

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, June 20, 2024 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 30 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	Present
6 Mathu, Grant	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 Balduzzi, Dave	Present
22 Kovacevich, Joe	Present
23 Elam, Travis	Present
24 Hoyer, Kevin	Present
25 Jacobsen, Dennis	Present
26 Hundt, David	Present
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

- Chair Tryggestad reminded Supervisors if you are unable to attend a meeting, you need to contact Clerk Dankmeyer.
- There will be a Legislative Town Hall on June 27th from 3:30 – 6:30pm at the Black River Beach Neighborhood Center about issues affecting our elderly population.

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- The July 8th Planning Meeting will be a full meeting and the City Council will join for an update on the Pathway Home Plan. The quarterly meeting will be held after.
- A process is being developed for outside budget requests for the 2025 budget.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Kruse, Freedland, Isola, Geary, Padesky, Cornforth, and Mathu all attended the Solid Waste Policy Board Meeting and gave an update on the projects happening at Solid Waste along with the highlights from the past year.
 - Supervisor Hundt attended the grand opening of the bike/pedestrian bridge in West Salem and thanked the staff who helped make that happen.
 - Supervisor Jacobsen attended the La Crosse County Dairy Breakfast that was held in West Salem and noted the great turnout and attended the Mindoro Lion's Club meeting and is trying to get the community sustainability survey out.
 - Supervisor Cornforth attended the Aviation meeting and met the new airport director and participated in stakeholder feedback meetings for the design on skilled workforce center at the Boys and Girls Club.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by D. Wacek/D. Pierce to appoint Leonardo Silva, Monica Kruse and Grant Mathu to the Economic Development Fund Board; appoint Robert Abraham to the Joint Board Of Harbor Commissioners for the remainder of a term to expire July 31, 2025; appoint Grant Mathu to the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant Review Committee; appoint Adam Schneider to the Winding River Library System for the remainder of a term to expire December 31, 2026; appoint Leonardo Silva to the Board Of Adjustment for a three year term to expire June 30, 2027 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by D. Ferries/K. Cable to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting held May 6, 2024 and the Monthly Meeting held May 16, 2024 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

FIRST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 214 TO AMEND S. 31.02 OF CHAPTER 31 "LA CROSSE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN" OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Hoyer/P. Scheller to move the first reading. 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.co.la-crosse.wi.us. Upon adoption and publication, it will be incorporated into the La Crosse County General Code of Ordinances.

ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z452-6/24 RE: PETITION NO. 2075 FILED BY JEFF & JILL MURPHY TO REZONE FROM RURAL DISTRICT WITH CONDITIONS TO RURAL DISTRICT WITHOUT CONDITIONS IN THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 2075 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: Jeff & Jill Murphy, W3067 Kreibich Coulee Road Coon Valley, Coon Valley, WI 54623 and having held a public hearing on Monday, June 3, 2024 for a ZONING PETITION to rezone from Rural District with conditions to Rural District without conditions in the Town of Greenfield and described as follows: CSM No. 45 Vol 12 Lot 4, Sec. 23, T.15N, R.6W. Tax parcel 6-556-4. Property address: W3067 Kreibich Coulee Road, Town of Greenfield. 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.,

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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 (Hoyer, Isola, Pierce, Rothering, Scheller, Schlimgen), ZERO (0) no, and ONE (1) excused (Jacobson), the committee recommended Approval of ZONING PETITION No. 2075 subject to ZERO (0) conditions. THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 20th day of June, 2024. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

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Motion by K. Hoyer/K. Schlimgen to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z453-6/24 RE: PETITION NO. 2076 FILED BY KATE PEAK & ELIZABETH HENRIKSEN 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. 2076 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: Kate Peak & Elizabeth Henriksen, 630 3rd Ave S, Onalaska, WI 54650 and having held a public hearing on Monday, June 3, 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: CSM No. 162 Vol 19 Lot 1, Sec. 26, T.17N, R.6W. Tax parcel 7-931-1. Property address: Old Highway 16, 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 FIVE (5) in favor (Hoyer, Isola, Pierce, Rothering, Scheller), ONE (1) no (Schlimgen), and ONE (1) excused (Jacobson), the committee recommended Approval of ZONING PETITION No. 2076 subject to the following ZERO (0) conditions. THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 20th day of June, 2024. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Hoyer/P. Isola to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z454-6/24 RE: PETITION NO. 2077 FILED BY ROBERT LEE/3LEEBOYS LLC TO REZONE FROM THE RESIDENTIAL A DISTRICT TO THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF ONALASKA

