

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, February 6, 2023 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 23 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	Lee, Pelli	Sworn in at 6:05 PM
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	Excused
11	Scheller, Patrick	Absent
12	Erickson, Randy	Present
13	Tryggestad, Tina	Present
14	Larson, Margaret	Present
15	Kruse, Monica	Present
16	Ferries, Dan	Excused
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	Sworn in at 6:05 PM
29	Schlimgen, Ken	Present
30	Mader, Dillon	Excused

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Monica Kruse

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by R. Erickson/D. Pierce to appoint Pelli Lee as County Board Supervisor for District 1 for a term to begin immediately and to expire April 15, 2024 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Joe Konradt passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 4 excused - R. Abraham, K. Cable, D. Ferries and D. Mader, 2 vacancies – District 1 and 28.

(115-22/23)

Motion by G. Mathu/R. Cornforth to appoint Leonardo Silva as County Board Supervisor for District 28 for a term to begin immediately and to expire April 15, 2024 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Karen Keil passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 4 excused - R. Abraham, K. Cable, D. Ferries and D. Mader, 2 vacancies – District 1 and 28.

Pelli Lee and Leonardo Silva were sworn in by the Honorable Judge Scott Horne.

PROCLAMATION FEBRUARY 2023 - BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, Black History Month is celebrated throughout the United States of America during the month of February; and, **WHEREAS**, recognition began in 1926 as a program to encourage the study of Black history to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, and was officially expanded to the entire month of February in 1976 by President Gerald Ford; and, **WHEREAS**, we recognize this year’s Black History Month theme of “Black Resistance”; and, **WHEREAS**, we acknowledge systemic racism has led to Black people being more likely to die at an early age from all causes, more commonly misdiagnosed, and impacted by health inequities throughout the health care system that have traumatized the Black community; and, **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution in April 2021 declaring racism a public health crisis as an effort to acknowledge the impact of systemic racism and chart a course for action to address disparities in our county; and, **WHEREAS**, today, we celebrate and affirm the importance of Black Health and Wellness to our county, throughout Wisconsin, and the nation. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim February 2023 as Black History Month and calls upon all people to work together to create a world that is more just, equitable and prosperous for all.

Motion by P. Viner/G. Padesky to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 4 excused - R. Abraham, K. Cable, D. Ferries and D. Mader.

- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Geary and Freedland along with several other Supervisors participated in Transit Equity Day and rode the MTU.
 - Supervisor Geary and Jacobsen attended the WCHA Road School and the Secretary of Transportation said if you want more money for roads, you need to spend more money on roads.
 - Supervisor Tryggestad reminded Supervisors to respond to the survey sent out by the La Crosse Tribune.
 - Supervisor Jacobsen attended the WCHA Conference

Administrator Report - Jane Klekamp

APPOINTMENT

Motion by G. Mathu/P. Isola to appoint Jane Brannan as the County Veterans Service Officer effective immediately as recommended by Administrator Klekamp passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 4 excused - R. Abraham, K. Cable, D. Ferries and D. Mader.

PROCLAMATION FEBRUARY 2023 - PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH

WHEREAS, the Vision of the La Crosse County Health Department is “holistically healthy people in a thriving community”; and, **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Health Department is made up of 58 staff representing 13 different Public Health professions; and, **WHEREAS**, Health Department employees provide information and services to county residents in about 55 different program areas that enable citizens to live long and productive lives; and, **WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin rates the La Crosse County Health Department performance at the highest level possible in Wisconsin; and, **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Health Department works to educate people about ways we can improve community health and runs crucial Access to Care, Communicable Disease, Family Health, Chronic Disease/Injury Prevention, and Environmental Health/Laboratory services. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of February as Public Health Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contributions of Health Department staff.

(116-22/23)

Motion by T. Tryggestad/M. Baroni to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 1 absent - and P. Scheller, 4 excused - R. Abraham, K. Cable, D. Ferries and D. Mader.

