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**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, June 15, 2023 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:

District Name	Attendance
1 Richmond, Andrea	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	Excused
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

- The Broadband Committee had their first meeting, and a survey will be sent out regarding broadband; Juneteenth will be this Sunday from 12-5 in Riverside Park; Solid Waste will have their Annual meeting on June 16th at Stoney Creek Hotel; a thank you letter was read from the Great River Fold Festival for the ARPA funds donation.
- County Board Computer Updated – The new laptops for County Board Supervisors are in and IT staff will be calling you to set up a time for you to get training.
- Supervisor Conference Reports

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- Supervisor Geary, Pogreba and Jacobsen attended the WCHA Summer Road School.
- Supervisor Hoyer and Schlimgen attended the Coon Creek Watershed meeting and witnessed the conservation practices that are being used around the County.
- Supervisor Tryggestad noted that today, June 15th is National Elder Abuse Awareness Day and a walk was held in Riverside Park.

Administrator Report - Jane Klekamp

- General Update
 - Administrator Klekamp announced that the Human Services Social Workers received an award of excellence from the City of La Crosse Police Department; there was a Town's meeting on June 25th; Broadband Providers were interviewed; the Executive Committee approved the Family Bridge Housing contract; a survey is being emailed to all staff as part of the DEI; in July there will be an outline for Hillview and over half the ARPA money is still being held for Hillview.
- County Highway Department Informational Presentation
 - The Highway Department manages 281 miles of highway, 72 bridges and 157 miles of State Trunk highways. Currently there are 228 miles of county roads in fair to good condition and about 53 miles in poor condition. The poor conditions are on roads with the lowest traffic volumes because more has been invested to maintain the busier roads. Despite rising costs, the annual miles being repaired continue to increase. The Highway Department has in-sourced parts of projects to save funding, tripled the annual highway construction spending since 2018, and more funding has become available at the state. Four projects are being submitted to the Surface Transportation Program for construction years 2024-2029. Currently there are 102.2 miles of roads at or below a PASER rating of 5. From 2024 to 2028, that will be cut by 47% by reconstructing 48.83 miles of county highway.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by K. Hoyer/D. Ferries to reappoint Sue Paudler to the Board of Adjustment as the 1st Alternate for a two year term to expire June 30, 2025; appoint Ken Schlimgen to the Board of Adjustment for a three year term to expire June 30, 2026; appoint Mark Gaikowski and Dennis Jacobsen to the Broadband Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - R. Abraham and M. Larson.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by R. Plesha/G. Mathu to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting held May 8, 2023 and the Monthly Meeting held May 18, 2023 and the claims list for \$1,284,794.49 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - R. Abraham and M. Larson.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-6/23 RE: AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING RELATED TO SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES (DHS) SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BLOCK GRANT SUPPLEMENTAL AWARDS

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), Division of Care and Treatment Services (DCTS) has made available additional one-time supplemental funding to eligible counties as part of their regular Substance Abuse Block Grant allocations; and, **WHEREAS**, the purpose of the increased funding is to address unmet substance use disorder needs by supporting prevention, treatment, and recovery services; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has been awarded a third-year of supplemental funding of \$106,492 (to be used beginning March 15, 2023 through March 14, 2024) and anticipates using the funds for the following, which is consistent with how the two previous annual awards were used:

- Continue support of .3 FTE therapist position in the Outpatient Clinic, providing OWI Court participants therapy services
- Expand supports to recovery housing services through increased case management and peer support (provided by community vendor-Driftless Recovery)
- Provide recovery support and education through live and on-demand virtual platform (IGNTD)
- Increase support for primary prevention (subrecipient services through Coulee Recovery Center).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board hereby accepts the additional Substance Abuse Block Grant Supplemental Award funding of \$106,492; and, **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that La Crosse County is permitted to contract for all services that are necessary to meet the terms of the Substance Abuse Block Grant Supplemental Award, so long as they can be supported with the related funding; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair is authorized to execute any contracts or documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution, after approval by Corporation Counsel; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Finance Department is authorized to make any necessary and appropriate account transfers relating to accepting this additional federal funding. **FISCAL NOTE:** Additional supplemental award funds of \$106,492, with no County match required, and the award period of March 15, 2023 through March 14, 2024. The operating costs will be tracked under the 210.450.5235 division within the County financial system under the Integrated Support and Recovery Services section.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Motion by T. Tryggestad/A. Richmond to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - R. Abraham and M. Larson.

FIRST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 206 TO AMEND S. 11.37, ENTITLED "HOTELS, MOTELS, AND OTHER LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS", OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Motion by T. Tryggestad/K. Hoyer to move the first reading. The ordinance will be held over for 30 days and is on file and open for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk and on the La Crosse County web site at: www.co.la-crosse.wi.us. Upon adoption and publication, it will be incorporated into the La Crosse County General Code of Ordinances.

