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**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, May 18, 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	Present
4	Freedland, Maureen	Present
5	Mathu, Grant	Present
6	Plesha, Roger	Present
7	Padesky, Gary	Present
8	Isola, Peg	Excused
9	Wacek, Dawn	Present
10	Cable, Kim	Present
11	Scheller, Patrick	Present
12	Erickson, Randy	Present
13	Tryggstad, Tina	Excused
14	Larson, Margaret	Present at 06:12 PM
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	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

- Strategic Plan
 - Chair Kruse noted that the Board agreed it was a good idea to guide the decision process moving forward and to hire an outside facilitator for that process.
- Chair Kruse announced that Supervisors are invited to the La Crosse Council Planning Meeting on June 6, 2023, at 6pm in the City Hall Chambers. The meeting will focus on City/County homelessness strategy currently being worked on collaboratively between units of government.

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- Chair Kruse announced the guidelines for Conference Reports.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Viner attended the La Crosse County Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony.
 - Supervisor Cornforth attended the Aviation Board meeting.
 - Supervisor Erickson reported on updates for the La Crosse Center.

Administrator Report - Jane Klekamp

- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Insight Report – Chanin Kelly Rae reported.
 - This assessment will deliver leadership insights; policy, process and procedure – S.W.O.T analysis; internal culture assessment; external culture assessment; and a 5 year strategy roadmap. Feedback from 47 out of 49 leaders in La Crosse County Government was gathered to acquire a more comprehensive understanding of La Crosse County’s objectives, preferences, and tactics. The top five key drivers demonstrating strengths from the perspective of county leaders include leadership commitment, collaboration and communication, employee engagement and satisfaction, community engagement and outreach, and diversity recruitment and retention. The top five key drivers demonstration growth opportunities from the perspective of county leaders include lack of awareness and understanding, inadequate resources and support, limited accountability, resistance to change, and need for education and training. The next steps will include the S.W.O.T analysis, staff survey and listening sessions, community survey and listening sessions, and then strategic planning with leaders and stakeholders.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by R. Plesha/D. Ferries to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting held April 10, 2023, and the Re-Organizational Meeting held April 18, 2023, and the claims list for \$3,153,245.36 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - P. Isola and T. Tryggestad.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-5/23 RE: FORMATION OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BROADBAND COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, as result of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors adopting resolution #35-12/22, La Crosse County was certified by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin as a Telecommuter Forward! Community in 2023; and **WHEREAS**, as a result of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors adopting ordinance #201-01/23, La Crosse County was certified by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin as a Broadband Forward! Community in 2023; and **WHEREAS**, in 2023, La Crosse County elected to participate in the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin’s Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Local Planning Grant Program; and **WHEREAS**, to be eligible to apply for and receive BEAD Local Planning Grant Program funding, La Crosse County must form a Broadband Committee with the intent to, among other responsibilities, develop a county-wide vision and goals, perform stakeholder engagement, identify barriers to broadband infrastructure projects, provide direction to staff and other engaged parties, and ensure digital equity for all La Crosse County residents. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby authorizes the formation of the La Crosse County Broadband Committee (LCBC); and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board Chair shall appoint a LCBC of up to 15 members (hereinafter “the Committee”) to develop a county-wide vision and goals, perform stakeholder engagement, identify barriers to broadband infrastructure projects, provide direction to staff and other engaged parties, and ensure digital equity for all La Crosse County residents. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Committee shall provide regular progress reports and receive policy direction from the Planning, Resources and Development Committee on established vision and goals, results of stakeholder engagement, identified barriers to broadband infrastructure projects, and progress reports for broadband infrastructure projects. **FISCAL NOTE:** No fiscal impact. Any recommendations from the Broadband Committee with a fiscal impact will require County Board approval.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/G. Mathu to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - P. Isola and T. Tryggestad.

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RESOLUTION NO. 7-5/23 RE: APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM THE TOWN OF CAMPBELL FOR RELEASE OF \$500,000 TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL RESEARCH TO ASSIST IN FINDING LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO REMEDIATE PFAS CONTAMINATION

