

LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING AND ANNUAL MEETING PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Budget Public Hearing and Annual Meeting was held on Monday, November 13, 2023 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 29 supervisors were present when Chair Monica Kruse called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 at 05:05 PM
4	Freedland, Maureen	Present
5	Poley, Justin	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	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

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENCED:

- Outline of County Administrator’s Recommended Budget – Administrator Klekamp presented an overview of the 2024 recommended budget including gross expenditures, 2024 tax levy, mill rate, and budget priorities.
- Public Comment
 - Jed Olson, Timothy Candahl, Pat Wilson all spoke on Bluffland Coalition funding.
 - Tim Gruenke spoke on the DA Office fees.
 - Todd Bjerke spoke on the La Crosse Veterans Mentor Program funding.

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- o Jennifer Sobkowiak, Kael Clemmerson spoke on jail commissions.
- o Cheryl Brenengen spoke on EDI.
- o Monica Talamantes spoke on adding funds for Crisis Intervention Services.
- o Amanda Jackson spoke on funding for the Onalaska Community Center.
- o Robert Hansen spoke on the tax levy.
- o Allen Lueck spoke on wages.
- o A written comment from Dyanne Brudos was read into the record.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED: With no one else requesting to be heard, the Public Hearing was closed. Motion by G. Padesky/ P. Isola to close the Public Hearing at 5:45 p.m. passed on unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Monica Kruse

- LADCO Annual Meeting – This will be held on January 23, 2024 at the La Crosse Center Riverside Ballroom. Please sign up with the clerk if you are interested in attending.
- Strategic Plan Update – RFPs were sent out and 10 proposals were returned. Those will be reviewed on Wednesday, November 15th and 3 vendors will be invited to be interviewed. The hope is to have a Strategic Plan Team in place in early 2024.
- Outside Budget Requests – Chair Kruse noted there were large requests from outside agencies and we need to allocate our resources in a sustainable way to do the most good. The General Fund is in a healthy position right now and shouldn't be used as a slush fund and so it doesn't affect our Moody's rating.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - o Supervisor Tryggestad reminded Supervisors about the ADRC's 25th Anniversary Open House on Wednesday.
 - o Supervisor Ferries announced the Onalaska 13th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be at the Armory from 11am-2pm on Thanksgiving Day.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by R. Plesha/D. Ferries to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting held October 9, 2023 and the Monthly Meeting held October 19, 2023 and the claims list for \$1,287,442.94 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

APPOINTMENT

Motion by K. Cable/D. Wacek to appoint Jessica Beck to the Criminal Justice Management Council for the remainder of a three year term to expire April 30, 2025 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

ORDINANCE NO. 210-11/23 TO AMEND S. 7.04 ENTITLED "SPEED LIMITS" OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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

Section 1.

7.04 SPEED LIMITS.

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(1) 25 MILES PER HOUR. The speed limit on the following streets or portions of streets shall be 25 m.p.h.:

- (a) County Trunk "B" from a point .04 miles North of Bainbridge St to a point .03 miles East of Washburn St
- (b) County Trunk "B" from Village of Bangor Line to a point .28 miles West of Meadow View St
- (c) County Trunk "BW" from CTH "B" to a point .06 miles South of Breezy Point Rd
- (d) County Trunk "C" from a point .08 miles North of Industrial Rd to STH 16
- (e) County Trunk "D" from Main St to a point .17 miles East of 2nd Ave
- (f) County Trunk "D" from a point .28 miles West of CTH C to CTH C
- (g) County Trunk "DE" from CTH C to a point .16 miles East of Lions St