FIRST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 205 TO AMEND CHAPTER 17, ZONING CODE, OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Hoyer/T. Tryggestad to move the first reading. The ordinance will be held over for 30 days and is on file and open for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk and on the La Crosse County web site at: www.co.la-crosse.wi.us. Upon adoption and publication, it will be incorporated into the La Crosse County General Code of Ordinances.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 1053 FILED BY BRENT AND LISA MILLER TO EXPAND AN EXISTING NON-METALLIC MINE IN THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered an application filed by: Brent and Lisa Miller, N9710 State Highway 108, Melrose, WI 54642 and having held a public hearing on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 for a CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AMENDMENT to 17.03(c) Amendment of Conditional Use Permit 1053 to expand an existing non-metallic mine in the Town of Farmington and described as follows: FRAC NE-NW, Sec. 5, T.18N, R.5W. Tax parcel 5-39-0. Property address: N9710 State Road 108, Town of Farmington. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats. and s. 17.36 Zoning Code: the Committee did publish and receive proof of a Class II notice of the hearing; did receive receipts of mailing of the notices to the affected Town Clerk(s); did hold a public hearing to hear testimony or correspondence from the people; and, did receive and consider action from the affected Town Board(s). The Committee, under s. 91.48(1), Wis. Stats., along with the affected Town Board(s), under s. 17.36(4), have the authority to approve the application with integral conditions or to disapprove of the application. Having considered the entire record, the Committee's recommendation is to: By a vote of SIX (6) in favor, ZERO (0) no, and ZERO (0) abstentions, the committee recommended Approval of CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AMENDMENT No. 1053 subject to the following FOURTEEN (14) conditions:

1. Conditions placed on the amendment of CU No. 1053 supersede and replace conditions placed on the CU No. 1053.
2. The owner(s) of the property to which this Conditional Use Permit is issued will substantially abide by all representations and commitments made during the permitting process as well as before the Committee, in accordance with all conditions to the conditional use permit, taken

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- as a whole, as approved by the Planning Resource and Development Committee and the County Board.
3. This approval does not preempt permittees' obligation to comply with all other applicable federal, state, and local regulations.
 4. The owner(s) of the property to which this Conditional Use Permit is issued will substantially abide by all representations and commitments made during the permitting process as well as before the Committee, in accordance with all conditions to the conditional use permit, taken as a whole, as approved by the Planning Resource and Development Committee and the County Board.
 5. The Permittee shall obtain a Reclamation Permit from the Zoning and Land Information Department and provide financial assurance prior to beginning operations.
 6. A setback buffer of at least 20 ft shall be maintained from the south lot line to the pit.
 7. Excavation depth shall not exceed that specified by reclamation plan.
 8. The reclaimed site shall consist of an agricultural or agriculture-related use as defined in Wis statute 91.
 9. Hours of operation are from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.
 10. No blasting is allowed.
 11. Any tracking of material on a public highway associated with activity authorized by this permit shall be cleaned by the end of each workday.
 12. The Permittee shall report all equipment associated with this business to the local assessor on an annual basis.
 13. This permit is non-transferrable, except that it may be transferred to entities in which primary owner is a principal owner.
 14. Approval pending Town Board approval.

THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 15th day of June, 2023. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Hoyer/P. Scheller to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - R. Abraham and M. Larson.

ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z446-6/23 RE: PETITION NO. 2069 FILED BY ELIZABETH M OBRIEN TO REZONE A PARCEL OF LAND FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO THE EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 2069 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: ELIZABETH M OBRIEN, W5547 COUNTY ROAD T, HOLMEN, WI 54636 and having held a public hearing on the 30th day of May 2023 for a petition to rezone from the LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT to the EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT a parcel of land in the Town of FARMINGTON and is described as follows: Properties described as: Prt N1/2-NW, Sec.14, T.18N, R.7W. Tax parcel 5-1490-4. Property address W5547 County Road T. Town of Farmington. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats.: the Committee did publish and receive proof of a Class II notice of the hearing; did receive receipts of mailing of the notices to the affected Town Clerk(s); did hold a public hearing to hear testimony and official correspondence; and, did receive and consider action from the affected Town Board(s). The Committee, under s. 91.48(1), Wis. Stats., along with the affected Town Board(s), under s. 17.10(8), has the authority to approve the petition as submitted; to disapprove of the petition; or, to modify and approve the petition. Having considered the entire record, the Committee's recommendation is to: By a vote of six (6) in favor, zero (0) no, zero (0) abstentions, and zero (0) excused, the committee voted to approve Zoning Petition No. 2069 subject to no conditions. (IF THIS PETITION IS APPROVED AS A CONDITIONAL ZONING, DEED RESTRICTIONS MUST BE RECORDED BEFORE ZONING TAKES EFFECT.) The County Board, under s.59.69(5)(e)5 Wis. Stats., has the authority to effectuate the petition by ordinance or to disapprove it. The County Board took the following action this 15th day of June 2023. Approved the petition as submitted, becomes an ordinance.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Hoyer/K. Schlimgen to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - R. Abraham and M. Larson.

