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**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, July 18, 2024 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 26 supervisors were present when Chair Tina Tryggestad 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	Leibold, Kelly	Present
2	Geary, Ralph	Present
3	Pierce, David	Present
4	Freedland, Maureen	Present
5	Anderson, Emily	Excused
6	Mathu, Grant	Present
7	Padesky, Gary	Present
8	Isola, Peg	Excused
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	Balduzzi, Dave	Present
22	Kovacevich, Joe	Present
23	Elam, Travis	Present
24	Hoyer, Kevin	Present
25	Jacobsen, Dennis	Present
26	Hundt, David	Excused
27	Wuensch, Paul	Present
28	Rothering, Ron	Present
29	Schlimgen, Ken	Present
30	Mader, Dillon	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Tina Tryggestad

- WCA Conference Registration – Supervisors interested in attending the WCA Conference in September should let Clerk Dankmeyer know. A sign-up sheet will be passed at the next meeting to work the booth.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Hoyer announced the La Crosse Interstate Fair is going on now through the weekend in West Salem.

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- Supervisor Larson gave an update on the \$100,000 investment the County made to the Town of Campbell test well.
- Supervisor Kruse noted the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Woman's Leadership Summit and Taste of Downtown Workshop 2024 on October 17th.
- Supervisor Schlingen serves on the Western Wisconsin Workforce Board as a representative for La Crosse County and noted they hired Vicki Markussen as the new Executive Director.
- Supervisor Wuensch gave a shout out to the great work the Veterans Service Office is doing.

Administrator Report - Jane Klekamp

- General Update
 - Administrator Klekamp noted the Veterans Service Office has lowered the amount of time it takes to meet with veterans from months to a couple of weeks; the quarterly meeting with local municipalities was recently held; they continue to hold listening sessions with employees; the 10th tower for Emergency Services is being built this week in West Salem; Goose Island recently had flooding and is beginning to open again for camping; the ADRC has received over 1200 responses from the public to their survey that will help inform their 3 year aging plan; all bids for Hillview construction, except for HVAC, are due on July 25th and will be opened on August 1st.

APPOINTMENT

Motion by R. Cornforth/J. Pogreba to appoint Gary Padesky to the Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee for a three-year term to expire July 31, 2027 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 4 excused - E. Anderson, D. Hundt, P. Isola and P. Scheller.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by G. Padesky/J. Pogreba to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisor Planning Meeting held June 10, 2024, and the Monthly Meeting held June 20, 2024, passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 4 excused - E. Anderson, D. Hundt, P. Isola and P. Scheller.

ORDINANCE NO. 214-7/24 NO. 214 TO AMEND S. 31.02 OF CHAPTER 31 "LA CROSSE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN" 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:

31.02 Adoption. The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors, by enactment of this Ordinance, adopts the document entitled "La Crosse County, Envision 2050 (La Crosse County Wisconsin Comprehensive Plan 2022-2050)" including all maps and descriptive matters contained therein and the following amendments:

- a. Amendment No. 1 (as approved by the Planning, Resource and Development Committee on April 1, 2024)

A copy of the Comprehensive Plan is incorporated herein and is on file at the La Crosse County Clerk's office.

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

**TINA TRYGGESTAD, COUNTY BOARD CHAIR;
GINNY DANKMEYER, COUNTY CLERK**

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Hoyer/D. Pierce to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 4 excused - E. Anderson, D. Hundt, P. Isola and P. Scheller.

ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z455-7/24 RE: PETITION NO. 2078 FILED BY ETHAN MODAWELL TO REZONE FROM THE EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO THE RURAL DISTRICT FOR FUTURE RESIDENTIAL USE IN THE TOWN OF HAMILTON

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 2078 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: Ethan Modawell,

N2958 Pleasant Valley Rd, West Salem, WI 54669 and having held a public hearing on Monday, July 1, 2024 for a ZONING PETITION to rezone from the Exclusive Agriculture District to the Rural District for future residential use in the Town of Hamilton and described as follows: NE-NE, Sec. 14, T.16N, R.6W. Tax parcel 7-333-0. Property address: Pleasant Valley Rd, Town of Hamilton. And pursuant to s. 59.69(5)(e)2. Wis. Stats. and s. 17.10 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. 59.69(5)(e)4., Wis. Stats., along with the affected Town Board(s), under s.59.69(5)(e)3., Wis. Stats., have the authority to approve or to disapprove of the application. Having considered the entire record, the Committee's recommendation is to: By a vote of SIX (6) in favor (Rothering, Jacobsen, Hoyer, Isola, Scheller, Pierce), One (1) no (Schlimgen), and ZERO (0) abstentions, the committee recommended Approval of ZONING PETITION No. 2078 subject to the following ONE (1) condition.