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- (h) County Trunk "GI" from County Line to STH 35
- (i) County Trunk "J" from a point .04 miles South of Water St to a point .14 miles North of CTH "U"
- (j) County Trunk "MW" from County Property Line to CTH "M"
- (k) County Trunk "SN" from a point .03 miles Southeast of Pinecrest Avenue to Main St
- (l) County Trunk "V" from Main St to a point .21 miles North of Juniper Ln
- (m) County Trunk "XX" from a point .18 miles North of Holland Dr to a point .22 miles North of Old NA
- (n) County Trunk "Z" from a point .20 miles West of Forest Dr to a point .24 miles West of Elm St
- (o) Fanta Reed from CTH "BW" to a point .11 miles East of Western Ave
- (p) Cottage Lane from CTH "ZB" to CTH "ZN"
- (q) County Trunk "B" East from STH 16 to La Crosse City limits

(2) shall be 30 m.p.h.: 30 MILES PER HOUR. The speed limit on the following streets or portions of streets

- (a) County Trunk "ZM" from CTH "Z" to CTH "OT"
- (b) County Trunk "C" from a point 250' north of Harvey Lane to 250' north of North Street

(3) shall be 35 m.p.h.: 35 MILES PER HOUR. The speed limit on the following streets or portions of streets

- (a) County Trunk "B" from Fanta Reed to a point .04 miles North of Bainbridge St
- (b) County Trunk "B" from a point .03 miles East of Washburn St to La Crosse City Limits
- (c) County Trunk "B" from La Crosse City limits to a point .04 miles West of Wolf Ridge Ct
- (d) County Trunk "B" from CTH "M" to a point .04 miles East of Vera Ln
- (e) County Trunk "B" from a point .15 miles East of Mill St to a point .73 miles East of Mill St
- (f) County Trunk "BW" from a point .06 miles South of Breezy Point Rd to Nelson Park
- (g) County Trunk "C" from a point .18 miles West of Linden Ln to a point .08 miles North of Industrial Rd
- (h) County Trunk "DD" from a point .07 miles South of CTH "T" to CTH "T"
- (i) County Trunk "F" from Briarwood Ave to a point .07 miles East of Trailer Park
- (j) County Trunk "F" from a point .22 miles West of Nolop Rd to STH 33
- (k) County Trunk "K" from CTH 35 to a point .03 miles west of County Line
- (l) County Trunk "M" from a point .14 miles South of CTH "O" to CTH "O"
- (m) County Trunk "M" from a point .02 miles North of W. Elm St to STH 16
- (n) County Trunk "MH" from CTH "XX" to CTH "HD"
- (o) County Trunk "MM" from STH 14 to a point .59 miles East of Trailer Park
- (p) County Trunk "O" from a point .02 miles West of Fox Hollow Dr to CTH "M"
- (q) County Trunk "OT" from a point .10 miles South of Corporate Dr to CTH "XX"
- (r) County Trunk "S" from a point .08 miles North of Koss Rd CTH "SN"
- (s) County Trunk "SN" from CTH "S" to a point .03 miles Southeast of Pinecrest Avenue
- (t) County Trunk "T" from a point .55 miles East of CTH "DD" to a point .29 miles West of CTH "DD"

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- (u) County Trunk "U" from a point .30 miles West of Manke Hesselberg Rd. to a point .09 miles East of Huhn Rd
- (v) County Trunk "Z" from CTH "ZB" to a point .18 miles East of Northshore Ln
- (w) County Trunk "ZB" from CTH "Z" to CTH "Z"
- (x) County Trunk "ZN" from CTH "ZB" to CTH "Z"
- (y) County Trunk "ZN" from a point .16 miles West of Lumber Pl to CTH "OT"
- (z) County Trunk "ZZ" from CTH "ZN" to CTH "Z"
- (aa) Fanta Reed Rd. from a point .11 miles East of Western Ave to CTH ""B"/Dawson Ave
- (bb) County Trunk "FA" from a County Trunk "F" to a point 1.69 miles north at the termini.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.