WHEREAS, Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), a “forever chemical” was located in Town of Campbell wells in 2020; and, **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Health has issued a health advisory recommending a safe interim water source of bottled water for the entire Town population; and, **WHEREAS**, as part of the 2023 budget, the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors pledged \$500,000 as a placeholder to provide assistance to the Town of Campbell in conducting additional research for a safe and sustainable long-term water solution; and, **WHEREAS**, the Town of Campbell has conducted a feasibility study, drilled a 500-foot test well below the contaminated ground water aquifer, beneath multiple layers of protective rock, into the deep Mt. Simon aquifer, and has worked with and continues to work with local, state and federal organizations to determine the best long-term viable solution for a safe and permanent water source; and, **WHEREAS**, in its continued study of best options to provide safe water, the Town of Campbell is exploring the creation of its own water system; and, **WHEREAS**, the Town of Campbell has requested the release of \$500,000 to conduct additional research for a safe long-term water solution which will lay the groundwork to receive state and federal grants. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the La Crosse County Board hereby approves the request by the Town of Campbell to release \$500,000 to conduct further studies to aid in finding long-term solutions to remediate PFAS contamination. **FISCAL NOTE:** The 2023 budget provided \$500,000 funding for the Town of Campbell to continue its study on a long-term water solution from budget line item 100.155.1450 (64200.10)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/P. Viner to approve. Discussion ensued. Chair Kruse responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a voice vote with 26 ayes, 2 abstentions - S. Doyle and D. Pierce, 2 excused - P. Isola and T. Tryggstad.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-5/23 RE: APPROVE USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING FOR SKILLED TRADES TRAINING

WHEREAS, La Crosse County was allocated \$22,923,224 through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which must be obligated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026; and, **WHEREAS**, the County Board has reserved funding for eight project priority areas as outlined in Resolution #55-1/22 including \$2.45 million for Skilled Trades Training; and, **WHEREAS**, labor shortages in the skilled construction trades slow and increase the cost of important public and private projects in La Crosse County and weaken our local and regional economy; and, **WHEREAS**, as La Crosse County does not have the capability to develop and maintain a skilled trades training program, a Request for Proposal was released on March 6, 2023 asking for community partners to propose a model for skilled trades training; and, **WHEREAS**, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse presented a proposal to 1.) provide space for training, coaching and transportation. 2.) Collaborate with organizations such as school districts, technical colleges, the construction sector, and labor unions, to educate young people on skilled trades career paths that lead to productive and well-paid jobs and 3.) Create a local program that works to promote and increase enrollment in existing skilled trades programs that support local industry for at least ten years; and, **WHEREAS**, community partners, including the City of La Crosse, School District of La Crosse, Couleecap, Kwik Trip and the La Crosse Area Builders Association have indicated support for this model through letters of support. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board approves \$2 million of American Rescue Plan Act funding for the funding of a skilled trades training program; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, prior to release of funding, a memorandum of understanding will be approved by the Executive Committee outlining roles and responsibilities between the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse and La Crosse County regarding the development of a skilled trades training program. **FISCAL NOTE:** Costs totaling \$2 million will be tracked in division 295.770.3744 within the County financial system, Account 64100.02.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/R. Geary to approve. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Cable, Administrator Klekamp, and Finance Director Lanae Nickelotti responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a voice vote with 25 ayes, 3 nays - D. Hundt, J. Pogreba and K. Schlimgen, 2 excused - P. Isola and T. Tryggstad.

FIRST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/D. Mader to move the first reading. Discussion ensued. Treasurer Amy Twitchell and Corporation Counsel Megan DeVore responded to questions from the board. 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.lacrossecounty.org. Upon adoption and publication, it will be incorporated into the La Crosse County General Code of Ordinances.

FIRST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/P. Viner 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.lacrossecounty.org. Upon adoption and publication, it will be incorporated into the La Crosse County General Code of Ordinances.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Motion by K. Cable/G. Padesky to reappoint Steve Mader to the La Crosse County Ethics Board as an alternate for a two year term to expire April 30, 2025; reappoint Mark Solyst to the La Crosse County Ethics Board for a three year term to expire April 30, 2026 passed on a voice vote with 27 ayes, 1 abstention - D. Mader, 2 excused - P. Isola and T. Tryggestad.

ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z445-5/23 RE: PETITION NO. 1989 FILED BY MILESTONE MATERIALS O/B/O LEONARD J & SANDRA J BERANEK TRUST, LEONARD J BERANEK LIVING TRUST, & SANDRA J BERANEK LIVING TRUST TO ALLOW FOR OPERATION OF TEMPORARY ASPHALT PLANTS IN THE TOWN OF HOLLAND

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 1989 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: MILESTONE MATERIALS O/B/O LEONARD J & SANDRA J BERANEK TRUST, LEONARD J BERANEK LIVING TRUST, & SANDRA J BERANEK LIVING TRUST, 920 10TH AVENUE NORTH, ONALASKA, WI 54650 and having held a public hearing on the 1st day of May 2023 for a petition to rezone from the 17.10 Map Amendments, to amend ZPT No. 1989 to allow for operation of temporary asphalt plants in the Town of HOLLAND and is described as follows: Prt of, Sec. 25, T.18N, R.8W. Tax parcel 8-1100-0, 8-1101-0, 8-1094-0, 8-1107-0. Property address: N7814 Bluffview Court, Town of Holland. 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 Five (5) in favor (Hundt, Erickson, Cornforth, Schlimgen, Hoyer), One (1) Excused (Silva), and One (1) Absent (Scheller), the committee recommended Approval of ZONING PETITION No. 1989 subject to the following condition:

1. A deed restriction shall be recorded indicating:
 - a. The Property may be used as a recycled concrete and asphalt stockpile, processing and transfer facility.
 - b. The Property may be used for the placement and operation of temporary asphalt and concrete plants when permitted and operated in accordance with the rules and regulations of La Crosse County
 - c. All other uses are strictly prohibited.

