

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2022**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, July 21, 2022 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	Konradt, Joe	Present
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	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	Baroni, Mike	Present
19	Cornforth, Rick	Present
20	Doyle, Steve	Excused
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

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Monica Kruse

- Update on Executive Committee Referred Resolutions
 - Chair Kruse gave an update on the resolutions that were referred at the Executive Committee meeting. The Childcare proposal was postponed until a proposal could articulate what exactly it is they want. The County will continue to meet with providers. The La Crosse School District proposal passed at Executive Committee and will be voted on tonight. The outlying school district proposal was postponed mostly in difference to the

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Childcare Provider resolution. The Stormwater Grant resolution was approved and the Solar and Geothermal resolution was voted down due to questions about the cost of the Geothermal which was a lot more than it was first proposed and would not be cost effective. A new resolution on this will be brought forward in September. The resolution to put a referendum on the November ballot regarding marijuana passed and will be voted on tonight and the resolution for 2 FTE Social Workers also passed and will be voted on tonight. The second Neighborhood Model that was held over since April will be brought up for a vote to dispose of it tonight.

- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Cable announced the REACH Center opened a Tenant Resource Center where low income renters can come in to get assistance with litigation or help with housing searches. A contract will be worked out with Legal Action of WI to offer legal assistance to people facing legal issues with housing. Supervisor Cable also noted that next week a point in time street count of the homeless. A Homeless Connect event will be held at the La Crosse Center on July 28th at 11am where homeless can be connected with resources, programs and services.
 - Supervisor Isola announced the La Crosse County Interstate Fair is going on in West Salem.
 - Supervisor Geary noted the Strong Seniors class is now offered on the Northside and is no longer through the County.
 - Supervisor Freedland attended a press event with the Governor and Attorney General to announce a lawsuit being filed by 17 manufacturers of PFAS.

Human Resources Director Report – Stephen Conrad

- Timeline for Administrator Position
 - Human Resource Director Stephen Conrad gave an update on the timeline for talent acquisition strategy on hiring a new administrator. The job description has been finalized and the posting and market requisition will go live on August 1st until closed. Candidates will be screen and identified during the same time period. Interviews will be scheduled with 2 panels; the County Management team and Executive Committee by September 9, 2022. A candidate for Board approval will be selected by September 9th and will be presented for appointment at the Thursday, September 15, 2022 County Board Monthly Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by R. Plesha/K. Keil to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting held June 6, 2022 and the Monthly Meeting held June 16, 2022 and the claims list for \$2,403,070.93 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - S. Doyle and P. Scheller.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by K. Cable/G. Padesky to reappoint Robin Schmidt to the Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners for a three year term to expire July 31, 2025; reappoint Vicki Burke to the Mississippi Regional Planning Commission for a six year term to expire July 21, 2028; appoint Kristie Tweed to the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant Review Committee. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve passed on a voice vote with 27 ayes, 1 abstention - K. Hoyer, 2 excused - S. Doyle and P. Scheller.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-7/22 RE: PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT (PSAP) GRANT FUNDING FOR ONE PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT PER COUNTY

WHEREAS, every municipal and state agency that provides fire suppression, law enforcement, and emergency medical services may establish a 911 system. Most counties operate their own Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) to meet the needs of their citizens; and **WHEREAS**, the 2017-19 Wisconsin state budget required the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) to create an emergency services IP network be provided to all PSAPs. This digital network is essential in transitioning the state's 911 system from the old and outdated analog system to a current and advanced NextGeneration 911 system; and **WHEREAS**, 2019 Wisconsin Act 26 created a much needed PSAP grant program aimed to provide grant dollars for advanced training of telecommunicators, equipment or software expenses,

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and incentives to consolidate some or all of the functions of two or more PSAPs; and **WHEREAS**, 2019 Wisconsin Act 26 requires that only one PSAP per county receive the grant funds; and **WHEREAS**, DMA Chapter 2 requires the county board of supervisors determine the one PSAP per county via resolution; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that La Crosse County does hereby designate La Crosse County Emergency Services as the Public Safety Answering Point for the purposes of 2019 Wisconsin Act 26 grant dollars or federal grant opportunities. **FISCAL NOTE:** No cost to La Crosse County.

