

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, February 5, 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	Absent
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	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

County Board Chair Report - Monica Kruse

PROCLAMATION FEBRUARY 2024 - BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, Black History Month is celebrated throughout the United States of America during the month of February; and, **WHEREAS**, recognition began in 1926 as a program to encourage the study of Black history to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, and was officially expanded to the entire month of February in 1976 by President Gerald Ford; and, **WHEREAS**, we recognize this year's Black History Month theme of "African Americans and the Arts"; and, **WHEREAS**,

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Black History Month is a time to recognize and honor the many people, events, and significant contributions of Black people to our community, nation, and world despite living under difficult and unjust circumstances; and, **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution in April 2021 declaring racism a public health crisis as an effort to acknowledge the impact of systemic racism experienced by Black people and chart a course to address disparities in our county; and, **WHEREAS**, today, we celebrate and affirm the importance of Black Health and Wellness to our county, throughout Wisconsin, and the nation. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim February 2024 as Black History Month and calls upon all people to work together to create a world that is more just, equitable and prosperous for all.

Motion by R. Cornforth/K. Cable to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 1 excused - D. Ferries and 1 vacant – District 1.

PROCLAMATION FEBRUARY 16, 2024 - LA CROSSE COUNTY CAREGIVERS DAY

WHEREAS; observed annually on the third Friday in February, National Caregivers Day is a day to recognize and honor the dedicated people who provide long-term, in-home, and hospice care, whether professionally or to family members in an unpaid capacity; and, **WHEREAS**; Wisconsin's unpaid family caregivers provide billions of dollars' worth of care every year and often struggle to meet their own personal needs and employment responsibilities, as well as the needs of others in their households; and, **WHEREAS**; a shortage of paid caregivers and direct care workers in Wisconsin has resulted in persistent vacancies in care facilities and a lack of sufficient services to people with disabilities, aging and older adults, and their families; and, **WHEREAS**; the La Crosse County Board recognizes the sacrifices that both paid and unpaid family caregivers make in service to the well-being of our county and affirms its commitment to expanding services that support caregivers and ensuring that all who depend on caregivers have access to affordable, quality care. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby declare February 16, 2024, as La Crosse County Caregivers Day in recognition of the immeasurable contribution of caregivers to the health of our community.

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

- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Geary participated in Transit Equity Days and attended the Winter Road School.
 - Supervisor Freedland also participated in Transit Equity Days and noted the numbers of riders is pretty solid.
 - Supervisor Jacobsen attended the Winter Road School along with staff from the Highway Department.

Administrator Report - Jane Klekamp

PROCLAMATION FEBRUARY 2024 - PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH

WHEREAS, the mission of the La Crosse County Health Department is "collaboratively promoting a healthful community for all people"; and, **WHEREAS**, the Health Department is made up of 53 staff representing 13 different Public Health professions who provide information and services to county residents that enable citizens to live long and productive lives; and, **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Health Department seeks continual improvement through meeting standards of national accreditation for public health; and, **WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin rates the La Crosse County Health Department performance at the highest level possible in Wisconsin; and, **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Health Department works to educate people about ways we can improve community health and runs crucial Access to Care, Communicable Disease, Family Health, Chronic Disease/Injury Prevention, and Environmental Health/Laboratory services. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of February as Public Health Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contributions of Health Department staff.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Motion by T. Tryggstad/G. Padesky to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 1 excused - D. Ferries and 1 vacant – District 1.

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- General Update
 - Administrator Klekamp gave updates on various County projects. The Hillview Project is in the design/development stage and there was a meeting with DHS on licensing to make sure the County stays on top of that; a RFP was released for local providers of daycare who are interested in partnering on that; the Executive Committee will be reviewing and approving the MOU for Skilled Trades Training with the Boys and Girls Club; Finance and HR are conducting a wage review for hourly staff; Veteran's Services Department is moving to the HHS Building; and Sarah Koopman and Administrator Klekamp continue to have listening sessions throughout the County.
- Report on Final Recommendations from the Study Committee on Policing
 - The Study Committee on Policing finished their work and gave their final recommendations. The board voted in November 2021 to create the committee and members were appointed in February 2022. Members included representatives from law enforcement, subject matter experts, and disproportionately impacted communities. Their charge was to make recommendations to the board on the concept of a Citizen Advisory or Police Oversight Committee. The final recommendations include to establish a La Crosse County Civilian Review Board; develop and incorporate into local agency training a law enforcement history curriculum regarding racism and other impacted groups; collect/manage/share law enforcement data; and to research expansion of Mental Health Co-Response Teams to the entire County.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by R. Abraham/J. Pogreba to adjourn at 7:46 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 1 absent - P. Scheller, 1 excused - D. Hesse 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, February 5, 2024 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 14 OF FEBRUARY 2024.