

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING  
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, February 15, 2024 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 25 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:

<b>District</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
1	Vacant	
2	Geary, Ralph	Present
3	Pierce, David	Present
4	Freedland, Maureen	Present
5	Poley, Justin	Present
6	Plesha, Roger	Excused
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	Excused
17	Pogreba, Jack	Present
18	Baroni, Mike	Present
19	Cornforth, Rick	Present
20	Doyle, Steve	Excused
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**

- Strategic Plan – Chair Kruse announced a consultant has been hired to develop the strategic plan for the next 5 years and a survey was sent out to all county employees regarding staff readiness. The consultant will begin to meet with county officials, conduct interviews and will present a final report in June.

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- A Pathway to Home question and answer document was emailed to all County Board Supervisors so they have all the information for anyone who ask about the plan.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
  - Chair Kruse, Supervisor Tryggestad and Isola attended the WCA Legislative Exchange in Madison that updates county officials on initiatives that affect the counties and are working their way through legislation.

#### **Corporation Counsel Report – Megan DeVore**

- Review of Changes to Board Rules
  - Corporation Council DeVore gave an update on the changes to the Ordinance on County Board Rules that will be introduced at this meeting.

#### **APPOINTMENT**

Motion by K. Hoyer/K. Schlimgen to appoint Doug Servais to the Planning Resources and Development Committee as the FSA Representative passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 4 excused - R. Abraham, S. Doyle, D. Ferries and R. Plesha and 1 vacant – District 1.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by P. Isola/G. Padesky to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting held January 8, 2024 and the Monthly Meeting held January 18, 2024 and the claims list for \$1,467,845.71 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 4 excused - R. Abraham, S. Doyle, D. Ferries and R. Plesha and 1 vacant – District 1.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 42-2/24 RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR OUTDOOR MOTORIZED RECREATION TRAIL AIDS GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to s. 23.09(26), Wis. Stats., counties can apply for snowmobile trail aid grants through the DNR; and **WHEREAS**, snowmobile trail aids are entirely funded by snowmobilers in that the money awarded in grants to Wisconsin counties comes from snowmobile registrations, trail pass revenue and gas tax from some of the gas used in snowmobiles; and **WHEREAS**, these grants can then be used to reimburse the snowmobile clubs for some of their expenses in maintaining snowmobile trails; and **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County currently has 146.4 miles of snowmobile trails that need to be maintained; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that La Crosse County shall apply for available funds under s. 23.09(26) Wis. Stats. for such eligible maintenance and/or development costs; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does authorize the County Board Chair or her designee in the La Crosse County Facilities Department to act on behalf of La Crosse County to submit an application to the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available; sign documents; and take necessary action to undertake, direct and award any approved project. **FISCAL NOTE:** Funds are budgeted annually for the snowmobile grant revenue and expenditures within Org 100.165.1850 titled "Snowmobiling Grant."

#### **PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

Motion by P. Viner/J. Pogreba to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 4 excused - R. Abraham, S. Doyle, D. Ferries and R. Plesha and 1 vacant – District 1.

#### **FIRST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE**

ORDINANCE NO. 212 TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 ("GOVERNING BODY") OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by K. Cable/T. Tryggestad to move the first reading. Motion by K. Hoyer/M. Baroni to amend by striking "the County Board Chair shall also have the power to select the chairs of the standing committees except where an alternate procedure is specified by state statutes or this code" and add "each standing committee shall have the authority to select its own chair and vice chair except where an alternative procedure is specified by state statute." failed on a roll call vote with 16 nays, 9 ayes - M. Baroni, R. Geary, D. Hesse, K. Hoyer, D. Hundt, D. Jacobsen, J. Pogreba, K. Schlimgen and P. Viner, 4 excused - R. Abraham, S. Doyle, D. Ferries and R. Plesha and 1 vacant – District 1. Motion by K. Schlimgen/D.

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Hundt to amend 2.04 (B) by deleting "in rare instances" and "of lengthy debates" in the last sentence passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 4 excused - R. Abraham, S. Doyle, D. Ferries and R. Plesha and 1 vacant – District 1. 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](http://www.lacrossecounty.org). Upon adoption and publication, it will be incorporated into the La Crosse County General Code of Ordinances.