JUDICIARY AND LAW COMMITTEE

Motion by M. Larson/P. Isola to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - S. Doyle and P. Scheller.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 1191 FILED BY BRET MILLER O/B/O THE DAVID C & SARA G MILLER REVOCABLE TRUST AND HIDDEN TRAILS CORN MAZE, LLC TO OPERATE A CORN MAZE IN THE TOWN OF HAMILTON

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered an application filed by: Bret Miller o/b/o The David C & Sara G Miller Revocable Trust and Hidden Trails Corn Maze, LLC, W4704 State Road 16, West Salem, WI 54669 and having held a public hearing on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 for a CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT under La Crosse County Ordinance chapter 17.05(6)(c) via 17.05(5(d)2.g Agriculture accessory uses that meet the requirements of s. 91.01(1)(d), Wis. Stats. to operate a corn maze in the Town of Hamilton and described as follows: Part of the SW/SE, the SE/SW and CSM No. 5, Vol. 8, Sec. 31, T.17N, R.6W. Tax parcel 7-1108-1, 7-1108-2, 7-1108-5, 7-1108-6, 7-1111-0. Property address: W4704 State Road 16, Town of Hamilton. 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 SEVEN (7) in favor (Hoyer, Hundt, Erickson, Konradt, Scheller, Schlimgen, Cornforth), ZERO (0) no, and ZERO (0) abstentions, the committee recommended Approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 1191 subject to the following SEVEN (7) conditions:

1. The owner(s) of the property 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. This approval does not preempt permittees' obligation to comply with all other applicable federal, state, and local regulations.
3. This permit replaces CUP #563, which is hereby terminated.
4. Hours of operation shall not exceed: The months of August - November, dawn – dusk daily. Five evening events ending no later than 11PM may be held each season.
5. This permit is not transferable from the principal ownership of David Miller, Sara Miller, or Bret Miller.
6. All customer vehicles must exit using Moos Rd.
7. Following the issuance of this permit, affiliated uses accessory to the corn maze that do not represent a significant change to the conditional use permit may be authorized by the Zoning Administrator.

THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 21st day of July, 2022. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Hoyer/D. Ferries to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - S. Doyle and P. Scheller.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 1192 FILED BY MATHEW C BERG O/B/O MATHEW C BERG, CURTIS H BERG & PAMELA J BERG TO ALLOW THE PLACEMENT OF A CABIN FOR TRANSIENT

OR TEMPORARY RESIDENTIAL USES OF THE LANDOWNER IN THE TOWN OF BARRE

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered an application filed by: Mathew C Berg o/b/o Mathew C Berg, Curtis H Berg & Pamela J Berg, 800 West Ave North Lot 129, West Salem, WI 54669 and having held a public hearing on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 for a CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT under La Crosse County Ordinance chapter 17.05(5(d)1.k. Cabins for transient or temporary residential uses of the landowner to allow the placement of a cabin in the Town of Barre and described as follows: Pt NW-NW & Pt SW-NE, Sec. 34, T.16N, R.6W. Tax parcel 2-492-0. Property address: County Road M, Town of Barre. 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 SIX (6) in favor (Hoyer, Hundt, Erickson, Konradt, Scheller, Cornforth), ONE (1) no (Schlimgen), and ZERO (0) abstentions, the committee recommended Approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 1192 subject to the following FOUR (4) conditions:

1. The owner(s) of the property 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. This approval does not preempt permittees' obligation to comply with all other applicable federal, state, and local regulations.
3. Deed restrictions covering a minimum of 35 acres within the base farm tract shall be recorded with the La Crosse County Register of Deeds within 45 days of County Board approval providing for the following:
 - a. Only one cabin is permitted within the deed restricted area.
 - b. No additional residences are authorized within the deed restricted area.
 - c. No further subdivision of the lot.
 - d. These deed restrictions can be lifted or amended only by the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors.
4. This approval is contingent on approval by the Town of Barre, and incorporates any additional conditions included by the Town.

THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 21st day of July, 2022. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Hoyer/R. Cornforth to approve. Discussion ensued. Planner Charlie Handy responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - S. Doyle and P. Scheller.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVE USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING FOR A CHILD CARE NEIGHBORHOOD MODEL IN COLLABORATION WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LA CROSSE

WHEREAS, La Crosse County was allocated \$22,923,224 through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which must be obligated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026; and, **WHEREAS**, the County Board has reserved funding for eight project priority areas as outlined in Resolution #55-1/22 including \$3.3 million for a child care neighborhood model; and, **WHEREAS**, The Parenting Place reported there were 450 child care businesses in La Crosse County in 1998, but by 2021 that number dropped to 92. **WHEREAS**, The State of Wisconsin funds the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program, which supports eligible families, earning equal to or less than 185% of the Federal Poverty Level for the family size, by funding a portion of the cost of child care while parents are working or participating in an approved activity such as seeking employment; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County Economic Support reports that due to a lack of eligible providers, the number of families receiving the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy dropped from 572 in 2011 to 187 families in 2022. **WHEREAS**, the School District of

La Crosse presented a child care model that will serve families receiving Wisconsin Shares along with a plan for sustainability; and, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves the allocation of \$700,000 of American Rescue Plan Act dollars as reserved in Resolution #55-1/22 for the School District of La Crosse. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the child care model must include the following components: a physical location for a child care program with at least 50% of those served being families receiving Wisconsin Shares, a livable wage of at least \$15 an hour with benefits, and a sustainability plan. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Administrator, County Board Chair, Finance Director and County Clerk are authorized to take all appropriate actions to effectuate the purpose of this resolution subject to approval as to form by the County Corporation Counsel. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Executive Committee shall serve as the oversight committee overseeing final program guidelines for operation of a Neighborhood Child Care model in collaboration with the School District of La Crosse. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if funds are not obligated to the School District of La Crosse child care project by the end of 2024, the County Board may reallocate the remaining funds to another American Rescue Plan Act eligible use of funds. **FISCAL NOTE:** This three-year project with the La Crosse School District is estimated to cost La Crosse County a total of \$696,000 (\$162,000 per year for ongoing costs and \$210,000 for one-time remodeling costs) for the program with no additional obligation by La Crosse County beyond this period. Any approved allocation would come from the \$3.3 million of ARPA funds that have been reserved for child care projects. Costs will be tracked in the 295.770.3744 division with the County financial system.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/R. Erickson to approve. Discussion ensued. Motion by G. Padesky/D. Ferries to hold for 30 days. Discussion ensued. Clerk Dankmeyer clarified that there was not an abstention as Supervisor Cable indicated in the reading of the resolution. The motion to hold for 30 days passed on a roll call vote with 15 ayes, 13 nays - K. Cable, R. Erickson, M. Freedland, P. Isola, K. Keil, M. Kruse, M. Larson, D. Mader, G. Mathu, M. Nikolay, D. Pierce, T. Tryggestad and D. Wacek, 2 excused - S. Doyle and P. Scheller.

