

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, December 11, 2023 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 26 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	Richmond, Andrea	Excused
2	Geary, Ralph	Present
3	Pierce, David	Present
4	Freedland, Maureen	Present
5	Poley, Justin	Excused
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	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	Present
25	Jacobsen, Dennis	Present
26	Hundt, David	Present
27	Hesse, Dan	Present
28	Silva, Leonardo	Present
29	Schlimgen, Ken	Present
30	Mader, Dillon	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Monica Kruse

- WCA Legislative Exchange – The WCA Legislative Exchange will be February 6-7, 2024 at the Madison Concourse Hotel in Madison WI. If you are interested in attending, let the Clerk know by next Friday.
- Supervisor Conference Reports

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- Chair Kruse, Corporation Counsel Megan DeVore and Administrator Jane Klekamp attended the WCCMA – Wisconsin City County Management Association. Discussion was on navigating management challenges.
- Supervisor Schlimgen attended Chief Inspector Training and encouraged Supervisors to recruit poll workers.
- Supervisor Tryggestad noted the Homeless Person Memorial will be held on December 21st which is the longest night of the year. The service will be held at 1pm at the Reach Center.

Administrator Report - Jane Klekamp

PROCLAMATION DECEMBER 2023 - ZONING, PLANNING AND LAND INFORMATION AND METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MONTH

WHEREAS, the staff of these departments assist and advise individuals, businesses, professionals, and governmental units in administering zoning, floodplain, shoreland, subdivision, telecommunication, and nonmetallic mining ordinances; and, **WHEREAS**, they coordinate land information systems for the assessment, taxation, mapping, permitting, planning and educational needs of the public and private sector, including through the county land records website; and, **WHEREAS**, they help provide transportation planning to develop and obtain funding for safe and efficient transportation networks throughout our region. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of December 2023 as Zoning, Planning and Land Information and Metropolitan Transportation Planning Month in recognition of the contributions of staff dedicated to promoting planned and orderly land use development for the benefit of all.

Motion by K. Hoyer/R. Cornforth to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 4 excused - R. Abraham, K. Cable, J. Poley and A. Richmond.

- General Update
 - Administrator Klekamp noted that the County was recently hacked and the IT Department was able to stop it and minimize the damage; Hillview planning was approved with designing in the 2nd quarter next year and construction to begin in the 3rd quarter; Wisconsin has a WI Caregiver Program that trains people to be Certified Nursing Assistants in the nursing homes and then reimbursed by the State of Wisconsin, 15 people have been trained with this program; the Operations Coordinator at Solid Waste, Jackie Davis, received the Future Five Award from the La Crosse Chamber of Commerce; the County Clerk was invited to Atlanta, GA with about 20 other election officials to discuss the possible 2024 election threats and how to manage them.
- Report on Family Bridge Housing - Anna Sprague - Couleecap, Kevin Burch - Catholic Charities, Isaac Hoffman - Director of the La Crosse Area Family Collaborative and Hetti Brown - Executive Director of Couleecap.
 - The goal was to add 16-20 units total with 2/3 purchased by the end of 2024. Average cost of \$175,000/unit for purchase price and necessary repairs. Catholic Charities has purchased properties that include a single family 2-bedroom home on the northside for \$110,185 with occupancy for March 2024; single family 4-bedroom on southside for \$200,185 with occupancy for February 2024; single family 3-bedroom home on the southside for \$160,185 with occupancy at the end of the week; single family 4-bedroom home on the southside for \$147,000 with closing in 2 weeks and occupancy in July 2024. Their current funding used is \$470,555 for the purchasing of properties and \$36,000 in estimated repairs for upcoming northside home. Couleecap has purchased properties that include a single family 2-bedroom home on the northside of La Crosse for \$180,000. A family of four moved into this home in November. They also purchased a duplex with 3-bedroom units on southside of La Crosse for \$300,000 and will be ready for occupancy by January 2024. Their current funding used is \$480,000 in properties purchased, \$12,893 in repairs and \$7,611.01 in other expenses. Isaac Hoffman reviewed the types of families that are targeted for this program and the services being offered to them to encourage success.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Supervisor Hundt asked for an update on the shortage of manpower in La Crosse County.

ADJOURN

Motion by J. Pogreba/K. Schlimgen to adjourn at 6:43 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 4 excused - R. Abraham, K. Cable, J. Poley and A. Richmond.

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 Planning Meeting held Monday, December 11, 2023 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 19 OF DECEMBER 2023.