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

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion by P. Viner/R. Geary to approve. Motion by K. Schlimgen/R. Geary to amend by adding East after County Trunk "B" under (1)(q). Highway Commissioner Joe Langeberg responded to questions from the Board. The motion to amend passed on a voice vote with 29 ayes, 1 nay - D. Hundt. The motion to approve as amended passed on a voice vote with 27 ayes, 3 nays - R. Abraham, D. Hundt and K. Schlimgen.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-11/23 RE: CHANGES IN POSITIONS AT LAKEVIEW AND HILLVIEW CAMPUSES FOR 2024

WHEREAS, previous budgets have included changes in positions as a result of integration of the Lakeview and Hillview campuses under a single Long Term Care Services Department, **WHEREAS**, census changes will affect the staffing pattern of each facility. For 2024 the anticipated changes from the 2023 budget are as follows:

	<u>Net Increase/ Decrease FTE</u>	<u>Approximate Salary & Fringe</u>	<u>Net Levy Impact</u>
- 11.68 FTE Hillview Campus	- 11.68	(\$887,554)	\$0
- 6.12 FTE Lakeview Campus	- 6.12	(\$451,511)	\$0
Net Change/Totals	-17.80	(\$1,339,065)	\$0

WHEREAS, the Hillview and Lakeview campuses continue to implement shared opportunities affecting a variety of position classifications to improve staffing efficiencies. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Administrator and Executive Director of Long Term Care are authorized to make modifications to the total number of allocated positions for the Lakeview and Hillview campuses implementing a total decrease in full time equivalent positions of 17.80 from 259.30 FTE in 2023 to 241.50 FTE in 2024. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Finance Department is authorized to make the necessary changes to the budget as needed and the Human Resources Department is authorized to make necessary changes to the County pay plan. **FISCAL NOTE:** Decrease of salary and fringe costs in the amount of \$1,339,065 are included in the Administrator's Proposed 2024 Budget. These positions are fully funded by public charges, grant revenue, or other outside sources and will not impact the tax levy.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/G. Padesky to approve. Discussion ensued. Executive Director of Long Term Care Wanda Plachecki responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-11/23 RE: CHANGES IN POSITIONS FUNDED BY OUTSIDE SOURCES (NON-TAX LEVY) FOR 2024

WHEREAS, the County Administrator's 2024 budget includes changes in positions that are fully funded by outside sources; and, **WHEREAS**, new positions of 2.00 FTE are the result of increased grant revenues and other outside sources and a reduction of 0.79 FTE as a result of decreased grant revenues and other

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outside sources, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following position modifications be approved for inclusion in the 2024 La Crosse County budget, reflecting a net increase of 1.21 FTE with \$0 levy impact. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Finance Department is authorized to make the necessary changes to the budget as needed and the Human Resources Department is authorized to make necessary changes to the County pay plan.

	Net Increase/ Decrease FTE	Annual Cost Salary & Fringe	Net Levy Impact
<u>Human Services</u>			
+ 1.00 ADRC Professional	1.00	\$88,168	\$0
+ 1.00 Social Service Specialist	1.00	\$67,634	\$0
Net Change/Totals	2.00	\$155,802	\$0

**FTE Changes approved by resolution or other adjustment in 2023
(included for complete reconciliation between 2023 & 2024 FTE Count)**

<u>Health</u>			
- 0.04 Community Health Worker	(0.04)	(\$1,933)	\$0
<u>HHM</u>			
- 0.75 Seasonal Worker	(0.75)	(\$27,009)	\$0
Net Change/Totals	1.21	\$126,860	\$0

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any position addition reliant on non-tax-levy funding will be deleted if outside funding ends. **FISCAL NOTE:** These positions will be fully funded by grant revenue or other outside sources and will not impact the tax levy.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/D. Ferries to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

RESOLUTION NO. 27-11/23 RE: CHANGES IN GENERAL OPERATING LEVY POSITIONS AND HOURS FOR 2024

WHEREAS, based on input from the departments, the County Administrator's 2024 budget includes a total decrease of 7.20 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) and an increase of 7.22 FTE for positions supported by local property tax levy. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following position modifications be approved for inclusion in the 2024 La Crosse County budget, reflecting a net increase of 0.02 FTE with a potential decrease of \$193,864 in the 2024 Tax Levy.

