

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, July 10, 2023 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 27 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	Present
2	Geary, Ralph	Present
3	Pierce, David	Excused
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	Excused
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	Silva, Leonardo	Present
29	Schlimgen, Ken	Present
30	Mader, Dillon	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Monica Kruse

- County Board Picnic
 - The County Board Picnic will be on September 22nd at Lake Neshonoc. The Cost will be \$20 per person and Supervisors and guests should sign up with the County Clerk.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Erickson announced the La Crosse Center will not go with outside management.

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- Supervisor Ferries announced the retirement party for Judge Bjerke at Mary Cody's in Onalaska on August 6th from 1-5pm.
- Supervisor Hoyer reminded Supervisors the La Crosse County Fair will be in West Salem from the 19th – 23rd.
- Supervisor Mader watched a LWV video on recycling.

Administrator Report - Jane Klekamp

PROCLAMATION JULY 2023 - LONG TERM CARE & RESIDENTIAL SERVICES MONTH

WHEREAS, La Crosse County operates two long term care campuses – Hillview Health Care Center and Lakeview Health Center & Assisted Living; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County residents or members of their family are provided affordable, quality long term care services in a person-centered environment; and, **WHEREAS**, staff is committed to excellence in providing care and rehabilitation to all with respect for the dignity and rights of individuals, including those who have special physical, developmental, and mental health needs. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of July as La Crosse County Long Term Care & Residential Services Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of persons dedicated to ensuring quality care to our residents in need.

Motion by J. Pogreba/P. Isola to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 3 excused - S. Doyle, D. Hesse and D. Pierce.

- General Update
 - Administrator Klekamp announced that the Metropolitan Planning Organization Director will be retiring in December; meetings with departments regarding staffing requests for the 2024 budget are ongoing; staff are analyzing the impact of the State budget on the County budget; many meetings on the future of Hillview; and Clerk Dankmeyer has been certified as a Master County Clerk.
- Change in County Board Pay Process
 - Finance Director Lanae Nickelotti gave an update on the County Board pay process which will move from a monthly payment to two payments a month.
- State Budget Update
 - Statewide County aid has increased by \$68 million and municipal aid increased by \$207 million. The base and supplemental aid to cities, villages and towns were reviewed. The base aid for La Crosse County is \$3,517,419, additional supplemental is \$1,261,767 for a total aid annually of \$4,779,186 which is a 35.87% increase. The total 2023 County budget is \$209 million and tax levy of \$37.5 million. As sales tax revenue increases, each county gets a share of the increase of the supplemental aid or decreases if sales tax revenue decreases. Allowable uses of the supplemental aid include law enforcement, emergency response communications, public works, courts, and transportation.
 - Counties and municipalities can apply to Department of Revenue for grants of the new "Innovation Fund" with an estimated \$300 million. This program would support consolidation or privatization of services. Must have projected savings of at least 10% and only the following services or duties qualify: public safety, fire protection, emergency services, courts, jails, training, communication, information technology, administration, public works, economic development & tourism, public health, housing, Planning & Zoning, and Parks & Recreation.
 - Other changes prohibit most advisory referenda and health officers can't close a business for longer than 30 days. The County Board could extend for 30 more days.
- Child Care Grant Presentation
 - Community Development Education Charlotte Peters presented the Child Care Grant. The grant will be open to all care givers that are certified or licensed in the County and the application period will be open for one month. The maximum award will be \$25,000. If requests exceed funding, special consideration will be given to providers outside the city of La Crosse and those that are expanding or starting services. The program will be open for one round and applications can be submitted online or in person. There will be a

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workshop to provide assistance and answer questions. Final approval will come from the Economic Development Fund Committee. Follow-up will be done by Community Development Specialists and some recipients may be asked to speak to the board about the impact of the grant. Funds are to be used to assist providers with capital improvements projects that will allow them to improve overall business models and/or increase services. Examples of use for funding would be learning materials, furniture, outdoor equipment and landscaping, fencing, structural remodeling, education courses, office equipment, training and CPR classes. Funds may not be used for operating expense, salary, or benefits.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by R. Abraham/M. Nikolay to adjourn at 6:45 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 3 excused - S. Doyle, D. Hesse and D. Pierce.

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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, July 10, 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 JULY 2023.