

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, August 8, 2022 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 24 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	Konradt, Joe	Excused
2	Geary, Ralph	Present
3	Pierce, David	Excused
4	Freedland, Maureen	Excused
5	Mathu, Grant	Present
6	Plesha, Roger	Present
7	Padesky, Gary	Present
8	Isola, Peg	Present
9	Wacek, Dawn	Present
10	Cable, Kim	Excused
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	Excused
18	Baroni, Mike	Present
19	Cornforth, Rick	Present
20	Doyle, Steve	Present
21	Abraham, Rob	Excused
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

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Monica Kruse

- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Viner congratulated Highway Commissioner Joe Langeberg on receiving an award from the Department of Defense.

Interim Administrator Report – Jane Klekamp

PROCLAMATION AUGUST 2022 - AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCES MONTH

WHEREAS, the Aging and Disability Resources Center of La Crosse County (ADRC) provides information and assistance to seniors, people with disabilities, caregivers, and family members in order to maintain the highest quality of life possible; and, **WHEREAS**, the ADRC provides congregate and home-delivered meal programs that allow residents to remain living independently in their own homes; and, **WHEREAS**, the ADRC works collaboratively to offer transportation services, caregiver support, organized activities, and educational options to assist persons in remaining as independent in the community as possible. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of August as Aging and Disability Resources Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of persons dedicated to ensuring that all residents of La Crosse County live a healthy and productive life.

Motion by K. Keil/P. Isola to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 6 excused - R. Abraham, K. Cable, M. Freedland, J. Konradt, D. Pierce and J. Pogreba.

PROCLAMATION AUGUST 2022 - CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, La Crosse County recognizes children as our greatest resource; and, **WHEREAS**, children living in La Crosse County should always have the financial and emotional support they need in order to be successful; and, **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's Child Support Program ensures that parents take responsibility for the care and well-being of their children, supports the involvement of parents in their children's lives, and provides important services to both custodial and noncustodial parents; and, **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Child Support agency collected more than \$43 million in child support in 2021; and, **WHEREAS**, upholding the Child Support Program is an effective investment in Wisconsin's future as the program increases self-sufficiency, reduces child poverty, and has a positive effect on children's well-being; and, **WHEREAS**, increased public awareness of the importance of providing children with the support they need and the services offered by the Child Support Program, through its county and tribal-child support agencies, benefits Wisconsin's children and families. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of August as Child Support Enforcement Awareness Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of persons dedicated to ensuring children receive the financial and emotional support they need to be successful.

Motion by T. Tryggestad/G. Padesky to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 6 excused - R. Abraham, K. Cable, M. Freedland, J. Konradt, D. Pierce and J. Pogreba.

- 2023 Highway Capital Improvement Plan
 - Highway Commissioner Joe Langeberg reviewed the 2022 projects that the Highway Department has finished are working on. The planned construction projects for the 2023 – 2027 were also reviewed and discussed. These projects are determined by pavement rating. If the funding for a project is through the WisDOT, they have the final say on when the project will be done. The projects include reconstruction, recondition, culverts, trail connection, bike trail bridge, resurfacing, or bridge reconstruction. The Capital Improvement Plan for road construction has been increased from \$5 million a year to \$7 million a year. This will come through the budget this year.
- La Crosse County Broadband
 - Community Development Coordinator Charlotte Peters presented on Broadband in La Crosse County. Broadband became an issue during COVID. Governor Evers created a taskforce to look at the problem. The goal is to have all homes with base level speeds by 2025 and to have 1Gbps by 2030. ISP providers who come across homes with no services will be added to their list. Approximately 380 homes and 14 businesses are without service and not slated to get service. Underserved homes are designated as homes with less than 25/3 Mbps speeds. In La Crosse County, 1402 underserved homes that can access the internet have no subscription and 5301 have no internet access. In underserved areas, there are 171 houses with members under 18 years of age have no computers; 1526 of 18-64 years old have no computers and 3445 houses with no computers of age 65 and over. It's important to show the importance of having the internet. The County needs to

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create a committee to prepare community readiness. There are a number of grants that are available for this.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS - none offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by G. Mathu/P. Isola to adjourn at 6:45 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 6 excused - R. Abraham, K. Cable, M. Freedland, J. Konradt, D. Pierce and J. Pogreba.

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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, August 8, 2022 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 AUGUST 2022.