

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, April 8, 2024 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	Vacant	
2	Geary, Ralph	Present
3	Pierce, David	Present
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	Excused
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	Silva, Leonardo	Present
29	Schlimgen, Ken	Present
30	Mader, Dillon	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Monica Kruse

- Recognition of outgoing Supervisors
 - Chair Kruse recognized the out-going supervisors. Supervisor Hesse served for 10 years; Supervisor Plesha served for 38 years; Supervisor Nikolay served for 10 years, Supervisor Viner served for 3 years; Supervisor Abraham served for 2 years; Supervisor Silva served for 1 year; and Supervisor Poley served for 7 months. Chair Kruse announced she will not be running for Chair again and thanked everyone.

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- New Board Member Orientation and County Board Organizational Meeting
 - Supervisors are reminded that next week on Tuesday at 4:30 PM will be the Orientation Meeting for the new supervisors and returning Supervisors are encouraged to attend. The Organizational Meeting will be held on Tuesday at 6 PM where all Supervisors will be sworn in.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Pogreba noted the Mayor’s Breakfast will be held on May 2nd.

Administrator Report - Jane Klekamp

PROCLAMATION APRIL 2024 - NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

WHEREAS, the nation’s 3,069 counties serving more than 330 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; and, **WHEREAS**, counties fulfill a vast range of responsibilities and deliver services that touch nearly every aspect of our residents’ lives; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County and all counties take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, wellbeing and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and, **WHEREAS**, under the leadership of National Association of Counties President Mary Jo McGuire, NACo is highlighting county leadership and celebrating the role of county governments in connecting, inspiring and leading as intergovernmental partners; and, **WHEREAS**, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to elevate awareness of county responsibilities, programs and services; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County employees work to protect and strengthen community in all parts of our county through programs that improve public infrastructure and create opportunities for people and businesses to thrive. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim April 2024 as National County Government Month and encourages the public to recognize the contributions county governments make to improving the quality of life for all.

Motion by R. Plesha/J. Pogreba to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 2 excused - D. Hesse and P. Scheller and 1 vacant – District 1.

- General Update
 - Administrator Klekamp gave an update. She reviewed the County department structure; new leadership; what the County is doing to get our message out; PFAS mitigation; integrating services with the move of Veterans Service Office to the HHS Building; reimagining of Hillview; integrating services in HHS; supporting Hmong parents with Hmong educational videos; increasing accessibility at our parks; salt and solar projects; smart purchasing at our Highway Department by allowing purchasing of used equipment; childcare and housing; partnering for sustainability, jail improvements with daily free phone calls; 911 towers; and libraries as community centers.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by R. Abraham/G. Padesky to adjourn at 6:36 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 2 excused - D. Hesse and P. Scheller and 1 vacant – District 1.

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, April 8, 2024 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 9 OF APRIL 2024.