1. Approval is contingent upon adoption of the proposed future land use map in the County's Comprehensive Plan.

THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 18TH day of July 2024. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Hoyer/D. Jacobsen to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 4 excused - E. Anderson, D. Hundt, P. Isola and P. Scheller.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 204-7/24 NO. 1240 FILED BY TRISTAN GARDNER O/B/O ST JOSEPH CONSTRUCTION CO INC, FOR COMMERCIAL MINERAL EXTRACTION IN THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered an application filed by: Tristan Gardner o/b/o St Joseph Construction Co Inc, 920 10th Ave N, Onalaska, WI 54650 and having held a public hearing on Monday, July 1, 2024 for a CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT for 17.05(5)(d)3.d. Commercial mineral extraction in the Town of Washington and described as follows: N 30 Ac NW-SW & Prt SW-NW, Sec. 2, T.15N, R.5W. Tax parcel 12-41-0. Property address: N2243 State Road 162, Town of Washington. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats. and s. 17.10 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., Wis. Stats., along with the affected Town Board(s), under s. 17.10(8), 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 Seven (7) in favor (Schlimgen, Jacobsen, Scheller, Hoyer, Pierce, Isola, Rothering), Zero (0) no, the committee recommended Approval of CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT No. 1240 subject to the following FIVE (5) conditions:

1. The owner(s) of the property to which this Conditiona 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. The site shall generate fewer than 200 vehicle trips per day.
4. The applicant shall submit a nonmetallic mine reclamation plan to the County Land Conservation Department staff that meets all state and local requirements.
5. This permit is transferable to Milestone Materials.

THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 18th day of July 2024. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Hoyer/P. Wuensch to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 4 excused - E. Anderson, D. Hundt, P. Isola and P. Scheller.

ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z456-7/24 RE: PETITION NO. 2080 FILED BY ALEX PARCHER O/B/O HOLLAND VILLAS, CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION TO REZONE FROM THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT A AND THE RECREATIONAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT TO RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT B FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING CONDOMINIUM PLAT IN THE TOWN OF HOLLAND

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 2080 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: Alex Parcher o/b/o Holland Villas Condominium Association, W7765 Parcher Ct, Holmen, WI 54636 and having held a public hearing on Monday, July 1, 2024 for a ZONING PETITION to rezone from the Residential District A and Recreational and Natural Resources District to Residential District B for the proposed expansion of an existing condominium plat in the Town of Holland and described as follows: PRT NE/SE, Sec. 11, T.18N, R.8W. Tax parcel 8-901-5, 8-901-8. Property address: A Johnson Rd, Town of Holland. And pursuant to s. 59.69(5)(e)2. Wis. Stats. and s. 17.10 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. 59.69(5)(e)4., Wis. Stats., along with the affected Town Board(s), under s.59.69(5)(e)3., Wis. Stats., have the authority to approve or to disapprove of the application. Having considered the entire record, the Committee's recommendation is to: By a vote of SEVEN (7) in favor (Isola, Rothering, Schlimgen, Hoyer, Scheller, Pierce, Jacobsen), ZERO (0) no, and ZERO (0) abstentions, the committee recommended Approval of ZONING PETITION No. 2080 subject to the following FOUR (4) findings.

1. Approval is consistent with the general purpose of the official controls, promotes the public interest, and will not result in any undue nuisances resulting from smoke, increased traffic, heavy vehicular traffic, odors, impacts on water and sewer systems, impacts on public waters, impacts on neighboring property values and other similar factors.
2. Uses occurring on most adjacent properties are of a similar nature and intensity as the proposed use.
3. The proposed rezoning is supported by the future land use maps of the Town of Holland Comprehensive Plan and the La Crosse County Comprehensive Plan. These maps identify the area as suitable for future residential use.
4. The Town Board of the Town of Holland recommends approval of this request.

THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 18TH day of July 2024. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Hoyer/J. Kovacevich to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 4 excused - E. Anderson, D. Hundt, P. Isola and P. Scheller.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-7/24 RE: AUTHORIZING LA CROSSE COUNTY TO ENTER INTO THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE KROGER CO. AND AGREE TO THE TERMS OF ADDENDUM TWO TO THE MOU ALLOCATING SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors previously authorized the County to enter into an engagement agreement with von Briesen & Roper, s.c., Crueger Dickinson LLC and Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC (the "Law Firms") to pursue litigation against certain manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of opioid pharmaceuticals (the "Opioid Defendants") in an effort to hold the Opioid Defendants financially responsible for the County's expenditure of vast money and resources to combat the opioid epidemic; **WHEREAS**, on behalf of the County, the Law Firms filed a lawsuit against the Opioid Defendants; **WHEREAS**, the Law Firms filed similar lawsuits on behalf of 66 other Wisconsin counties and all Wisconsin cases were coordinated with thousands of other lawsuits filed against the same or substantially similar parties as the Opioid Defendants in the Northern District of Ohio, captioned In re: Opioid Litigation, MDL 2804 (the "Litigation"); **WHEREAS**, four (4) additional Wisconsin counties (Milwaukee, Dane, Waukesha, and Walworth) hired separate counsel and joined the Litigation; **WHEREAS**, since the inception of the Litigation, the Law Firms have coordinated with counsel from around the country (including counsel for Milwaukee, Dane, Waukesha, and Walworth Counties) to prepare the County's case for trial and engage in extensive settlement discussions with the Opioid Defendants; **WHEREAS**, the settlement discussions with The Kroger Co. (the "Settling Defendant") resulted in a tentative agreement as to settlement terms pending agreement from the County and other