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	Net Increase/ Decrease FTE	Est Annual Cost Salary & Fringe	Net Levy Impact
<u>Law Enforcement</u>			
+ 2.00 Deputies	2.00	\$189,056	\$189,056
<u>Emergency Services</u>			
- 2.00 Telecommunicators	(2.00)	(\$143,948)	(\$143,948)
<u>Health</u>			
+ 1.00 Sanitarian	1.00	\$84,586	\$84,586
<u>Human Services</u>			
+ 2.00 Fiscal Clerks	2.00	\$139,522	Actual levy varies based on funding
+ 1.00 WRAS Supervisor	1.00	\$95,468	streams - Est
+ 1.00 Social Worker	1.00	\$86,632	impact \$216,981
Net Change/Totals	5.00	451,316	\$346,675

**FTE Changes approved by resolution or other adjustment in 2023
(included for complete reconciliation between 2023 & 2024 FTE Count)**

	Net Increase/ Decrease FTE	Annual Cost Salary & Fringe	Net Levy Impact
<u>Library</u>			
+ 0.22 Library	0.22	\$8,870	\$8,870
<u>Health</u>			
- 2.00 Public Health Nurse	(2.00)	(\$215,144)	(\$215,144)
- 1.00 Community Health Worker	(1.00)	(\$69,560)	(\$69,560)
- 0.50 Interpreter	(0.50)	(\$24,160)	(\$24,160)
<u>Human Services</u>			
- 0.80 Psychiatrist	(0.80)	(\$201,246)	(\$201,246)
- 0.90 JSS Specialist	(0.90)	(\$39,298)	(\$39,298)
Net Change/Totals	0.02	(89,222)	(193,864)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Finance Department is authorized to make the necessary changes to the budget as needed and the Human Resources Department is authorized to make necessary changes to the County pay plan. **FISCAL NOTE:** The levy impacts listed above are built into the 2024 Budget.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/A. Richmond to approve. Discussion ensued. Finance Director Lanae Nickelotti responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

RESOLUTION NO. 28-11/23 RE: ADOPTION OF RATES FOR THE 2024 HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish the premium for county health and dental insurance for those eligible non-union and union employees and continued compliance with the Affordable Health Care Act; and, **WHEREAS**, it is necessary to confirm third party administrators (TPA) for the county health and dental plans and to establish the county's portion of contribution to the health and dental rates for those eligible non-union and union employees, and to fund the health and dental benefit plan at appropriate levels considering the recommendations of insurance advisors; and, **WHEREAS**, health insurance costs were lower than anticipated in 2023 and a three-month premium waiver of payroll deductions for the

employee share of the health insurance premium deducted in the months of June, July, and August 2024 is recommended by the County Administrator; and, **WHEREAS**, the county is authorized under law, past practice and precedent and the requirements of good fiscal management to establish plan design for cost efficient health programs for county employees, and the health benefit is a major cost item in the county budget. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that effective 1/1/2024 the active contributory employee health plan continues with in-network coverage at a deductible of \$1,350 for single and \$2,700 for family; with a maximum out of pocket expense of \$3,350 single and \$6,700 family; and with structure for 2024 funding levels as recommended by TPA insurance actuaries and the county’s insurance advisors. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that since 1/1/2014 and continuing in 2024 the health and dental insurance will be offered only to those employees working 30 or more hours per week. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby approve the contract with Benefit Plan Administrators (BPA) for third party administration of the county’s health plan and with Delta Dental for the dental plan for the calendar year 2024. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby adopt the following monthly rates as the county’s share of the above funding levels, for all eligible employees effective with the December premium for January 1, 2024 coverage.

