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**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, June 6, 2022 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 25 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	Absent
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 at 06:27 PM
19	Cornforth, Rick	Excused
20	Doyle, Steve	Excused
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

PROCLAMATION JUNE 2022 - SUPPORTING FAIR HOUSING

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act, enacted on April 11, 1968, enshrined into federal law the goal of eliminating racial segregation and ending housing discrimination in the United States; and, **WHEREAS**, The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, and disability, and commits recipients of federal funding to affirmatively further fair

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housing in their communities; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all; and, **WHEREAS**, our social fabric, the economy, health, and environment are strengthened in diverse, inclusive communities; and, **WHEREAS**, more than fifty years after the passage of the Fair Housing Act, discrimination persists, and many communities remain segregated; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has enacted a public participation plan for all CDBG Housing Activities, and a Fair Housing ordinance. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board is committed to fair housing, and to promoting appropriate activities by private and public entities to provide and advocate for equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents of La Crosse County.

Motion by J. Pogreba/K. Cable to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 2 absent - M. Baroni and J. Konradt, 3 excused - R. Abraham, R. Cornforth and S. Doyle.

- Child Care Update – Chair Kruse noted the resolution that came before the Board in April was postponed to allow new supervisors to get more information. That same resolution will come back to the Board at the meeting next week. The resolution will allocate approximately \$700,000 for a joint venture between La Crosse County and the School District of La Crosse. Childcare providers have been meeting to draft a proposal to present to the County Board for funding.
- American Rescue Plan Act Update – Chair Kruse reviewed the purpose of the American Rescue Plan Act. \$22.9 million was allocated to La Crosse County and must be allocated by the end of 2024 and spent by end of 2026. The Board discussed and refined the priorities at three different Board meetings in 2021. They developed values of quality of life, equity and collaboration. The Board reserved funds of \$3.3 million for new or expanded childcare, \$3 million for affordable bridge housing for families, \$2.4 million for economic impact skilled trades training, \$3 million for affordable bridge housing for adults, \$2 million affordable housing for development, \$5 million for maintenance or building of infrastructure, \$1.5 million for sustainability and green infrastructure County solar, and \$2 million for sustainability stormwater grant funds. \$705,000 has already been expended for COVID related expenditures and \$500,000 reserved for veterans. To change these priorities, they would have to be done with resolutions and motions brought to the board on what the new priorities are and where the funding is coming from.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Ferries announced on June 23rd at noon there will be a dedication of the WI Vietnam Memorial at Veterans Freedom Park.
 - Supervisor Freedland announced the Annual La Crosse County Disposal System meeting at Stoney Creek Conference Center on June 15th at 8am. Tours of the Solid Waste Department and Xcel Energy French Island Plant will be offered in the afternoon.
 - Supervisor Wacek announced that Juneteenth will be held in Riverside Park on June 18th.
 - Supervisor Hundt announced there will be a walk at Riverside Park for Elder Abuse on June 15th at 9:30 am. He also announced that Paws Dog Park in Veterans Memorial Park will open this weekend.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by K. Cable/G. Padesky to appoint Sharon Hampson to the Health and Human Services Board for the remainder of a term to expire April 30, 2023; appoint Margaret Larson to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a term to expire January 17, 2023; appoint Sueanne Bethausser to the Veterans Service Commission to replace Timothy Mitchell Sr for the remainder of a term to expire December 31, 2022 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 2 absent - M. Baroni and J. Konradt, 3 excused - R. Abraham, R. Cornforth and S. Doyle.

Interim Administrator Report – Jane Klekamp

PROCLAMATION JUNE 2022 - PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES MONTH

WHEREAS, the county parks system and our natural resources are an integral part of the La Crosse County community; and, **WHEREAS**, our parks and natural resources are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all residents, and

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contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and, **WHEREAS**, parks and natural resources are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County employees from the Facilities Department and the Department of Land Conservation serve to educate, protect, maintain and enhance the quality of our parks and natural resources. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the Month of June 2022 as La Crosse County Parks and Natural Resources Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution made by County employees to the preservation of our Parks and Natural Resources for the benefit of all.

Motion by P. Isola/K. Keil to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 1 absent - J. Konradt, 3 excused - R. Abraham, R. Cornforth and S. Doyle.

PROCLAMATION JUNE 2022 - DAIRY MONTH

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin dairy industry generates a \$45.6 billion economic impact, \$1.26 billion in state and local taxes, and 154,000 jobs for the state annually; and, **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin dairy farmers work with cheesemakers to craft over 600 varieties, types and styles of Wisconsin cheese, creating half of the nation's specialty cheese; and, **WHEREAS**, because of Wisconsin dairy farmers' commitment to sustainable practices, the carbon footprint of a glass of milk is two-thirds less than it was 70 years ago, yet it still has the same nutritional benefits and great taste; and, **WHEREAS**, there are nearly 6,500 dairy farms in Wisconsin, 95% of which are family owned, and they produce dairy products enjoyed by more than 300 million consumers around the world; and, **WHEREAS**, dairy farmers in La Crosse County produce \$33.5 million worth of milk annually, according to the most recent statistics, and dairy processing plants in La Crosse, Mindoro, Onalaska and Holmen support jobs that benefit all county residents. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim June 2022 as Dairy Month in La Crosse County and urges all residents to join us in celebrating the contributions of dairy farmers to our economy and community.

Motion by K. Hoyer/K. Schlimgen to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 1 absent - J. Konradt, 3 excused - R. Abraham, R. Cornforth and S. Doyle.

- ARPA vs Budget Considerations
 - Interim Administrator Klekamp reviewed the process for requesting funds. Funds can be requested during the budget process before the Administrator's Recommended budget and requires a majority of supervisors. It is recommended to ask before July 15th to add the request to the budget. Request made after the budget can be done by making a motion to add a request to the budget and will require a majority vote by supervisors to be added. Outside of the budget process, a motion can be made on the board floor to add funding to a project and will require 2/3 vote by supervisors. A resolution can also be requested that must get through a standing committee. The resolution must include information about the project, how much funding is requested, and if known, where funds should come from. This will also require a 2.e vote by supervisors.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Supervisor Viner asked for a discussion on broadband.
- Supervisor Geary asked for an update on wages affecting County employees from the HR Director.

ADJOURN

Motion by G. Mathu/G. Padesky to adjourn at 6:41 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 1 absent - J. Konradt, 3 excused - R. Abraham, R. Cornforth and S. Doyle.

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

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Planning Meeting held Monday, June 6, 2022 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 9 OF JUNE 2022.