plaintiffs involved in the Litigation; **WHEREAS**, copies of the settlement agreement relating to the Settling Defendant ("Settlement Agreement") representing the terms of the tentative settlement agreement with the Settling Defendant has been made available at [Kroger-Multistate-Settlement-Agreement-Circulated-to-States-March-25-2024.pdf](#) ([nationalopioidsettlement.com](#)) **WHEREAS**, the Settlement Agreement provides, among other things, for the payment of certain sums to Participating Subdivisions (as defined in the Settlement Agreement) upon the occurrence of certain events detailed in the Settlement Agreement; **WHEREAS**, the County is a Participating Subdivision in the Settlement Agreement and has the opportunity to participate in the benefits associated with the Settlement Agreement provided the County (a) approves the Settlement Agreement; (b) approves the Addendum Two to the Memorandum of Understanding allocating proceeds from the Settlement Agreement ("MOU") among the various Wisconsin Participating Subdivisions, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution ("Addendum Two"); and (c) the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance approves the terms of the Settlement Agreement; **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 12 of the State-Local MOU entered into between the Wisconsin Participating Subdivisions and the Attorney General of the State of Wisconsin ("State-Local MOU"), the Attorney General has provided notice that the terms of the State-Local MOU shall apply to the Settlement Agreement and all proceeds of such Settlement Agreement; **WHEREAS**, 2021 Wisconsin Act 57 created Section 165.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes relating to the settlement of all or part of the Litigation; **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 165.12(2), the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance is required to approve the Settlement Agreement; **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 165.12(2), the proceeds from any settlement of all or part of the Litigation are distributed 70% to local governments in Wisconsin that are parties to the Litigation and 30% to the State; **WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. § 165.12(4)(b)2. provides the proceeds from the Settlement Agreement must be deposited in a segregated account (the "Opioid Abatement Account") and may be expended only for approved uses for opioid abatement as provided in the Settlement Agreement; **WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. § 165.12(7) bars claims from any Wisconsin local government against the Opioid Defendants filed after June 1, 2021; **WHEREAS**, the definition of Participating Subdivisions in the Settlement Agreement recognizes a statutory bar on claims such as that set forth in Wis. Stat. § 165.12(7) and, as a result, the only Participating Subdivisions in Wisconsin are those counties and municipalities that were parties to the Litigation (or otherwise actively litigating a claim against one, some, or all of the Opioid Defendants) as of June 1, 2021; **WHEREAS**, the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance is not statutorily authorized or required to approve the allocation of proceeds of the Settlement Agreement among Wisconsin Participating Subdivisions; **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Participating Subdivisions previously negotiated and approved the allocation of proceeds among themselves, which allocation is reflected in Exhibit A to the MOU, which is an agreement between all of the entities identified in the Allocation MOU as to how the proceeds payable to those entities under the Settlement Agreements will be allocated; **WHEREAS**, the County and all other Wisconsin Participating Subdivisions agreed to and entered into that certain Addendum to the MOU ("Addendum One") that provided for allocation of settlement proceeds from previous settlements with certain pharmacies and manufacturers according to the same percentages as that provided in the MOU; **WHEREAS**, the County has been informed as to the deadlines related to the effective dates of the Settlement Agreement, the ramifications associated with the County's refusal to enter into the Settlement Agreement, the form of Addendum Two and an overview of the process for finalizing the Settlement Agreements and such information, together with additional resources related to the settlement can be found at [Kroger Co. Settlement - National Opioids Settlement](#) ([nationalopioidsettlement.com](#)) **WHEREAS**, the County, by this Resolution, shall deposit the proceeds of the Settlement Agreement consistent with the terms of this Resolution and Wis. Stat. § 165.12(4)(b); **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the County's engagement agreement with the Law Firms, the County shall pay up to an amount equal to 25% of the proceeds from successful resolution of all or part of the Litigation, whether through settlement or otherwise, plus the Law Firms' costs and disbursements, to the Law Firms as compensation for the Law Firms' efforts in the Litigation and any settlement; **WHEREAS**, the Law Firms anticipate making application to the national fee fund established in the Settlement Agreement seeking payment, in whole or part, of the fees, costs, and disbursements owed the Law Firms pursuant to the engagement agreement with the County; **WHEREAS**, it is anticipated the amount of any award from the fee fund established in the Settlement Agreements will be insufficient to satisfy the County's obligations under the engagement agreement with the Law Firms; **WHEREAS**, the County, by this Resolution, and pursuant to the authority granted the County in the applicable Order emanating from the Litigation in relation to the Settlement Agreement and payment of attorney fees, shall authorize and direct the escrow agent responsible for the receipt and distribution of the proceeds from the Settlement Agreement to establish an account for the purpose of segregating

funds to pay the fees, costs, and disbursements of the Law Firms owed by the County (the "Attorney Fees Account") in order to fund a local "backstop" for payment of the fees, costs, and disbursements of the Law Firms; **WHEREAS**, in no event shall payments to the Law Firms out of the Attorney Fees Account and the fee fund established in the Settlement Agreement exceed an amount equal to 25% of the amounts allocated to the County by virtue of the Addendum Two (Exhibit A to the MOU); **WHEREAS**, the intent of this Resolution is to authorize the County to enter into the Settlement Agreement, the Addendum Two, establish the County's Opioid Abatement Account, and establish the Attorney Fees Account; and **WHEREAS**, the County, by this Resolution, shall authorize the County's corporation counsel to finalize and execute any other document or agreement necessary to effectuate the Settlement Agreement and the other agreements referenced herein; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the County Board of Supervisors hereby approves:

1. The execution of the Settlement Agreement and any and all documents ancillary thereto and authorizes the Board Chair or designee to execute same.

2. The final negotiation and execution of Addendum Two in form substantially similar to that presented with this Resolution and any and all documents ancillary thereto and authorizes the Board Chair or designee to execute same upon finalization provided the percentage share identified as allocated to the County is substantially similar to that identified in the Addendum Two provided to the Board with this Resolution.