Health Plan		Dental Plan	
Single	Family	Single	Family
\$682.00	\$1,672.00	\$33.54	\$88.14

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the employees share shall be 12%, of the total health premium and 22% of the total dental rate effective for coverage beginning January 1, 2024 provided.

Health Plan		Dental Plan	
Single	Family	Single	Family
\$93.00	\$228.00	\$9.46	\$24.86

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that effective 1/1/2024 the retiree health plan, which is fully funded by retirees shall have a premium of \$775.00 for single and \$1,900.00 for family. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a three-month health insurance premium waiver for the employee share of the health insurance premium deducted in the months of June, July and August of 2024 is approved. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Administrator, the County Clerk and the County Human Resources Director are hereby authorized to sign any and all necessary documents for effectuating the above plans for 2024 on behalf of La Crosse County. **FISCAL NOTE:** There are sufficient funds budgeted in the 2024 budget to cover all the changes listed above.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/R. Cornforth to approve. Discussion ensued. Human Resources Director Stephen Conrad and Administrator Klekamp responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

RESOLUTION NO. 29-11/23 RE: AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION TO CERTAIN PERMITS, FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2024

WHEREAS, the 2024 budget includes certain fee increases for various revenue accounts commencing January 1, 2024 for various departments; and, **WHEREAS**, the fees in each of the departments have been identified in the 2024 Budget document entitled “Proposed User Fees, Charges for Services, and Permit Revenues for 2024” and “La Crosse County Human Services Department 2024 Fees”; and, **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Financial Management Policies indicate that the County will establish service fees and charges wherever appropriate for the purpose of keeping property taxes to a minimum; and, **WHEREAS**, these fees and charges will attempt to fairly allocate the full cost of services to the users of those services whenever possible and as deemed appropriate by the County Board, including consideration of waiving or offering reduced fees to youth, seniors, or other special population groups identified as requiring preferential consideration based on policy goals. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby approve budget document entitled “Proposed User Fees, Charges for Services, and Permit Revenues for 2024” and “La Crosse County Human Services Department 2024 Fees” to be effective commencing January 1, 2024. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if any new rates or rate changes are determined to be needed during the 2024 fiscal year, the standing

committee responsible for the department will have the authority to approve the change. **FISCAL NOTE:** the proposed fees, charges, and permit fees for 2024 have been included in the proposed 2024 Budget.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/P. Scheller to approve. Discussion ensued. Facilities Director Ryan Westpfahl and Administrator Klekamp responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

RESOLUTION NO. 30-11/23 RE: MODIFICATION OF COMPENSATION PLAN FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES FOR 2024

WHEREAS, the County Administrator and Human Resources Director recommend modifications to the present County Compensation Plans for non-bargaining employees. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that those employees covered by the non-bargaining pay schedules have pay set for 2024 reflecting an across-the-board increase of 3% effective January 1, 2024. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Finance Department and the Human Resources Department are authorized to take the necessary action to implement these changes. **FISCAL NOTE:** The 2024 budget contains funding to cover the increase. The estimated increase of salary, WRS, FICA and Medicare for non-bargaining employees for 2024 is \$1,958,100. There are approximately 1,150 employees covered by this resolution.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/J. Pogreba to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

RESOLUTION NO. 31-11/23 RE: COMPENSATION FOR LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS 2024-2026 TERM

WHEREAS, La Crosse County is a self-organized County pursuant to s. 59.10(1), Wis. Statutes and s. 2.01 (1)(a) of the General Code of La Crosse County; and, **WHEREAS**, the method of compensation of County Board Supervisors shall be determined by the County Board by resolution prior to the earliest time for filing nomination papers; and, **WHEREAS**, the current compensation of County Board Supervisors is \$700 per month; and, **WHEREAS**, the current compensation of the 1st and 2nd Vice Chair is \$1400 per month; and **WHEREAS**, the current compensation of the County Board Chair is \$2800 per month; and **WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee has reviewed the current rates and recommends the change in pay for the Standing Committee Chair; and **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following elected officials shall be paid at the following rate for the next two-year term commencing April 16, 2024:

County Board Supervisors	\$700/month
1 st Vice-Chair/2 nd Vice-Chair	\$1200/month (total)
Standing Committee Chair	\$900/month (total)
County Board Chair	\$2800/month (total)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, Finance Director and Human Resources Director shall take all necessary steps to carry out the intent of this resolution. **FISCAL NOTE:** The total annual compensation for fiscal year 2024 for County Board Supervisors, 1st Vice-Chair, 2nd Vice-Chair, Standing Committee Chair and County Board chair is approximately \$322,897, and is included in the proposed 2024 budget.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/K. Hoyer to approve. Motion by K. Hoyer/J. Pogreba to amend the compensation of the 1st Vice Chair/2nd Vice Chair and Standing Chair to \$900/month total. Motion by R. Geary/M. Freedland to divide the question passed on a voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 nays - D. Hundt and K. Schlimgen. Motion by K. Hoyer/J. Pogreba to amend the compensation of the 1st/2nd Vice Chairs to \$900/month failed on a voice vote with 15 ayes - R. Abraham, M. Baroni, R. Cornforth, D. Ferries, R. Geary, K. Hoyer, D. Hundt, D. Jacobsen, M. Nikolay, R. Plesha, J. Pogreba, A. Richmond, K. Schlimgen, L. Silva and P. Viner, 15 nays - K. Cable, S. Doyle, R. Erickson, M. Freedland, D. Hesse, P. Isola, M. Kruse, M. Larson, D. Mader, G. Padesky, D. Pierce, J. Poley, P. Scheller, T. Tryggstad and D. Wacek. Motion by K. Hoyer/J. Pogreba to amend the compensation of the Standing Committee Chairs to \$900/month total passed on a voice vote with 29 ayes, 1 nay - M. Freedland. Motion by K. Hoyer/D. Hundt to amend the compensation of the

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1st/2nd Vice chairs to \$1200/month total passed on a voice vote with 19 ayes, 11 nays - K. Cable, S. Doyle, R. Erickson, M. Freedland, D. Hesse, M. Kruse, D. Mader, D. Pierce, J. Poley, T. Tryggestad and D. Wacek. The motion to approve as amended passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

RESOLUTION NO. 32-11/23 RE: APPROVE REFINANCING PLAN, ADVANCES FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE LAKEVIEW HEALTH CENTER AND ASSISTED LIVING, MONARCH MANOR AND REGENT MANOR FACILITIES

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2006, the County Board voted for “authorization to accept proposal to construct an adult family home on county-owned property in West Salem” (Resolution 47-10/06) and approved an advance from the General Fund of \$250,000 to be repaid by Lakeview at a rate of 5.0%, amortized over 20 years (now known as Regent Manor); and **WHEREAS**, on October 17, 2013 the County Board voted for regarding “acceptance and award of bids for an 8-bed community based residential facility (CBRF) for Lakeview Campus and financing authorization” (Resolution 44-10/13) and approved an advance from the General Fund of \$800,000 to be repaid by the CBRF at a rate of 3.5%, amortized over 20 years (now known as Monarch Manor); and **WHEREAS**, the average interest rate during 2020 and 2021 was 1.44% and 1.77% respectively and the County issued and refinanced external debt during 2021 at 1.33%; and **WHEREAS**, the intent of internal borrowings (advances) is to reflect interest terms consistent with the market and these advances were not reconsidered when other County loans were refinanced at lower interest rates; and **WHEREAS**, since the advances were not refinanced in 2021, the General Fund has continued to receive interest income at the rate of 5.0% and 3.5%; and **WHEREAS**, refinancing the advances to interest-free loans at this time would still result in the General Fund receiving more in interest than if they had been refinanced in 2021. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the La Crosse County Board authorizes the advances for Regent Manor and Monarch Manor from the General Fund shall be refinanced to interest-free loans beginning January 1, 2024; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the County Administrator, Finance Director, and Executive Director of the Long Term Care Services Department are authorized to take any action necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution. **FISCAL NOTE:** Revised payoff dates for Regent Manor and Monarch Manor advances will be April 2027 and October 2032, respectively. Interest income is receipted into the 100.155.1450 division within the County financial system.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/P. Isola to approve. Discussion ensued. Administrator Klekamp, Finance Director Nickelotti and Executive Director of Long Term Care Plachecki responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a voice vote with 26 ayes, 4 nays - M. Baroni, D. Hundt, J. Pogreba and K. Schlimgen.

