

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, March 11, 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:

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	Excused
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	Excused
19	Cornforth, Rick	Present
20	Doyle, Steve	Present
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

PROCLAMATION MARCH 2024 - WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, Women's History Month is a time to celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of women throughout history and recognize the struggles they have faced in pursuit of gender equality; and, **WHEREAS**, women have made significant contributions to the development and progress of our country in countless fields; and, **WHEREAS**, women have fought for and won many important battles in

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the pursuit of gender equality, including the right to vote, the right to equal pay, and the right to access education and job opportunities; and, **WHEREAS**, women continue to face significant challenges and barriers in our society, including discrimination, harassment, and violence; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County works to protect and promote the health and wellbeing of women in our county, including through the Wisconsin Well Woman and Women, Infants and Children programs; and, **WHEREAS**, Women's History Month is an opportunity to honor the accomplishments of women and to continue the work of achieving gender equality for all; **NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim March 2024 as Women's History Month and urge all residents of La Crosse County to recognize and celebrate the many achievements and contributions of women throughout history.

Motion by T. Tryggestad/P. Isola to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 4 excused - R. Abraham, M. Baroni, K. Cable and P. Scheller and 1 vacant – District 1.

- Strategic Plan Consultant Interviews – Supervisor are reminded to sign up for interviews with the Strategic Planners.
- A moment of silence was held for former County Board Supervisor Don Bina who served from 1990-2012.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Mader attended the Airport Business meeting and recapped the demand for flights but not a lot of supply. American Airlines will offer another daily flight to Chicago and will use new planes that can carry more passengers.

Administrator Report - Jane Klekamp

PROCLAMATION MARCH 2024 - HUMAN SERVICES AND FAMILY COURT MONTH

WHEREAS, staff who work in the Human Services Department and Family Court of the county help thousands of people every day who are in need of temporary or longer term assistance to meet their basic needs or to adjust to transitions in their families; and, **WHEREAS**, citizens who rely on county human services and family court programs range in age from pre-birth to over 100 years of age; and, **WHEREAS**, county human services programs are designed to protect our most vulnerable populations which include children, adults and children with disabilities, the aging, and people dealing with mental illness; and, **WHEREAS**, to serve and help individuals in need, county human services professionals routinely enter homes and travel to other locations in the community, at times facing volatile situations and safety risks; and, **WHEREAS**, Family Court and Mediation and Family Court Services strive to maintain the dignity, safety, and security of families going through difficult transitions; and, **WHEREAS**, the individuals and the entire community benefit from the investment in lives that human services and family court professionals make every day; and, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of March 2024 as Human Services and Family Court Month and urges all citizens to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of Human Services and Family Court staff.

Motion by G. Padesky/R. Erickson to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 4 excused - R. Abraham, M. Baroni, K. Cable and P. Scheller and 1 vacant – District 1.

- Hillview Project Update
 - An update on the Hillview project was presented by Hoffman. The schedule is to have the designing done by mid-2024, have bids go out in June and July and construction beginning in August 2024. The estimated completion date is September 2025. Some of the complexities and hurdles they are facing are the new DHS CBRF regulations, day center space exceptions for programming, balancing the wish list scope and continues search for efficiencies. Layouts and models of the new design were reviewed. The CBRF is planned for 35 beds with an open concept and efficient operations. The crisis stabilization will have 4 beds for secure housing in a safe environment. The skilled nursing will have 26 existing beds with kitchen upgrades. Support housing will have 10 apartments with a social environment and independent amenities. The intergenerational day center will have adult and child programming with a safe entrance.

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- Strategic Plan Process – presented by Shannon Flowers and Sondra Hathaway
 - A strategic plan defines a common vision and future for an organization. It will also establish the areas an organization will focus on to make progress towards a shared vision and will guides decision-making at all levels. Elements of a strategic plan will include the mission statement, core values, vision statement, strategic priorities, goals, objectives, and progress and outcome measures. Strat analysts will be conducting interviews with board members and department heads and finalizing the survey results. Updates and information will be provided in the bi-weekly newsletter. A strategic planning event is scheduled for May 8th – 10th to review the draft plan with the final plan being adopted in June and implementation in July.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Supervisor Hundt asked for an update from local groups that help with tourism in the community.

ADJOURN

Motion by D. Ferries/J. Pogreba to adjourn at 7:10 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 4 excused - R. Abraham, M. Baroni, K. Cable and P. Scheller and 1 vacant – District 1.

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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, March 11, 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 MARCH 2024.