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 2077 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: Robert Lee/3LEEBOYS LLC, N6390 River Trail Way, Onalaska, WI 54650 and having held a public hearing on Monday, June 3, 2024 for a ZONING PETITION to rezone from the Residential A District to the Commercial District in the Town of Onalaska and described as follows: PRT N1/2-NE COM NE COR, Sec. 30, T.17N, R.7W. Tax parcel 10-1030-0. Property address: N5688/N5680 County Road OT, Town of Onalaska. 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 (Hoyer, Isola, Pierce, Rothering, Scheller, Schlimgen), ZERO (0) no, and ONE (1) excused (Jacobson), the committee recommended Approval of ZONING PETITION No. 2077

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subject to the following ZERO (0) conditions: THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 20th day of June, 2024. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Hoyer/E. Anderson to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-6/24 RE: AUTHORIZATION ACCEPTING \$100,000 ENERGY INNOVATION GRANT

WHEREAS, in April of 2024, Governor Evers announced the award of Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) Energy Innovation Grants to 28 projects that will expand access to clean energy and invest in the adoption of innovative technologies and processes; and **WHEREAS**, the purpose of Energy Innovation Grant projects is to increase the deployment of renewable energy and energy storage; to award projects that support energy efficiency and demand response; and to award projects that facilitate comprehensive energy planning; and **WHEREAS**, one of the grants awarded in the category of "facilitating comprehensive energy planning" was \$100,000 for a collaborative project submitted by the County of La Crosse, the City of La Crosse and Western Technical College for funding to study the feasibility of a microgrid in downtown La Crosse; and **WHEREAS**, microgrids can operate independently of the standard electrical grid to improve energy efficiency, reduce energy costs and increase energy reliability and community resilience. A microgrid connecting County buildings, City Hall, and Western Technical College would ensure electricity is available and public facilities can function in the event of natural disaster, grid outage, or public emergency; and **WHEREAS**, the study will explore (1) ownership models for the system across the three partners, (2) resiliency threats and needs for the downtown area, and (3) how a microgrid can provide power for a community resiliency center and critical government functions in the area; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby accepts the Public Service Commission Energy Innovation Grant Project award in the amount of \$100,000 for the purpose of a study exploring the feasibility of a microgrid in downtown La Crosse; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair is authorized to execute any documents to effectuate this resolution, after approval of Corporation Counsel and 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 \$100,000, with no County match required. The operating costs will be tracked in Fund 100 within the County financial system and overseen by the Zoning Department.

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion by J. Kovacevich/R. Cornforth to approve. Discussion ensued. County Planner Dillon Constant responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

APPROVAL OF ASBESTOS ABATEMENT BID FOR HILLVIEW

Approve the bid from Robinson Brothers for \$98,000.

VETERANS, AGING AND LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE

Motion by G. Padesky/K. Cable to approve. Discussion ensued. Administrator Klekamp explained why bids coming in for Hillview are before the Board for approval. Facilities Director Ryan Westpfahl responded to questions from the Board. Motion by K. Schlimgen/D. Jacobsen to have Robinson Brothers bid be contingent on meeting the budgeted amount. Administrator Klekamp, Corporation Counsel DeVore and Facilities Director Westpfahl responded to questions from the board. The motion failed on a voice vote with 27 nays, 3 ayes - K. Hoyer, D. Jacobsen and K. Schlimgen. Motion by D. Hundt/G. Mathu to call the question/close debate passed on a voice vote with 26 ayes, 4 nays - M. Freedland, K. Hoyer, D. Jacobsen and G. Padesky. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

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APPROVAL OF FIVE STAR BID FOR FIBER INSTALLATION AT HILLVIEW

Approve bid from Five Star Telecom for \$13,498.49.

VETERANS, AGING AND LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE

Motion by G. Padesky/M. Kruse to approve. Discussion ensued. Administrator Klekamp, Corporation Counsel DeVore and Facilities Director Westpfahl responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Supervisor Doyle asked for an update on the homeless plan.

ADJOURN

Motion by E. Anderson/K. Leibold to adjourn at 6:56 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

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, June 20, 2024 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 21 OF JUNE 2024.