

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, November 4, 2024 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 27 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	Absent
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	Absent
16 Ferries, Dan	Present
17 Pogreba, Jack	Present
18 Baroni, Mike	Present
19 Cornforth, Rick	Present
20 Doyle, Steve	Excused at 06:35 PM
21 Balduzzi, Dave	Excused
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 to not reply all to emails.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Leibold attended the Reach Center 3rd Anniversary celebration.
 - Supervisor Cornforth attended the Community Childcare Forum at the Hatchery.
 - Supervisor Isola attended the Economic Indicators that was at UWL.

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- Supervisor Geary spoke about former Supervisor Shirley Holman who recently passed away. A moment of silence was held for her.

Administrator Report - Jane Klekamp

PROCLAMATION NOVEMBER 2024 - VETERANS MONTH

WHEREAS, the La Crosse County Veterans Service Office is dedicated to honoring and supporting veterans and their families in recognition of the service, bravery, and sacrifices made by veterans for La Crosse County, the State of Wisconsin, and the United States; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County holds a deep respect for the achievements and sacrifices of veterans, acknowledging their contributions to our nation; and, **WHEREAS**, the Veterans Service Office upholds a strong commitment to leadership and advocacy on behalf of veterans in La Crosse County, ensuring their needs and well-being are prioritized; and, **WHEREAS**, the commitment to service excellence is demonstrated through tireless efforts to assist veterans with accessing vital state and federal programs, meeting the highest standards of care and dedication. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby proclaims November 2024 as La Crosse County Veterans Month and encourages all residents to honor and recognize the invaluable contributions our veterans have made to our collective future.

Motion by J. Pogreba/D. Ferris to approve. Supervisors Paul Wuensch and David Hundt were acknowledged for their military service. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 2 absent - E. Anderson and M. Kruse, 1 excused - D. Balduzzi.

- General Update
 - 67 veterans work for the County in 16 different departments; a thank you to the election workers who be working late tomorrow and the County staff who will be helping out by working the polls tomorrow; 64 Trane employees spent a day at Hillview helping with outdoor projects; the Health Department and Sheriff's Office collected 64 pounds of prescriptions drugs on "Drug Take Back Day"; the Sheriff's Office held a drive to collect items for the victims of the hurricanes; La Crosse County received recognition from LADCO for their work on the Holmen Industrial Development; Jenna Helminski Juve received recognition as A Rising Star Under 40 from the 7 Rivers Alliance and the River Valley Media Group; and Maomaoua Vue won the YWCA Tribute to Outstanding Woman in the eliminating racism category.
- Administrator Work Plan Self-Assessment
 - Administrator Klekamp gave an overview of her report. Three areas of focus for the County are Board Collaboration and Communication, Leading the County, and Countywide initiatives. Economic Growth and Vitality, Environmental Stewardship, Healthy Infrastructure, Robust Support Network, Sustainable and Affordable Housing, Inclusive Community, and Engaged and Empowered Employees are all part of the Strategic Plan Outcome Measures. She assists with planning and presenting board orientation and provide reports to the Executive Committee. She also leads the County by leading departments and the fiscal team in developing a budget, using the County Board Strategic Plan to inform work at the department level, transition some direct reports to the Associate County Administrator, and continue the implementation of Leadership and Cultural Competencies for all county leaders. Countywide initiatives being worked on include Diversity Equity & Inclusion plan implementation, begin Strategic Plan integration, prepare non-exempt/hourly wage implementation plan for county board review and approval, establish process for Opioid Settlement Planning, and revise and develop a more detailed capital improvement plan.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Supervisor Scheller asked for a report from the Facilities Department on the County parks and campgrounds.
- Supervisor Cornforth asked for an update on the Civilian Review Board meeting and how the unsheltered population is impacting the other municipalities.

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ADJOURN

Motion by J. Pogreba/P. Isola to adjourn at 6:41 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 2 absent - E. Anderson and M. Kruse, 2 excused - D. Balduzzi and S. Doyle.

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, November 4, 2024 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 5 OF NOVEMBER 2024.