FAILED RESOLUTION

REFERRED RESOLUTION RE: APPROVE USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING FOR A CHILD CARE NEIGHBORHOOD MODEL - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Motion by K. Cable/R. Erickson to approve. Discussion ensued. Corporation Counsel Megan DeVore explained that this is a resolution that has been referred since April and with new resolutions on the childcare funding, this resolution needs to be voted down to dispose of it. The motion to approve failed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 nays, 3 excused - S. Doyle, P. Scheller and T. Tryggestad.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-7/22 RE: APPROVAL OF A STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FUND & ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING

WHEREAS, La Crosse County has prioritized stormwater infrastructure improvements as a preferred strategy to mitigate flooding, improve resiliency and protect water quality; and **WHEREAS**, more frequent heavy downpours have led to an increased demand for stormwater infrastructure; and **WHEREAS**, local municipal governments often lack the financial resources to invest in stormwater infrastructure; and **WHEREAS**, municipal stormwater infrastructure grants benefit all residents of La Crosse County; and **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County was allocated \$22,923,224 through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which must be obligated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026; and **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Board has reserved \$2,000,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act funding for the "Stormwater Infrastructure Grant Fund" (by Resolution No.55-1-22). **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves this stormwater infrastructure grant fund; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Board allocates \$2,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act Funds to the Stormwater Infrastructure Grant Fund; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Executive Committee shall serve as the oversight committee overseeing final program guidelines for operation of a Stormwater Infrastructure Grant Fund; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Administrator, County Board Chair, Finance Director and County Clerk are authorized to take all appropriate actions to effectuate the purpose of this resolution subject to approval as to form by the County Corporation Counsel; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if funds are not obligated to projects through the Stormwater Infrastructure Grant Program by the end of 2024, the County Board may reallocate the remaining funds to another American Rescue Plan Act eligible use of funds. **FISCAL NOTE:**

Grants through this program shall be paid from division 295.770.3744 within the County financial system, Account 60807 Storm Water.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/R. Abraham to approve. Discussion ensued. Motion by J. Konradt/K. Hoyer to amend by deleting the 3rd Be It Resolved clause and insert in the 4th Be It Resolved clause between the words, resolution and subject; as presented to the County Board at the July 11 meeting. Discussion ensued. Land Conservation Director Matt Hanewall and Corporation Counsel Megan DeVore responded to questions from the Board. The motion to amend failed on a voice vote with 15 nays, 13 ayes - R. Abraham, M. Baroni, D. Ferries, R. Geary, D. Hesse, K. Hoyer, D. Hundt, D. Jacobsen, J. Konradt, G. Padesky, R. Plesha, J. Pogreba and K. Schlimgen, 2 excused - S. Doyle and P. Scheller. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - S. Doyle and P. Scheller.

FAILED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION RE: ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Motion by K. Cable/G. Mathu to approve. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve failed on a roll call vote with 16 nays, 12 ayes - K. Cable, R. Cornforth, R. Erickson, M. Freedland, P. Isola, M. Kruse, M. Larson, G. Mathu, G. Padesky, D. Pierce, P. Viner and D. Wacek, 2 excused - S. Doyle and P. Scheller.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-7/22 RE: AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FOR YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is continuing grant funding that La Crosse County has received annually since 2014 related to youth mental health crisis services, referred to by the State as Collaborative Crisis Intervention Services to Youth (CCISY) funding; and, **WHEREAS**, these funds continue to be needed as recent years have only amplified the concern across Wisconsin for youth mental health due to factors such as pandemic-related social isolation, detrimental impacts of increased use of social media, rising rates of youth diagnosed with severe Emotional Disturbance (SED), including Wisconsin having a suicide rate among 15-19 year olds that is 15% higher than the national average; and, **WHEREAS**, the CCISY grant will bring La Crosse County \$116,000 annually over 5 years (beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2027), for a total grant award of \$580,000 and will be used to support the following:

- Mental health specialist and therapy positions
- Contracted children's psychiatric services
- Short term youth crisis stays to decrease barriers to respite
- Family peer supports
- Training staff and the community, including support Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for Law Enforcement; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board hereby accepts the funding of \$580,000 obtained from the DHS CCISY Grant; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that La Crosse County is authorized to contract for all services that are necessary to meet the terms of the grant as long as they can be supported with the related 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 \$580,000 (\$116,000 annually), with no County match required, and the award period ending June 30th, 2027. The operating costs will be tracked under the 210.445.4600 division within the County financial system under the Integrated Support and Recovery Services section.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Motion by T. Tryggestad/D. Wacek to approve. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - S. Doyle and P. Scheller.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-7/22 RE: ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE BIRTH TO THREE PROGRAM TO SUPPORT A NEW PLAY GROUP