2024 ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Motion by K. Cable/D. Pierce to approve. **Motion** by K. Cable/P. Scheller to amend the digital discovery fee from \$.03/5MB to a flat fee of \$25. Discussion ensued. Administrator Klekamp responded to questions from the Board. The **motion** to amend failed on a roll call vote with 26 nays, 4 ayes - D. Mader, D. Pierce, L. Silva and D. Wacek. **Motion** by K. Cable/D. Wacek to amend by eliminating commission revenue for all phone calls. Discussion ensued. Sheriff John Siegel and Administrator Klekamp responded to questions from the Board. The **motion** to amend failed on a roll call vote with 21 nays, 9 ayes - M. Baroni, K. Cable, R. Cornforth, M. Freedland, R. Geary, D. Mader, D. Pierce, A. Richmond and D. Wacek. **Motion** by K. Cable/D. Wacek to amend by eliminating commission revenue for all commissary purchases made by inmates. Discussion ensued. Sheriff John Siegel and Administrator Klekamp responded to questions from the Board. The **motion** to amend failed on a roll call vote with 26 nays, 4 ayes - M. Freedland, K. Hoyer, D. Mader and D. Pierce. **Motion** by T. Tryggestad/R. Cornforth to amend by changing the highway funding as prepared in the County Administrator’s recommended budget by Resolution #24-10/23 by replacing \$1 million back into the General Fund. Discussion ensued. Finance Director Nickelotti and Administrator Klekamp responded to questions from the Board. **Motion** by D. Hundt/R. Abraham to call the question/close debate passed on a voice vote with 23 ayes, 7 nays - R. Abraham, S. Doyle, M. Freedland, R. Geary, D. Jacobsen, D. Mader and G. Padesky. The **motion** to amend by removing \$1 million from the highway fund and place back into the General Fund passed on a roll call vote with 17 ayes, 13 nays - R. Abraham, M. Baroni, D. Ferries, R. Geary, D. Hesse, K. Hoyer, D. Hundt, D. Jacobsen, M. Nikolay, J. Pogreba, A. Richmond, K. Schlimgen and P. Viner. **Motion** by D. Ferries/K. Hoyer to amend by adding \$40,000 for the La Crosse Area Veteran’s Mentor Program.

