

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, October 7, 2024 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 22 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	Excused
2 Geary, Ralph	Present
3 Pierce, David	Present
4 Freedland, Maureen	Present
5 Anderson, Emily	Present
6 Mathu, Grant	Present
7 Padesky, Gary	Excused
8 Isola, Peg	Present
9 Wacek, Dawn	Present
10 Cable, Kim	Excused
11 Scheller, Patrick	Present
12 Erickson, Randy	Present
13 Tryggestad, Tina	Present
14 Larson, Margaret	Excused
15 Kruse, Monica	Present
16 Ferries, Dan	Present
17 Pogreba, Jack	Present
18 Baroni, Mike	Present
19 Cornforth, Rick	Excused
20 Doyle, Steve	Present
21 Balduzzi, Dave	Present
22 Kovacevich, Joe	Present
23 Elam, Travis	Excused
24 Hoyer, Kevin	Excused
25 Jacobsen, Dennis	Present
26 Hundt, David	Present
27 Wuensch, Paul	Present
28 Rothering, Ron	Present
29 Schlimgen, Ken	Present
30 Mader, Dillon	Excused

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chair Tryggestad read a Thank You note from WAFER for the donation from WCA for hosting the WCA Conference; Several Supervisors attended the groundbreaking for the Hillview Construction; and there will be a blood drive on October 9th and 10th at the Human Services Building.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Isola went to the WCA Conference and attended breakout sessions on zoning, forest sustainability, energy savings and county, land and water districts.
 - Supervisor Kruse met up with former Supervisor Keyla Rosa in Washington DC.

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- Supervisor Geary noted the attendees of the WCA Conference were impressed with the La Crosse Center and recommended watching the video on Forward Analytics.

Administrator Report - Jane Klekamp

PROCLAMATION OCTOBER 2024 - SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING MONTH

WHEREAS, La Crosse County helps to minimize the environmental impact of waste disposal in our region through management of award-winning programs including waste-to-energy, landfill operations, gas to energy recovery and household hazardous materials collection; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has helped to facilitate the successful implementation of single-stream recycling collection in the cities of La Crosse and Onalaska that has resulted in a large increase in recycling; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County enhances regional solid waste and recycling efforts through expanding sustainability practices and collaboration on all aspects of solid waste and recycling, processing, and beneficial reuse of by-products. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of October 2024 as La Crosse County Solid Waste and Recycling Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of persons dedicated to operating one of the most environmentally sustainable solid waste disposal systems in the nation.

Motion by J. Pogreba/P. Wuensch to approve. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 8 excused - K. Cable, R. Cornforth, T. Elam, K. Hoyer, M. Larson, K. Leibold, D. Mader and G. Padesky.

- General Update
 - La Crosse County has one of the highest cases of whooping cough; the City of La Crosse's camping band has not affected the Pathways Home Plan; and the mass casualty trailers obtained through grants several years ago haven't been used since 2017 and are no longer needed as the law enforcement, emergency medical services and fire departments all train together and share resources.
- 2024 Administrator's Budget Recommendations
 - Key takeaways from the 2025 budget includes maintaining robust countywide services, reduces debt and tax rate, addresses long term community needs, 3% pay increase, no increase in health insurance, and funding for a wage review and leadership training. The County has maintained their Aa1 bond rating and has a healthy fund balance. The total revenue and expenses will be \$205,950,342 for 2025. Uses of the General Fund Balance for 2025 includes Facilities capital improvements, La Crosse Center, 911 radio system upgrade, Sheriff's Department capital, Land Conservation vehicle, SMRT Bus, salary study, leadership training, US Cellular 14-61 site lease, and a housing study. There will be a public hearing on November 12th followed by the Annual Budget Meeting.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered

ADJOURN

Motion by G. Mathu/E. Anderson to adjourn at 6:48 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 8 excused - K. Cable, R. Cornforth, T. Elam, K. Hoyer, M. Larson, K. Leibold, D. Mader and G. Padesky.

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, October 7, 2024 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 8 OF OCTOBER 2024.