

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, January 9, 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	Vacant	
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	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	Present
22	Viner, Pamela	Present
23	Nikolay, Matt	Present
24	Hoyer, Kevin	Present
25	Jacobsen, Dennis	Present
26	Hundt, David	Present
27	Hesse, Dan	Excused
28	Vacant	
29	Schlimgen, Ken	Present
30	Mader, Dillon	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Monica Kruse

PROCLAMATION FEBRUARY 4, 2023 - LA CROSSE COUNTY TRANSIT EQUITY DAY

WHEREAS, Transit Equity Day is a national day of action to commemorate the February 4 birthday of Rosa Parks and highlight her brave and determined advocacy for safe and reliable public transportation for all people; and, **WHEREAS**, Transit Equity Day is a day of action to elevate the message that public transit is a critical strategy to combat climate change and promotes affordable, accessible, and safe

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transportation alternatives; and, **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors is committed to addressing inequities throughout the county, has adopted the goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050, and supports funding for the SMRT bus system, which provides affordable rural public transit to our region. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim Saturday, February 4, 2023 as "Transit Equity Day" and urges everyone to celebrate the legacy of Rosa Parks and continue to work together to build a sustainable and equitable future for our county.

Motion by D. Pierce/R. Erickson to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 2 vacancies – District 1 and 28, 2 excused - K. Cable and D. Hesse.

- County Board Advance – Chair Kruse reminded Supervisors that the Board Advance will be on Tuesday, January 17th at 5pm in room 0430.
- Update on County Board Vacancies – District 1 & 28
 - District 28 – Interviews for District 28 will be held the week of January 23rd.
 - District 1 – Deadline to submit letters of interest is January 20th with interviews being held the week of January 30th.
- WCA Legislative Exchange – Supervisors should sign up with the County Clerk if interested in attending the WCA Legislative Exchange being held February 28 – March 1, 2023 in Madison.
- LADCO 51st Annual Meeting – Supervisors should sign up with the County Clerk if interested in attending the Annual Meeting on Monday, February 6, 2023 at Stoney Creek Hotel.
- 2022 Mileage Reimbursement – Deadline to turn in mileage for 2022 is Friday, January 20, 2023.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Ferries acknowledged the good work that Lindsey Schwarz-Nichols and Karlene Buckmaster do with the For Goodness Sakes program in the Human Services Department.
 - Supervisor Freedland announced the MLK Community Celebration event is on Monday, January 17, 2023 at Viterbo and Bridget Todd Robbins will be receiving the Leadership Award.

Interim Administrator Report – Jane Klekamp

PROCLAMATION JANUARY 2023 - HIGHWAY SAFETY / TRANSPORTATION MONTH

WHEREAS, staff works diligently 24 hours per day and 365 days per year to build safe roads for the residents of La Crosse County and visitors to travel upon; and, **WHEREAS**, maintenance such as snow plowing; salting; grading shoulders; mowing; repairing, sealing, sweeping, and paving roads and many other duties that keep La Crosse County highways clean and safe; and, **WHEREAS**, in 2022, the Highway Department replaced 36 failing culverts, paved 5.47 miles of roadway, and upgraded about 2,400 feet of flex beam guardrail, along with managing 282 miles of county highways, 157 miles of state trunk highways, and 72 county bridges; and, **WHEREAS**, the safety of all traveling persons is ensured by the hard-working men and women of the Highway Department. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of January 2023 as La Crosse Highway Safety Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of persons dedicated to ensuring safe roads for La Crosse County residents and visitors.

Motion by J. Pogreba/P. Viner to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 2 vacancies – District 1 and 28, 2 excused - K. Cable and D. Hesse.

CLOSED SESSION

The County Board may entertain a motion to go into closed session pursuant to wis. Stat., s. 19.85(1)(c), considering employment of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. To Wit: County Administrator vacancy. The committee will reconvene to open session at the conclusion of the closed session, and may, before proceeding to the next agenda item, take action on the closed session issue.

Motion by J. Pogreba/G. Padesky to go into closed session passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 2 vacancies - District 1 and 28, 2 excused - K. Cable and D. Hesse.

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OPEN SESSION

Motion by K. Hoyer/P. Scheller to go back into open session passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 2 vacancies - District 1 and 28, 2 excused - K. Cable and D. Hesse.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION

Motion by S. Doyle/G. Padesky that the Executive Committee make a conditional offer of employment, subject to appointment by the full board, to Jane Klekamp for the position of County Administrator passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 2 vacancies - District 1 and 28, 2 excused - K. Cable and D. Hesse.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Supervisor Freedland asked for an update on the ARPA funding
- Supervisor Doyle and Cornforth asked for an update on short term rentals and what staff is coming up with.

ADJOURN

Motion by P. Viner/K. Schlimgen to adjourn at 7:53 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 2 vacancies - District 1 and 28, 2 excused - K. Cable and D. Hesse.

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, January 9, 2023 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 18 OF JANUARY 2023.