(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

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the authority to effectuate the petition by ordinance or to disapprove it. The County Board took the following action this 18th day of May 2023. Approved the petition with amendments/conditions, becomes an ordinance, after recording conditions.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Hoyer/R. Cornforth to approve. Discussion ensued. Zoning and Planning Administrator Kathleen Stewart responded to questions from the board. The motion to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 3 excused - S. Doyle, P. Isola and T. Tryggestad.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 1218 FILED BY MATHY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY O/B/O LEONARD J & SANDRA J BERANEK TRUST, LEONARD J BERANEK LIVING TRUST, & SANDRA J BERANEK LIVING TRUST FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A TEMPORARY ASPHALT PLANT IN THE TOWN OF HOLLAND

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered an application filed by: Mathy Construction Company o/b/o Leonard J & Sandra J Beranek Trust, Leonard J Beranek Living Trust, & Sandra J Beranek Living Trust, 920 10th Avenue North, Onalaska, WI 54650 and having held a public hearing on Monday, May 1, 2023 for a CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT for 17.05(10)(b)15. Asphalt or concrete plants, for the placement of a temporary asphalt plant. in the Town of Holland and described as follows: Prt of, Sec. 25, T.18N, R.8W. Tax parcel 8-1100-0, 8-1101-0, 8-1094-0, 8-1107-0. Property address: N7814 Bluffview Court, Town of Holland. 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 Five (5) in favor (Hundt, Erickson, Cornforth, Schlimgen, Hoyer), One (1) Excused (Silva), and One (1) Absent (Scheller), the committee recommended Approval of CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT No. 1218 subject to the following THREE (3) conditions:

1. The owner(s) of the property to which this CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT is issued will 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.
2. This approval does not preempt permittees' obligation to comply with all other applicable federal, state, and local regulations.
3. This permit is nontransferable and shall automatically expire on 6/1/2024.

THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 18th day of May 2023. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Hoyer/J. Pogreba to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 3 excused - S. Doyle, P. Isola and T. Tryggestad.

RESOLUTION RE: INCREASING FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION IN THE 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion by P. Viner/D. Jacobsen to approve. Motion by R. Erickson/D. Pierce to refer to the October 19, 2023, Budget meeting. Motion by D. Hundt/M. Nikolay to call the question passed on a voice vote with 25 ayes, 2 nays - M. Baroni and M. Freedland, 3 excused - S. Doyle, P. Isola and T. Tryggestad. The motion to refer passed on a roll call vote with 15 ayes, 12 nays - R. Abraham, M. Baroni, D. Ferries, R. Geary, D. Hesse, K. Hoyer, D. Hundt, D. Jacobsen, M. Nikolay, J. Pogreba, K. Schlimgen and P. Viner, 3 excused - S. Doyle, P. Isola and T. Tryggestad.

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APPOINTMENTS

Motion by P. Scheller/K. Cable to appoint Andrea Richmond to the Mississippi Valley Health Services for the remainder of a term to expire December 31, 2024; appoint Monica Kruse, Leonardo Silva, Dan Hesse, Tom Jacobs, Mike Hesse, Jeff Herlitzke, Jessica Easterday, Melinda Langeberg, John Parshall, and Charlotte Peters to the La Crosse County Broadband Committee. Supervisor Viner objected to Chair Kruse appointing herself. The appointment for Monica Kruse will be voted on separately. The motion to appoint passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 3 excused - S. Doyle, P. Isola and T. Tryggestad.

Motion by G. Padesky/G. Mathu to appoint Monica Kruse to the Broadband Committee passed on a voice vote with 26 ayes, 1 nay - M. Baroni, 3 excused - S. Doyle, P. Isola and T. Tryggestad.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Supervisor Viner requested an update on the Family Bridge Housing MOU and a list of services mandated by the State.
- Supervisor Freedland asked for a history of the Ethics Committee.

ADJOURN: Motion by G. Mathu/G. Padesky to adjourn at 7:49 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 3 excused - S. Doyle, P. Isola, and T. Tryggestad.

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, May 18, 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 MAY 2023.