to contract for all services that are necessary to meet the terms of the DHS Grant as long as they can be supported with the related federal funding; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair is authorized to execute any contracts or documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution, after approval by Corporation Counsel; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Finance Department is authorized to make any necessary and appropriate account transfers relating to accepting this additional federal funding. **FISCAL NOTE:** Award funds of a total \$110,083 with no County match required, and the award period ending December 31, 2022. The operating costs will be tracked under the 210.450.1000 division within the County financial system under the Integrated Support and Recovery Services section.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Motion by T. Tryggstad/R. Cornforth to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes, 1 vacant – District 1.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 1182 FILED BY JACOB ELLIS O/B/O STETTER ELECTRIC LLC TO OPERATE A TAXIDERMY BUSINESS UNDER SECTIONS 17.05(4)(B)1 VIA 1705(1)(B)4 IN THE TOWN OF ONALASKA

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered an application filed by JACOB ELLIS O/B/O STETTER ELECTRIC LLC, W5829 COUNTY ROAD W, HOLMEN, WI 54636 and having held a public hearing on the 4th day of April, 2022 for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a taxidermy business under sections 17.05(4)(b)1. via 17.05(1)(b)4 - Home occupations and professional offices other than those defined under ss. 17.03(40) and 17.03(71) in the Town of Onalaska and described as follows: CSM No. 38 Vol 9 Lot 2, Sec. 10, T.17N, R.7W. Tax parcel 10-172-3. Property

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address: W5829 County Road W, Town of Onalaska. 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, Hesse, Hundt, Hoyer), Zero (0) opposed, Zero (0) abstentions, and (3) absent (Keil, Scheller, Cornforth) the committee recommended approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 1182 subject to the following SIX (6) conditions:

1. The owner(s) of the property and/or permittee to which this Conditional Use Permit is issued will abide by all representations and commitments made during the permitting process as well as before the Committee, in accordance with all conditions to the conditional use permit, taken as a whole, as approved by the Planning Resource and Development Committee and the County Board.
2. The owner(s) shall allow La Crosse County staff reasonable access to the property as necessary to evaluate compliance with the Conditional Use Permit.
3. Commercial dumpster services shall be utilized for all waste generated by permit activities. The Permittee shall manage all waste produced under this permit to prevent noxious odors from emanating from the property.
4. This permit is granted exclusively to Jacob Ellis as sole proprietor and is not transferable. This permit shall remain in effect through a whole or partial change in ownership of the parcel, and through a reconfiguration of the parcel, provided Jacob Ellis continues to reside at W5829 County Road W.
5. Hours of operation shall be limited to 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM daily.
6. Outside storage of business items is prohibited.

THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 19th day of April 2022. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by P. Isola/D. Hundt to approve. Supervisor Isola noted on the vote for the petition in committee there were 3 excused supervisors not absent. The motion to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes, 1 vacant – District 1.

ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z441-4/22 RE: PETITION NO. 2064 FILED BY MATTHEW & ERIN LUETHE TO REZONE FROM GENERAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO THE RURAL DISTRICT A 3.52 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND PROPOSED FOR RESIDENTIAL/SINGLE FAMILY HOME IN THE TOWN OF HAMILTON

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 2064 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: MATTHEW & ERIN LUETHE 621 YOULON ST WEST SALEM, WI 54699 and having held a public hearing on the 4th day of April 2022 for a petition to rezone from the GENERAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT to the RURAL DISTRICT a ±3.52-acre parcel of land for proposed Residential/Single Family Home in the Town of HAMILTON and is described as follows: Properties described as CSM No. 128 Vol 19 Lot 1. Tax Parcel 7-953-1. Property address. Town of Hamilton. 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. 91.48(1), Wis. Stats., along with the affected Town Board(s), under s. 17.10(8), 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 Four (4) in favor (Isola, Hesse, Hundt, Hoyer), Zero (0) opposed, Zero (0) abstentions, and (3) absent (Keil, Scheller, Cornforth), the committee voted to approve Zoning Petition No. 2064 subject to the recording of the following with ONE (1) condition:

1. Deed restrictions shall be recorded within 45 days of County Board approval indicating the following:
 - a. No more than one single family residence may be located within the area described by CSM No. 128 Vol 19 Lot 1.

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- b. No future subdivision of the lot described by CSM No. 128 Vol 19 Lot 1.
- c. These deed restrictions can be lifted or amended only by the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors.

(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 19th day of April 2022. Approved the petition as submitted, becomes an ordinance.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by P. Isola/D. Hesse to approve. Supervisor Isola noted on the vote for the petition in committee there were 3 excused supervisors not absent. The motion to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes, 1 vacant – District 1.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Supervisor Hundt asked for a special meeting so the individuals involved with childcare could share their ideas.

ADJOURN

Motion by D. Ferries/G. Mathu to adjourn at 8:04 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes, 1 vacant – District 1.

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 Organizational Meeting held Tuesday, April 19, 2022 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 20 OF APRIL 2022.