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**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, June 16, 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	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	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	Excused
29	Schlimgen, Ken	Present
30	Mader, Dillon	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Monica Kruse

- County Board Photo - The full board photo will be taken immediately following the July 21, 2022 Monthly Board Meeting.
- Juneteenth will be at Riverside Park on Saturday, June 18, 2022 from noon – 5pm.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Tryggestad attended the open hour for RHYMES – Runaway Homeless Youth Mediation Emergency Services. It is located in the basement of the REACH Center.

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- Supervisor Ferries noted the dedication of the WI Vietnam Memorial at Veterans Freedom Park on June 23rd at noon.
- Supervisor Hoyer announced the June Dairy Breakfast will be held this Saturday in West Salem in Pleasant Valley at Birchwood Hollow Farms at 6am.
- Supervisor Geary and Jacobsen attended the Sumer Highway Conference. Funding on maintenance is not increased, they are reducing the service on the highways. WCHA is trying to extend the timeline to spend the ARPA funds. Supervisor Jacobsen noted that the autonomous driving vehicles use sensors built into road signs and when this comes around, will require road signs to be replaced.
- Supervisor Freedland and 9 other supervisors attended the La Crosse County Solid Waste Stakeholders Annual Meeting. She noted that more mattresses are being sent for recycling than being dumped in the landfill and communities with waste to energy facility have a 20% higher recycling rate.
- Supervisor Pogreba noted the need to educate the public on the dangers of throwing batteries in your household garbage and create a recycling program.

Interim Administrator Report – Jane Klekamp

- Overview of County Solar & Geothermal Plan
 - After staff received and looked at more information from Hoffman, the resolution tonight on solar energy and geothermal will be sent back to committee. A resolution will be drafted with new information.
- Overview of Neighborhood Revitalization Acquisition & Demolition Grant Program
 - Community Development Manager Brian Fukuda provided information on the program. The program has operated for six years now with significant impact on neighborhoods. The resolution tonight will allow the program to go Countywide with funding. It is designed to encourage the redevelopment of deteriorating housing. The grant dollars provided will help families, businesses or developers to tear down houses and build new ones. This can be a single, multi or rental unit. The maximum amount is \$50,000 for a single house or up to a maximum of \$100,000 per project. \$1.3 million has been allocated to this program with another \$1 million coming from the City of La Crosse. 263 new housing units have been built so far with distributed grant funds.
- Broadband Update
 - A group of staff members have met to look into broadband and will look into expanding broadband. Community Development Educator Charlotte Peters will lead the discussion with more information coming in August.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by R. Plesha/P. Scheller to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting held May 9, 2022 and the Monthly Meeting held May 19, 2022 and the claims list for \$6,347,375.41. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - S. Doyle and K. Keil.

APPOINTMENTS: Motion by G. Mathu/D. Ferries to reappoint David Ellertson to the Board of Adjustment for a three year term to expire June 30, 2025; reappoint Barbara Frank to the Board of Adjustment as the 2nd alternate for a two year term to expire June 30, 2024. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - S. Doyle and K. Keil.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 1186 FILED BY MAUREEN MOONEY FOR A RECREATIONAL VEHICLE FOR USE AS A TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IN THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered an application filed by: Maureen Mooney, 1930 Adams St, La Crosse, WI 54601 and having held a public hearing on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 for a CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT to/for 17.05(5(d)1.d. Recreational vehicle for use as a temporary residence in the Town of Farmington and described as follows: Pt NW-NE, Sec. 20, T.18N, R.6W. Tax parcel 5-855-2. Property address: County Road T, Town of Farmington. 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

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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 FIVE (5) in favor (Hundt, Erickson, Konradt, Scheller, Cornforth), ONE (1) no (Schlimgen), and ZERO (0) abstentions, the committee recommended Approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 1186 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 authorizes the placement of not more than one recreational vehicle at any time, which must be fully licensed and ready for highway use at all times. Locating a recreation vehicle in the floodfringe may result in additional limitations for which the permittee is responsible for compliance.
4. Occupancy of the recreational vehicle is temporary and shall not exceed 180 days during any calendar year.
5. Prior to placement of a recreational vehicle, the permittee shall record an affidavit requiring proper disposal of wastewater acceptable to the La Crosse County Sanitarian with the La Crosse County Register of Deeds.
6. Prior to placement of a recreational vehicle, all necessary driveway permits shall be obtained and a fire number shall be established.
7. This permit is non-transferable.

THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 16th day of June 2022. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 1189 FILED BY ANDREW T. AND TRUDI M. LEFEBRE FOR AGRICULTURE ACCESSORY USES THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 91.01(1)(D) IN THE TOWN OF ONALASKA

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered an application filed by: Andrew T. & Trudi M. Lefebre, W5616 County Road W, Holmen, WI 54636 and having held a public hearing on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 for a CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT to/for 17.05(5)(d)2.g. Agriculture accessory uses that meet the requirements of §91.01(1)(d), Wis. Stats. in the Town of Onalaska and described as follows: NW-SW & Pt SW-SW, Sec. 2, T.17N, R.7W. Tax parcel 10-68-0. Property address: W5616 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 FIVE (5) in favor (Hundt, Erickson, Konradt, Scheller, Cornforth), ONE (1) no (Schlimgen), and ZERO (0) abstentions, the committee recommended Approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 1189 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 is nontransferable.

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4. Events shall conclude in accordance with the schedule provided in the application. No overnight accommodations or camping associated with events is allowed.
5. The permittee shall contact the emergency response departments for this location to inquire about the need for emergency response planning and shall implement recommendations of said departments. Correspondence demonstrating contact shall be provided to the department.
6. Amplified music is permitted, and volume shall be controlled so-as not to create a nuisance on neighboring properties.
7. Following the issuance of this permit, affiliated uses accessory to the wedding/event barn 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 16th day of June 2022. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

ORDINANCE NO. 196-6/22 TO AMEND S. 7.08 ENTITLED "ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES" 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 7.08 entitled "All-terrain vehicles" is amended to read:

7.08 ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES.

(1) STATE ALL-TERRAIN/UTILITY-TERRAIN LAWS ADOPTED. For purposes of this ordinance, all references to all-terrain vehicles (ATV) shall include utility-terrain vehicles (UTV) as defined by statute. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Chapter, the statutory provisions in section 23.33, 340 to 348, and 350 Wis. Stats., describing and defining regulations with respect to all-terrain vehicles, exclusive of any provisions therein for which the statutory penalty is a fine or term of imprisonment, are hereby adopted by reference and made part of this section as if fully set forth herein. Acts required to be performed or prohibited by such statutes are required by this section.

(2) APPLICABILITY OF RULES OF THE ROAD TO ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES. The operator of an all-terrain vehicle upon a roadway shall, in addition to the provisions of section 23.33, Wis. Stats., also be subject to the rules of the road as provided in s. 346.02(11), Wis. Stats.

(3) OPERATION ON COUNTY PROPERTY. No person shall operate any all-terrain vehicle on lands owned by the County except where the use is authorized by posted notice or County permit.

(4) ATV ROUTES. As authorized by sec. 23.33(8)(b), Wis. Stats. and following due consideration of the recreational value to connect trail opportunities and weighted against possible dangers, public health, liability aspects, terrain involved, traffic density and history of automobile traffic, the following ATV routes have been created:

a. Routes.

1. Entire length of CTH A from CTH C to STH 162.
2. Entire length of CTH Q from CTH V to STH 108.
3. Entire length of CTH VV from CTH T to Jackson Co.
4. Entire length of CTH AE from CTH A to CTH TA.
5. Entire length of CTH TA from CTH T to CTH A.
6. Entire length of CTH T from STH 162 to STH53
7. Entire length of CTH DD from CTH T to CTH D.
8. Entire length of CTH TT from CTH T to CTH V.
9. Entire length of CTH EE from STH 162 to CTH T.
10. CTH M from CTH D to CTH Q.
11. Entire length of CTH E from STH 16 to CTH DE.
12. Entire length of CTH DE from STH 16 to CTH C.
13. CTH V from CTH TT east to the end of CTH V.
14. CTH C from STH 108 to CTH DE.
15. CTH D from CTH C to the Farmington town line.
16. CTH J from Rockland Village limits south to the Monroe County Line.
17. The entire length of CTH Y from CTH J to the Monroe County Line.
18. CTH U from Bangor Village limits east to Rockland Village limits.

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19. CTH B from Bangor Village limits east to CTH J.
20. The entire length of CTH JJ from STH 162 to CTH J.

- b. Conditions. As a condition for the use of these routes, the following conditions shall apply to all operators and passengers:
 1. All ATV operators shall obey posted roadway speed limits.
 2. All ATV operators shall ride single file.
 3. All ATV's shall operate only on the extreme right side of the paved portion of the roadway. Operation of an ATV on the shoulder, ditch, or right-of-way is prohibited and illegal.
 4. Headlights and taillights must be turned on at all times.
 5. All persons under the age of 18 operating or riding an ATV must wear a helmet.
 6. Routes must be signed in accordance with NR 64.12 and NR 64.12(7)(c).

(5) ENFORCEMENT. This ordinance shall be enforced by any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

(6) PENALTIES. The Wisconsin ATV penalties as found in Wisconsin Statute 23.33(13) are adopted by reference.