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ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z447-6/23 RE: PETITION NO. 2070 FILED BY AARON HERLITZKE O/B/O THE POTATO KING TO REZONE A PARCEL OF LAND FROM THE RURAL DISTRICT TO THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF SHELBY

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 2070 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: AARON HERLITZKE O/B/O THE POTATO KING N1078 JUSTIN ROAD LA CROSSE, WI 54601 and having held a public hearing on the 30th day of May 2023 for a petition to rezone from the RURAL DISTRICT to the COMMERCIAL DISTRICT on a parcel of land in the Town of SHELBY. Properties described as: Prt N1/2-SE, Sec.23, T.15N, R.7W. Tax parcel 11-1789-0. Property address N1078 Justin Rd. Town of Shelby. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats.: the Committee did publish and receive proof of a Class II notice of the hearing; did receive receipts of mailing of the notices to the affected Town Clerk(s); did hold a public hearing to hear testimony and official correspondence; and, did receive and consider action from the affected Town Board(s). The Committee, under s. 91.48(1), Wis. Stats., along with the affected Town Board(s), under s. 17.10(8), has the authority to approve the petition as submitted; to disapprove of the petition; or, to modify and approve the petition. Having considered the entire record, the Committee's recommendation is to: By a vote of six (6) in favor and zero (0) no, zero (0) abstentions, and zero (0) excused the committee voted to approve Zoning Petition No. 2070 subject to no conditions. (IF THIS PETITION IS APPROVED AS A CONDITIONAL ZONING, DEED RESTRICTIONS MUST BE RECORDED BEFORE ZONING TAKES EFFECT.) The County Board, under s.59.69(5)(e)5 Wis. Stats., has the authority to effectuate the petition by ordinance or to disapprove it. The County Board took the following action this 15th day of June 2023. Approved the petition as submitted, becomes an ordinance.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Hoyer/D. Mader to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - R. Abraham and M. Larson.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-6/23 RE: AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE AN OUTSIDE ENTITY TO GUIDE THE COUNTY BOARD IN A STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

WHEREAS, La Crosse County does not have a current strategic plan to guide the work of La Crosse County; and, **WHEREAS**, on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 as part of a planning session, the majority of the Board of Supervisors approved moving forward with a strategic planning process; and, **WHEREAS**, at that same meeting, the majority of the Board of Supervisors voted in support of hiring an outside entity to aid in the development of a strategic plan; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County recognizes the importance of effective strategic planning to enhance the overall well-being and future development of the county; and, **WHEREAS**, the complexity and diversity of challenges faced by La Crosse County require a comprehensive and long-term strategic approach to address issues such as economic growth, public services, infrastructure development, environmental sustainability, and equity; and, **WHEREAS**, the engagement of a strategic planning entity would facilitate the identification of key priorities, the establishment of performance metrics, and the development of actionable strategies and initiatives for the benefit of La Crosse County and its residents. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board authorizes the use of up to \$50,000 of salary savings from the 2023 County Administrator budget to hire a strategic planner for the development of a vision and strategic plan after a request for proposal process has been completed and approved by the Executive Committee; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Finance Department is authorized to make any necessary and appropriate account transfers. **FISCAL NOTE:** Costs will be tracked in the County Board division within the County financial system. Salary savings from the County Administrator budget in 2023 are sufficient to cover this expense.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/P. Isola to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - R. Abraham and M. Larson.

ORDINANCE NO. 203-6/23 TO CREATE S.4.055 OF CHAPTER 4 ("FINANCE") OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of La Crosse does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 4.055 is created to read:

4.055 OVERPAYMENTS AND UNDERPAYMENTS.

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(1) Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §59.54(24) all County Departments may retain overpayments of fees, licenses, and similar charges when the overpayment is \$5.00 or less, unless such refund is specifically requested in writing.

(2) Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §59.54(24) underpayments of not more than \$5.00 may be waived when the administrative cost of collection would exceed the amount of underpayment.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication.

MONICA KRUSE, COUNTY BOARD CHAIR;
GINNY DANKMEYER, COUNTY CLERK.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

ORDINANCE NO. 204-6/23 TO CREATE S.4.06(7)(N) OF CHAPTER 4 ("FINANCE") OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of La Crosse does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 4.06(7)(n) is created to read:

4.06 PURCHASING PROCEDURES

(7) GENERAL POLICY

(n) **Used Equipment and Vehicle Purchase.**

The Department Head or designee may use "best judgment" purchasing practices up to \$5,000. From \$5,000 to \$25,000 Department Heads may use "Simplified Bid" purchasing practices with approval of the Auditor / Finance Director or designee, or County Administrator. Above \$25,000, used equipment and vehicles shall be approved by the same authorities in s. 4.06(6)(c). Approval of purchases over \$25,000 may be attained in advance of the purchase by the authorities in s. 4.06(6)(c). Advance approval shall include, at a minimum, a description of the equipment or vehicle, a not to exceed amount, and a specified timeframe to complete the purchase.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication.

MONICA KRUSE, COUNTY BOARD CHAIR;
GINNY DANKMEYER, COUNTY CLERK.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Supervisor Freedland inquired about the annual picnic.

ADJOURN

Motion by A. Richmond/G. Mathu to adjourn at 6:42 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - R. Abraham and M. Larson.

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 Monthly Meeting held Thursday, June 15, 2023 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 17 OF JUNE 2023.