3. The execution by the Board Chair or designee of any additional documents or agreements for the receipt and disbursement of the proceeds of the Settlement Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all proceeds from the Settlement Agreement not otherwise directed to the Attorney Fees Account shall be deposited in the County's Opioid Abatement Account. The Opioid Abatement Account shall be administered consistent with the terms of this Resolution, Wis. Stat. § 165.12(4), and the Settlement Agreement. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the County hereby authorizes the establishment of an account separate and distinct from any account containing funds allocated or allocable to the County which shall be referred to by the County as the "Attorney Fees Account." An escrow agent shall deposit a sum equal to up to, but in no event exceeding, an amount equal to 20% of the County's proceeds from the Settlement Agreement into the Attorney Fees Account. If the payments to the County are not enough to fully fund the Attorney Fees Account as provided herein because such payments are made over time, the Attorney Fees Account shall be funded by placing up to, but in no event exceeding, an amount equal to 20% of the proceeds from the Settlement Agreement attributable to Local Governments (as that term is defined in the MOU) into the Attorney Fees Account for each payment. Funds in the Attorney Fees Account shall be utilized to pay the fees, costs, and disbursements owed to the Law Firms pursuant to the engagement agreement between the County and the Law Firms provided, however, the Law Firms shall receive no more than that to which they are entitled under their fee contract when considering the amounts paid the Law Firms from the fee fund established in the Settlement Agreement and allocable to the County. The Law Firms may make application for payment from the Attorney Fees Account at any time and the County shall cooperate with the Law Firms in executing any documents necessary for the escrow agent to make payments out of the Attorney Fees Account. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all actions heretofore taken by the Board of Supervisors and other appropriate public officers and agents of the County with respect to the matters contemplated under this Resolution are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved. **FISCAL NOTE:** La Crosse County estimates to receive around \$190,000 from this settlement. Any settlement dollars received will be appropriated towards expenditures authorized in the settlement agreement. The expenditure of any settlement funds will require County Board approval.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/D. Ferries to approve. Discussion ensued. Corporation Counsel Megan DeVore and Administrator Klekamp responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 4 excused - E. Anderson, D. Hundt, P. Isola and P. Scheller.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-7/24 RE: AMENDMENT TO 1990 AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ONALASKA RELATED TO THE USE OF ROWE PARK

WHEREAS, in 1990 the County of La Crosse sold the City of Onalaska the property, including all capital improvements and equipment, of the area previously known as "Onalaska Park" and now known as "Rowe Park"; and **WHEREAS**, as part of the terms of that sale, the City of Onalaska agreed to maintain the property as a park/recreational area open to the general public; and **WHEREAS**, the original agreement

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also allowed the School District of Onalaska to construct tennis courts, a softball field, and a discus field on a part of the property; and **WHEREAS**, the terms of the original sale provided that if the City of Onalaska did not maintain the property as a park, the property would revert back to the ownership of the County of La Crosse, and **WHEREAS**, the City of Onalaska has maintained the property as a park for the last 34 years; and **WHEREAS**, now the School District of Onalaska has indicated a desire to expand their current stadium/track to the South, into the area of Rowe Park which is now primarily the school's softball field (see attached Exhibit A); and **WHEREAS**, the City of Onalaska wishes to enter into a long-term agreement with the School District of Onalaska allowing for the expansion of the stadium into Rowe Park in order to increase recreational opportunities for both students and the general public; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors, as an amendment to the original agreement with the City of Onalaska, hereby provides that the City of Onalaska may enter into an agreement with the School District of Onalaska for purposes of expanding the District's stadium footprint into Rowe Park, provided that such land will be used for recreational purposes, including but not limited to a track, field, concessions, restrooms, spectator viewing areas, shot put pit, long-jump pit, high jump area, pole vault area and such other similar uses, but shall not be used for parking. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, after review by Corporation Counsel, the County Board Chair and the County Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the amendment to the 1990 agreement consistent with the terms above. **FISCAL NOTE**: No fiscal impact.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/M. Kruse to approve. Discussion ensued. Motion by K. Hoyer/G. Padesky to amend by changing County Board to County Board Chair in the last Be It Further Resolved passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 4 excused - E. Anderson, D. Hundt, P. Isola and P. Scheller. The motion to approve as amended passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 4 excused - E. Anderson, D. Hundt, P. Isola and P. Scheller.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-7/24 RE: MID-YEAR PAY MODIFICATION OF NON-UNION HOURLY WAGE EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, in response to increasing wage disparity for county employees paid on an hourly basis resulting in inequitable pay for employees with the lowest income; and **WHEREAS**, the last pay review for hourly employees was in 2016; and **WHEREAS**, a Human Resources and Finance team reviewed wages for comparable jobs in 26 Wisconsin counties, which included the four counties contiguous to La Crosse County, and determined the case for a mid-year increase was supported; and **WHEREAS**, the new pay scales will increase La Crosse County's competitiveness in the labor market, aid employee retention, and boost morale; and **WHEREAS**, the County Administrator, Associate County Administrator, and Human Resources Director recommend modification to pay scales: CA1, CA2, CA3, CA4, CAE2, CMO2 75, CMO3 75, CMO6 80, CMO6A 80, CP1, CP2, CP3, CP4, CPE2, FA01 80, FA03 80, FA04 80, FA05 80, FA07 80, FA11 80, FA13 80, FA15 80, FA17 80, HY01, HY02, HY03, HY04, HY05, JL01, and JLS01. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the recommended changes to the wage scale. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Finance Director and Human Resources Department are authorized to take the necessary actions to implement the modified wage scale, effective July 22, 2024. **FISCAL NOTE**: The estimated cost for 2024 is \$305,046. The 2024 budget has sufficient wage and fringe savings to cover this expense.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/K. Hoyer to approve. Discussion ensued. Administrator Klekamp responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 4 excused - E. Anderson, D. Hundt, P. Isola and P. Scheller.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-7/24 RE: ACCEPTING "FAMILIES FIRST" FUNDING