- General Update – Administrator Klekamp gave an update on what has been happening at the County. The Associate Administrator position was posted last Friday. The Wisconsin Elections Commission voted that the voting machines performed without any failures. The Federal Government is unwinding the Emergency Covid Rules which ends emergency rental assistance, Economic Support will have to determine eligibility for Foodshare, Medicaid, Children’s Health Insurance Program, and will end free vaccination and testing for Covid. The transfer of County Highway B to the Village of West Salem within their municipal limits has been completed. The Solar RFP is due on February 14th. An update on the Opioid Settlement was given and a resolution will be voted in March regarding these settlements. The State is looking at increasing shared revenue.
- Short-Term Rental Presentation
 - Corporation Counsel Megan DeVore reviewed residential dwelling rentals either as a short-term rental on own or short-term rental through registered lodging marketplace and what a municipality can and can’t do. The Health Department licenses as a “Tourist Rooming House”. There are State Statutes and County Ordinances to follow. In the 12 County Zoning Districts, Transient Residential Use is a Conditional Use in Zoning Districts 1-6, Authorized Use in Districts 8-11, and Unauthorized Use in Districts 7 and 12. Cities, villages, towns and counties cannot prohibit rentals of residences for seven consecutive days or longer. They can prohibit rentals of 7 days or less, require local permits, and limit the number of days that a rental unit may be rented in a year. State regulations also require any person who maintains, manages or operates a short-term rental for more than 10 nights each year to obtain a DATCP license and any necessary local licenses as required by the political subdivision. Possible policy considerations or revisions could include Transient Residential Use no longer be treated as a CUP but would be permitted uses with codified standards; a onetime non-transferrable zoning permit would be required prior to operation and would be reviewed and approved by staff; no public hearing; and notice would still go to neighboring properties. The Health Code could include an annual license and renewal with inspection, review the Health Department Ordinance for additional regulations beyond DATCP requirement, and continued coordination between both departments for application and enforcement. Towns, even those without municipal zoning, could adopt their own additional permitting procedures/requirements. This would be outside the County process and applied enforced by the Towns. Possible standards could include off street parking, capacity of septic, fire pit limitations, refuse collection, advertising, posting of permits, applicant contacting town clerk and inspector to ensure they are in compliance with town rules, evacuation plans, 24/7 contact information of property manager, and all current zoning and health code violations must be fully resolved/corrected before any license could be issued or renewed.
- Introduction of Chanin Kelly-Rae as the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Consultant
 - Chanin Kelly-Rae is the principal Founder and Owner of Kelly-Rae Consulting based out of Seattle, WA that has done work that has impacted every state. She has been doing this work for the past 22 years and has advised members of the white house, congress, governors, attorney generals, CEO, presidents, city councils, police chiefs and lots of people across many industries. Ms. Kelly-Rae reviewed what she will do for the County and how they will identify the voices in the community and collaborate with staff. The process will also include leaders and provide opportunities for training in leadership support and development. Reports will be produced and shared with their findings, insights and recommendations after speaking with leaders and how people experience the County.
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Prioritization Exercise
 - Administrator Klekamp recapped and reviewed the results of votes taken during the County Board Advance. The amount of funding that was approved at the Advance will be removed from the total ARPA funding and only votes on the remaining funding will be tonight. Hillview will be about \$20 million dollars to remodel. Possible funding streams to reach that amount could be other ARPA, skilled trades, demolition grants, county solar or borrowing. The original CBRF plan included \$5 million in borrowing.

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American Rescue Plan Act (AEPA) Prioritization Exercise

1. DO YOU SUPPORT USING \$100,000 IN ARPA FUNDS TO HIRE A CONSULTANT TO ASSIST WITH BROADBAND PROJECTS? - passed on a unanimous roll call vote with 25 ayes and 0 nays, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 4 excused - R. Abraham, K. Cable, D. Ferries and D. Mader.

2. DO YOU SUPPORT USING \$500,000 IN ARPA FUNDS TO CREATE A CHILDCARE GRANT FUND? - passed on a roll call vote with 15 ayes, 9 nays - M. Baroni, R. Erickson, D. Hesse, K. Hoyer, P. Isola, M. Larson, D. Pierce, R. Plesha and K. Schlimgen, 1 abstention - G. Mathu, 1 absent - and P. Scheller, 4 excused - R. Abraham, K. Cable, D. Ferries and D. Mader.

3. DO YOU SUPPORT USING \$500,000 IN ARPA FUNDING TO REPLACE THE \$500,000 BUDGETED FOR PFAS IN 2023? - failed on a roll call vote with 20 nays, 5 ayes - M. Baroni, R. Geary, K. Hoyer, J. Pogreba and K. Schlimgen, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 4 excused - R. Abraham, K. Cable, D. Ferries and D. Mader.

4. DO YOU SUPPORT USING \$1.5 MILLION IN ARPA FUNDS FOR THE HOLMEN FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST? - failed on a roll call vote with 23 nays, 2 abstentions - P. Lee and L. Silva, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 4 excused - R. Abraham, K. Cable, D. Ferries and D. Mader.

5. DO YOU SUPPORT USING ARPA FUNDING TO HIRE A GRANT WRITER? - failed on a roll call vote with 24 nays, 1 aye - K. Schlimgen, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 4 excused - R. Abraham, K. Cable, D. Ferries and D. Mader.

6. DO YOU SUPPORT USING ARPA FUNDING FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY PROJECTS? - passed on a roll call vote with 17 ayes, 8 nays - R. Erickson, M. Freedland, P. Isola, M. Kruse, D. Pierce, R. Plesha, T. Tryggestad and D. Wacek, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 4 excused - R. Abraham, K. Cable, D. Ferries and D. Mader.

7. DO YOU SUPPORT USING ARPA FUNDING FOR A SKILLED TRADES TRAINING PROJECT? - passed on a roll call vote with 14 ayes, 11 nays - R. Erickson, D. Hesse, K. Hoyer, D. Hundt, P. Isola, R. Plesha, J. Pogreba, K. Schlimgen, T. Tryggestad, P. Viner and D. Wacek, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 4 excused - R. Abraham, K. Cable, D. Ferries and D. Mader.

8. IF YES, SHOULD THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING FOR SKILLED TRADES REMAIN AT \$2.4 MILLION? - failed on a roll call vote with 15 nays, 9 ayes - M. Baroni, R. Cornforth, S. Doyle, M. Freedland, R. Geary, M. Kruse, G. Padesky, D. Pierce and L. Silva, 1 abstention - P. Lee, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 4 excused - R. Abraham, K. Cable, D. Ferries and D. Mader.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by K. Hoyer/K. Schlimgen to adjourn at 8:40 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 4 excused - R. Abraham, K. Cable, D. Ferries, and D. Mader.

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, February 6, 2023 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 8 OF FEBRUARY 2023.