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WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), Division of Bureau of Children's Services (BCS), has awarded the La Crosse County Birth to 3 (B-3) program \$35,102 from the State of Wisconsin's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation for the specific purpose of supporting a new playgroup that will be administered by La Crosse County's B-3 provider, The Parenting Place; and **WHEREAS**, the funding is available for a an 18-month period, beginning July 1st, 2022 and ending on December 31st, 2023; and **WHEREAS**, the new play group, "Play Groups on the Move," is a weekly 90-minute group designed to offer developmentally stimulating play experiences for young children in our community. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby accepts the funding of \$35,102 from BCS; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that La Crosse County is authorized to contract for all services that are necessary to meet the terms of the grant related to the funding approved; 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 \$35,102 with no County match required, and the award period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023. The operating costs will be tracked under the 210.460.5235 division within the County financial system under the Integrated Support and Recovery Services section.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Motion by T. Tryggestad/K. Keil to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - S. Doyle and P. Scheller.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-7/22 RE: ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDING TO HIRE 2.0 FTE SOCIAL WORKERS TO ENHANCE AND STRENGTHEN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS SERVICES

WHEREAS, La Crosse County has been awarded grant funding in the amount of \$95,458 from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (available from March 15, 2022, through March 14, 2023) to hire 2.0 FTE Social Worker positions to strengthen and enhance local mental health crisis response services; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County is experiencing an increase in demand for mental health crisis services as evidenced by an increase between the years 2020 and 2021 in both crisis contacts (rising from 16,882 to 20,832) and emergency detentions (rising from 172 to 267), with contacts projected to continue to rise for 2022; and, **WHEREAS**, the additional capacity from these positions will allow an expansion in hours for the mental health crisis co-responder collaboration with the City of La Crosse Police Department as well as short-term case management and resource connection for individuals with mental challenges who are awaiting access to longer-term mental health services. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby accepts the \$95,458 in grant funding from Wisconsin DHS; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that La Crosse County is authorized to contract for all services that are necessary to meet the terms of the 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; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Human Services Department is authorized to hire and maintain 2.0 FTE Social Worker positions for as long as funding from this grant is available to support them. **FISCAL NOTE:** Award funds of a total \$95,458 with no County match required, and the award period ending March 14, 2023. The operating and staffing costs will be tracked under the 210.445.5235 division within the County financial system under the Integrated Support and Recovery Services section.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by T. Tryggestad/D. Mader to approve. Discussion ensued. Chair Kruse and Interim Administrator Jane Klekamp responded to questions from the Board. Motion by P. Viner/K. Hoyer to amend by deleting the 3rd Whereas clause and replace with: Whereas the additional capacity from these positions will provide mental health crisis services to individuals, first responders, and law enforcement agencies outside the City of La Crosse. Discussion ensued. Corporation Counsel Megan DeVore, ISRS Manger Christen Skolnick and Human Services Director Jason Witt responded to questions from the Board. The motion to amend

failed on a voice vote with 27 nays, 1 aye - P. Viner, 2 excused - S. Doyle and P. Scheller. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - S. Doyle and P. Scheller.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Supervisor Geary asked to have the Childcare group back and the HR Director to discuss salaries and reclassifications.
- Supervisor Isola asked for an update on the Opioid Settlement.
- Supervisors Konradt asked for action on the issue of minimum wage.

ADJOURN

Motion by G. Mathu/K. Hoyer to adjourn at 8:19 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - S. Doyle and P. Scheller.

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 21, 2022 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 22 OF JULY 2022.