

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, April 7, 2025 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 29 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	Excused
22	Kovacevich, Joe	Present
23	Elam, Travis	Present
24	Tweed, Kristie	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 of the blood drive on April 16th and 17th.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Mathu encouraged Supervisors and members of the public to attend a State Public Budget Hearing.

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- Supervisor Mader noted that research shows City/County collaboration on housing is working when responding to homelessness.
- Supervisor Schlimgen worked as a poll worker at the election last week and noted that elections are transparent and run well.
- Supervisor Ferries acknowledged Supervisor Padesky being elected to the City Council.
- Supervisor Hundt noted the La Crosse County Ag Society signed an agreement with Brickl Bros to start the project for new bathrooms.

Administrator Report - Jane Klekamp

PROCLAMATION APRIL 2025 - NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties serve more than 330 million Americans, providing essential services that foster healthy, safe, and thriving communities; and, **WHEREAS**, counties play a vital role in nearly every aspect of residents' daily lives, delivering critical programs and infrastructure that support public health, safety, and economic opportunity; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County remains committed to protecting and enhancing the wellbeing of our residents through efficient, cost-effective governance and innovative service delivery; and **WHEREAS**, since 1991, the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to raise awareness of their responsibilities, programs, and services; and, **WHEREAS**, the dedicated employees of La Crosse County work to strengthen our communities by maintaining infrastructure, providing essential social services and long-term care, administering elections, operating libraries, and fostering economic and community development. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse County Board hereby proclaims April 2025 as National County Government Month and encourages all residents to recognize the invaluable contributions of county government in enhancing quality of life.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Motion by P. Wuensch/P. Isola to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes, 1 excused - D. Balduzzi.

- Administrator Klekamp gave an update on the history of the County Farm and the requests from different entities to purchase the land. Currently the land is not for sale. For several years, the County and Village of West Salem have discussed developing the County Farm into housing. The Village of West Salem wasn't interested in as much density as the County plan called for in 2009. In March, the Executive Committee gave staff 60 days to get the history of transferring County land to other entities, cost per acre and fair market value. Ho-Chunk Nation, Country Boom and the West Salem School District have all shown interest in purchasing this land. The Executive Committee will consider the proposals at their meeting on Wednesday.
- Ho-Chunk Nation Preview of County Farm Land Transfer Opportunity – Ryan Greendeer and Denise Wright presented.
 - A preliminary discussion was put together for the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch and they are working through that process. With that understanding, no official proposal or promises would be made tonight. Current housing developments under construction were shared with the Board.
- County Farm Development Proposal from JBG Planning LLC and Country Boom LLC – Jason Gilman presented.
 - JBG Planning and Country Boom is seeking an option to purchase approximately 85 acres. The proposed development is a conservation style development with trails and open space that integrates with the Village of West Salem's parkway system. It is also a phased development to respects West Salem's carrying capacity. This project would include 300 plus homes.
- West Salem School District Request to Purchase Portion of the County Farm – Ryan Rieber presented.
 - The proposal from the West Salem School District is for 30 acres. This request will ensure the long-term sustainability of the district's campus concept for generations to come. The

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unified campus approach provides significant advantages in programming, operational efficiency, and economic sustainability. Currently the school district has 100 acres with approximately 25 acres undeveloped. Enrollment is at 1803 students.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by G. Mathu/E. Anderson to adjourn at 8:11 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes, 1 excused - D. Balduzzi.

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, April 7, 2025 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 APRIL 2025.