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 P. Viner/M. Nikolay to approve. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve passed on a voice vote with 25 ayes, 3 nays - R. Erickson, M. Freedland and J. Konradt, 2 excused - S. Doyle and K. Keil.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-6/22 RE: APPROVE AMENDING THE 2022 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$5,000,000 FROM UNASSIGNED GENERAL FUND, INSTEAD OF ISSUING GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES

WHEREAS, the County Board adopted the 2022 Highway Department budget including the use of \$5,000,000 of proceeds from issuing debt, as authorized by Resolution 43-11/21 directing the advertisement and sale of approximately \$5,200,000 aggregate principal amount including cost of issuance of General Promissory Notes for an amortization period of 10 years; and, **WHEREAS**, at the close of fiscal year 2021, the County General Fund and other reserves are very strong with the Unassigned General Fund balance at 69.9% of Expenditures, which is significantly in excess of the County policy of maintaining 25%-50% of Unassigned General Fund Balance; and, **WHEREAS**, investment rates of County cash reserves in the State of Wisconsin Investment Pool are slightly above 0% which provides little benefit for the County to retain cash while borrowing; and **WHEREAS**, the market rates for municipal borrowing are still historically low but are quickly rising from 1.10% in January, to 2.83% in May and on pace to reach 4.69% by August on 10 year amortized General Obligation Promissory notes, in strong contradiction to the market conditions last fall of .92%, when the Board approved the issuance of debt for Highway road and bridge work. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby amends the 2022 Highway Budget by transferring \$5,000,000 from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance instead of issuing General Obligation Notes as authorized and directs the Finance Department to effectuate this change. **FISCAL NOTE:** At the end of fiscal year 2021, the Unassigned General Fund Balance was \$24,836,150, which is sufficient for the transfer in March of \$2,300,000 approved by resolution 59-3/22 and this transfer of \$5,000,000, while the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance is expected to grow during fiscal year 2022 by over \$2 million due to the growth trend in sales tax receipts above the 2022 budget.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/D. Ferris to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - S. Doyle and K. Keil.

REFERRED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVE USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING FOR COUNTY SOLAR AND GEOTHERMAL

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/R. Plesha to approve. Motion by K. Cable/T. Tryggestad to refer back to committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - S. Doyle and K. Keil.

RESOLUTION HELD FOR 30 DAYS

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/D. Pierce to approve. Motion by G. Padesky/K. Hoyer to hold over for 30 days. Discussion ensued. Motion by G. Padesky/R. Erickson call the question/close debate passed on a voice vote with 24 ayes, 4 nays - D. Ferries, M. Freedland, P. Isola and J. Konradt, 2 excused - S. Doyle and K. Keil. The motion to hold for 30 days passed on a roll call vote with 16 ayes, 12 nays - K. Cable, R. Cornforth, R. Erickson, M. Freedland, P. Isola, M. Kruse, M. Larson, G. Mathu, D. Pierce, P. Scheller, T. Tryggestad and D. Wacek, 2 excused - S. Doyle and K. Keil.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-6/22 RE: APPROVAL OF EXPANSION OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ACQUISITION AND DEMOLITION GRANT PROGRAM & ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING

WHEREAS, La Crosse County created the Neighborhood Revitalization Acquisition and Demolition Grant program in 2016 (by Resolution No. 80-2-16) to encourage the redevelopment of deteriorated housing stock within target residential neighborhoods based on criteria including low valued housing stock, concentrations of poverty, and proximity to employment; and **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the initial program guidelines, as well as the subsequent expansion of the program in 2018 (by Resolution No. 17-7-18), the program was available for projects within the Powell-Poage-Hamilton, Washburn, and Lower Northside & Depot Neighborhoods in the City of La Crosse; and **WHEREAS**, since 2016, the program has leveraged \$1,069,430 in grants into at least \$29,660,000 of new tax base, and 261 new housing units; and **WHEREAS**, there is a need for this type of program in other neighborhoods in La Crosse County where housing stock is deteriorating; 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 "Grants for Housing Redevelopment" (by Resolution No.55-1-22). **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves expansion of the Neighborhood Revitalization Acquisition and Demolition Grant Program to all La Crosse County municipalities in accordance with the attached Program Guidelines; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Board allocates \$2,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act Funds to the Neighborhood Revitalization Acquisition and Demolition Grant Program; 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. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if funds are not obligated to projects through the Neighborhood Revitalization Acquisition and Demolition Grant program by the end of 2023, 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 63600 Neighborhood Revitalization.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/P. Scheller to approve. Discussion ensued. Community Development Manager Brian Fukuda responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - S. Doyle and K. Keil.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Supervisor Geary requested the proposal from the private childcare centers go through committee.
- Supervisor Cable requested the proposal be presented at the Planning Meeting.
- Supervisor Schlimgen asked for education on how the resolution process works.

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ADJOURN

Motion by D. Wacek/G. Mathu to adjourn at 8:18 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - S. Doyle and K. Keil.

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, June 16, 2022 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 17 OF JUNE 2022.