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Department of Children & Families (DCF) has awarded La Crosse County a one-time \$38,592.08 allocation of "Family First" funds; and, **WHEREAS**, the funding, which may be utilized from July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, is intended to support children, youth and their families who are being served by local child protective service and youth justice systems, with the overarching goal of putting families first by safely keeping families together; and, **WHEREAS**, the funding will be available to the Family and Childrens and Justice Support (Youth Justice) Services Sections within

the La Crosse County Human Services Department to support key resources for families, such as housing, transportation, respite and other direct care services. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that La Crosse County Board hereby accepts the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, Division of Safety and Permanence award in the amount of \$38,592.08, and the County Administrator is authorized to execute any documents to effectuate this Resolution after approval of Corporation Counsel; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Finance Department is authorized to make any necessary and appropriate account transfers related to accepting this additional funding. **FISCAL NOTE:** The total grant award is \$38,592.08, with no County match required, and the award period ending September 30, 2025. The operating costs will be tracked under the 210.420.4510 division within the County financial system under the Family and Children's section.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Motion by D. Mader/R. Cornforth to approve. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 4 excused - E. Anderson, D. Hundt, P. Isola and P. Scheller.

CHAIR CHANGE: 1st Vice Chair Cable took the Chair.

ACCEPT 2024-2029 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR LA CROSSE COUNTY: Motion by M. Kruse/D. Wacek to approve. Motion by T. Tryggestad/K. Hoyer to amend by postponing page 6 of the plan. Discussion ensued. Motion by M. Baroni/J. Pogreba to amend the amendment by changing postpone to strike. Discussion ensued. Corporation Counsel DeVore and Administrator Klekamp responded to questions from the Board. Motion by S. Doyle/J. Pogreba to postpone the vote until the August Board meeting. Discussion ensued. Motion by P. Wuensch/D. Pierce to call the question/close debate failed on a roll call vote with 17 ayes, 9 nays - D. Balduzzi, M. Baroni, S. Doyle, D. Ferries, M. Freedland, K. Hoyer, D. Mader, G. Mathu and G. Padesky, 4 excused - E. Anderson, D. Hundt, P. Isola and P. Scheller. Discussion ensued. The motion to postpone the vote until the August Board meeting passed on a roll call vote with 19 ayes, 7 nays - K. Cable, R. Cornforth, R. Erickson, M. Freedland, M. Kruse, D. Mader and G. Mathu, 4 excused - E. Anderson, D. Hundt, P. Isola and P. Scheller.

CHAIR CHANGE: Chair Tryggestad resumed the Chair.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Supervisor Geary asked for clarification on the market rate.

ADJOURN

Motion by G. Mathu/G. Padesky to adjourn at 7:22 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 4 excused - E. Anderson, D. Hundt, P. Isola and P. Scheller.

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, July 18, 2024 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 JULY 2024.