Discussion ensued. The motion to amend passed on a roll call vote with 17 ayes, 13 nays - R. Abraham, K. Cable, R. Erickson, D. Hundt, P. Isola, M. Kruse, M. Larson, D. Mader, M. Nikolay, R. Plesha, K. Schlimgen, T. Tryggestad and D. Wacek. **Motion** by M. Freedland/P. Isola to amend by adding \$200,000 for the Bluffland Coalition. Discussion ensued. Administrator Klekamp, Finance Director Nickelotti and Zoning Administrator Kathleen Stewart responded to questions from the Board. The **motion** to amend passed on a roll call vote with 17 ayes, 13 nays - R. Abraham, R. Erickson, D. Hesse, K. Hoyer, D. Hundt, D. Jacobsen, M. Kruse, M. Larson, M. Nikolay, R. Plesha, J. Pogreba, K. Schlimgen and P. Viner. **Motion** by M. Baroni/D. Ferries to amend by adding \$350,000 for the Onalaska Community Center for a total of \$500,000. Discussion ensued. Administrator Klekamp and Finance Director Nickelotti responded to questions from the Board. The **motion** to amend failed on a roll call vote with 24 nays, 5 ayes - M. Baroni, R. Cornforth, D. Ferries, G. Padesky and J. Pogreba, 1 abstention - D. Jacobsen. **Motion** by K. Schlimgen/A. Richmond to amend by adding \$10,000 for the Mindoro's Lions Club building. Discussion ensued. The **motion** to amend failed on a roll call vote with 20 nays, 10 ayes - D. Ferries, R. Geary, D. Hesse, K. Hoyer, D. Hundt, D. Jacobsen, G. Padesky, A. Richmond, P. Scheller and K. Schlimgen. **Motion** by K. Schlimgen/D. Hesse to amend by adding \$10,000 for the St. Josephs Lions Club building. Discussion ensued. The **motion** to amend failed on a roll call vote with 20 nays, 10 ayes - D. Ferries, R. Geary, D. Hesse, K. Hoyer, D. Hundt, D. Jacobsen, G. Padesky, A. Richmond, P. Scheller and K. Schlimgen. **Motion** by K. Hoyer/D. Hundt to amend by replacing \$500,000 back into the Highway Fund. Discussion ensued. The **motion** to amend failed on a roll call vote with 15 ayes - R. Abraham, M. Baroni, D. Ferries, R. Geary, D. Hesse, K. Hoyer, D. Hundt, D. Jacobsen, M. Nikolay, G. Padesky, J. Pogreba, A. Richmond, P. Scheller, K. Schlimgen and P. Viner, 15 nays - K. Cable, R. Cornforth, S. Doyle, R. Erickson, M. Freedland, P. Isola, M. Kruse, M. Larson, D. Mader, D. Pierce, R. Plesha, J. Poley, L. Silva, T. Tryggestad and D. Wacek.

RESOLUTION NO. 33-11/23 RE: ADOPTION OF THE 2024 BUDGET AND TAX LEVY

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has worked with all County departments and has prepared the La Crosse County 2024 Recommended Budget; and, **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors has held a public hearing, pursuant to Section 65.90m, Wisconsin Statutes. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors does adopt a budget for calendar year 2024 with total expenditures of \$204,367,597 total revenues of \$155,964,775 and other funding sources of \$10,382,180 and a total La Crosse County tax levy of \$38,020,642 to be divided and levied as follows: County Tax of \$28,978,028 to be levied upon all the taxable property of the County; and, Property Tax Chargeback of \$2,189 to be levied upon all the taxable property of the County; and, Debt Levy Tax of \$6,650,265 to be levied upon all the taxable property of the County; and, County Library Tax of \$2,392,349 to be levied upon all taxable property of the County except for that property within the City of La Crosse; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 2024 budget is adopted and approved at the department level of detail as contained in the budget document. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk and County Finance Director shall determine and apportion within 10 days of this date, the tax levy set forth for the respective municipalities, according and in proportion to the valuations for the towns, villages, and cities as submitted by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Administrator and the County Clerk are hereby authorized to correct any clerical errors that may be found in the budget document prior to the publishing of this resolution. **FISCAL NOTE**: See reverse side for budget comparison data.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/G. Padesky to approve. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve passed on a voice vote with 25 ayes, 5 nays - D. Hesse, K. Hoyer, D. Hundt, D. Jacobsen and M. Nikolay.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by R. Abraham/J. Poley to adjourn at 9:06 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)

COUNTY OF LA CROSSE)

(105-23/24)

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 Annual Meeting held Monday, November 13, 2023 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 16 OF NOVEMBER 2023.