**RESOLUTION NO. 43-2/24 RE: CREATION OF PILOT CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors created a Study Committee on Policing (SCOP) in November of 2021 (Resolution #34-11/21) and, following appointment of SCOP membership by the Board in February of 2022, the SCOP began meeting in March of 2022; and **WHEREAS**, the SCOP had their final meeting in September of 2023 and presented their final report to the Judiciary & Law Committee in October of 2023 and the full County Board on February 5, 2024; and **WHEREAS**, the SCOP final report makes the following recommendations:

- That La Crosse County create a Civilian Review Board (CRB).
- That the charge of the CRB be "to serve as a respected, trusted, and independent liaison between Law Enforcement agencies in La Crosse County and the communities they serve."
- That the CRB have three primary functions:
  1. To advocate and act as a liaison for civilians with law enforcement complaints or concerns;
  2. To perform community outreach about the CRB;
  3. To collect and annually share data about its work.
- That the CRB consist of 5-7 citizen members appointed by the County Board Chair and confirmed by the full board in a manner consistent with the qualifications and attributes outlined in the Study Committee on Policing Report dated September 26, 2023.
- That the CRB be staffed by one or more County employees.
- That the CRB be launched as soon as possible as a 2-3 year pilot program with annual evaluations and a final evaluation at the end of the pilot period which would include recommendation made by the CRB for improvements and adjustments for the next phase of its existence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Judiciary & Law Committee is the appropriate standing committee to provide oversight and guidance to the CRB and to County staff involved in the development of a pilot CRB. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors hereby establishes a pilot Civilian Review Board comprised of 5-7 citizen members. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, prospective citizen members shall apply to the Criminal Justice Management Council for appointment to the Civilian Review Board. The CJMC shall establish an application and interview process. After approval by CJMC, the prospective member shall be recommended to the County Board Chair for appointment subject to confirmation by the County Board; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Judiciary & Law committee has oversight of the CRB during a 2 year pilot period, including approval of the process and procedures of the CRB as necessary; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, in addition to annual reporting, updates on the CRB shall be provided to the County Board as determined by the County Board Chair and the Chair of the Judiciary & Law Committee; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that at the end of the 2 year pilot period, if the CRB continues as a County committee, the details of an ongoing CRB must be addressed by an Ordinance creating such a committee. **FISCAL NOTE:** No fiscal impact. Any recommendations from the CRB with a fiscal impact will require County Board approval.

**JUDICIARY AND LAW COMMITTEE**

Motion by M. Larson/D. Pierce to approve. Motion by D. Pierce/R. Cornforth to amend by deleting from the NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: "appointed by the County Board Chair subject to confirmation by the County Board" and adding: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, prospective citizen members shall apply to the Criminal Justice Management Council for appointment to the Civilian Review Board. The CJMC shall establish an application and interview process. After approval by CJMC, the prospective member shall be recommended to the County Board Chair for appointment subject to confirmation by the County Board;" passed on a voice vote with 24 ayes, 1 nay - D. Hundt, 4 excused - R. Abraham, S. Doyle, D. Ferries and R. Plesha and 1 vacant – District 1. Motion by P. Viner/R. Geary to refer to the May 16<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

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failed on a roll call vote with 14 nays, 11 ayes - M. Baroni, R. Erickson, R. Geary, D. Hesse, K. Hoyer, D. Hundt, D. Jacobsen, G. Padesky, J. Pogreba, K. Schlimgen and P. Viner, 4 excused - R. Abraham, S. Doyle, D. Ferries and R. Plesha and 1 vacant – District 1. The motion to approve as amended passed on a roll call vote with 15 ayes, 10 nays - M. Baroni, R. Geary, D. Hesse, K. Hoyer, D. Hundt, D. Jacobsen, G. Padesky, J. Pogreba, K. Schlimgen and P. Viner, 4 excused - R. Abraham, S. Doyle, D. Ferries and R. Plesha and 1 vacant – District 1.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

- Supervisor Geary asked for long range plan parameters for focus groups and a list of mandated services.
- Supervisor Schlimgen asked for an update on Economic Development on we can get some Congressional funding.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by K. Cable/D. Pierce to adjourn at 8:00 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 4 excused - R. Abraham, S. Doyle, D. Ferries and R. Plesha 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 Monthly Meeting held Thursday, February 15, 2024 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 FEBRUARY 2024.**