

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING  
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, October 10, 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:

<b>District</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
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	Present
21	Abraham, Rob	Excused
22	Viner, Pamela	Present
23	Nikolay, Matt	Present
24	Hoyer, Kevin	Excused
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 OCTOBER 2022 - CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Cybersecurity Awareness Month reminds us of the importance of safeguarding important infrastructure from malicious activity and protecting citizens and businesses from attempts to steal information from their computers and networks; and, **WHEREAS**, organizations and individuals can take simple steps to secure their sensitive data and stay safe online, including regularly updating software, using strong passwords, and recognizing and reporting attempted cyber attacks; and, **WHEREAS**,

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cybersecurity is increasingly important to our everyday lives and economy. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby declare October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month and urges local government, businesses, schools, and individuals to recognize the importance of cybersecurity and to take action to protect themselves against cyber threats.

Motion by J. Pogreba/K. Cable to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - R. Abraham and K. Hoyer.

- Vet's Bonanza will be held at the La Crosse Center on Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 10am – 4pm. This event will offer several services available to veterans.
- LADCO will hold their 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Industry Appreciation Event at the Omni Center on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 from 11am – 1pm. Please sign up with the clerk if you are interested in attending.
- Economic Indicators will hold an Update for the 7 Rivers Region at the UWL Campus on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 from 7am – 9am. Please sign up with the clerk if you are interested in attending.
- Update on Administrator Position – HR Director Stephen Conrad reported that they are continuing to source and market to get applications. Postings have been updated and reposted. Candidates are being screened and candidates that meet the requirements have been interviewed.
- The group photo will be taken immediately following the meeting.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
  - Supervisor Hundt announced the new Paws Park at Veteran's Park in West Salem has opened.
  - Supervisor Padesky, Kruse, Baroni, Geary, Plesha, Ferries, Konradt, Hoyer, Pierce, Isola, Erickson, and Mader all attended the WCA Conference at the Wisconsin Dells. County employees/departments who presented were the Crisis Program from Human Services, Human Services Director Jason Witt presented on Child Protection, and a presentation on diversity and inclusion.
  - Supervisor Isola attended a Mental Health Session.

#### **Interim Administrator Report – Jane Klekamp**

#### **PROCLAMATION OCTOBER 2022 - SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, La Crosse County helps to minimize the environmental impact of waste disposal in our region through management of award-winning programs including waste-to-energy, landfill operations, gas to energy recovery and household hazardous materials collection; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has helped to facilitate the successful implementation of single-stream recycling collection in the cities of La Crosse and Onalaska that has resulted in a 137 percent increase in recycling; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County enhances regional solid waste and recycling efforts through expanding sustainability practices and collaboration on all aspects of solid waste and recycling, processing, and beneficial reuse of by-products. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of October 2022 as La Crosse County Solid Waste and Recycling Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of persons dedicated to operating one of the most environmentally sustainable solid waste disposal systems in the nation.

Motion by D. Ferries/P. Viner to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - R. Abraham and K. Hoyer.

- Heritage Center Update
  - Executive Director Peggy Derrick presented a project review. A strategic planning proposal was done to determine space needs, development of theme/story/message and development of business model and operating budget opinion. Total cost will be \$120,000 with \$30,000 coming from La Crosse County Historical Society, \$60,000 from the City of La Crosse and \$30,000 from the County of La Crosse. FEH Design Architectural firm from Dubuque, IA and Lord Cultural Resources in Toronto, Canada worked in partnership on the proposal. The next step is a Fundraising Feasibility Study with Creative Fundraising Advisors to determine the fundraising capacity.
- Highlights of 2023 Administrator's Budget

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- Key highlights of the budget include lower taxes, increased highway funding, reduced county debt, 3% pay increase, maintains strong and healthy reserves, and no reduction in services. The 2023 recommended mill rate is \$2.90 per \$1,000. The total levy is \$37,458,167 and total revenue is \$208,141,404. The public hearing on the budget will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup> and the budget meeting will follow.
- ARPA Update
  - Neighborhood Child Care Model – UW Extension Community Development Educator Charlotte Peters is developing a plan that will be shared with Supervisors. \$3.3 million was reserved for this project but \$300,000 has been reallocated to Veterans programs. Estimated date for funding request is unknown.
  - Bridge Housing for Families – One group is working to acquire properties for non-profits to own and sustain into the future and another group is developing a plan to provide ongoing case management and services for families. \$3 million was reserved for this project and estimated date for funding request is December 2022.
  - Skilled Trades Training – The project is going through an RFP process to ensure fairness. \$2.125 million was reserved and estimated funding request is 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, 2022.
  - Hillview redesign and rebuild – the County is working with Hoffman Planning and Construction to design and construct the Community Based Residential Facility. Total cost is \$10.5 million with \$5 million of ARPA funding allocated and \$5.5 million in general obligation long-term debt.
  - Green Infrastructure County Solar – The board is being asked to allocate \$18,320 for the consultant to help with RFP. \$1.5 million was reserved and final costs are still being determined. Board will be asked to release \$34,000 in October with final request to be made after RFP process.
  - Bridge Housing for Adults – A sustainability plan is being developed and next steps include determining a location for the building. \$3 million was reserved with total cost of the project to be determined through the RFP. Estimated date of funding request is 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, 2022.
  - Grants for Housing redevelopment – The grant program is ready to expand countywide. \$2 million was reserved and funding approved in June 2022. Two demolition grants were approved in the Town of Campbell and the next round of grant reviews will occur in January 2023.
  - Stormwater Infrastructure Grant Fund – A grant application process is being developed for the unincorporated areas. \$2 million was reserved with funding approved in June 2022. The program is currently accepting applications for both conceptual project ideas and designed stormwater projects.
  - Allocation to Veterans Program – Results from a survey to veterans showed the two highest priorities to be housing and economic assistance with transportation as the third priority. \$500,000 was allocated in December of 2021 and estimated date for plan approval is 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, 2022.
  - Allocation to Community Events - \$90,000 was allocated for community events and an application has been drafted and will be presented to the Executive Committee in October 2022.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

- Supervisor Hundt asked for an update on Bostwick Creek

**ADJOURN**

Motion by G. Mathu/G. Padesky to adjourn at 7:02 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - R. Abraham and K. Hoyer.

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**COUNTY OF LA CROSSE )**

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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, October 10, 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 OCTOBER 2022.