

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, December 8, 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	Excused
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 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

- WCA Legislative Exchange – February 10-11, 2026 in Madison, WI
 - Supervisors who are interested in attending should notify Clerk Dankmeyer.
- 2025 Mileage Statements – Supervisors should get any mileage statements for 2025 turned into the Clerk's office for reimbursement.
- Chair Tryggestad noted the blood drive on Wednesday, December 10th and please make sure to respond to the financial audit email that was sent out.

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- Moment of Silence – A moment of silence was held for Former Sheriff Steve Helgeson who recently passed away. He served the county for 35 years with 12 years as Sheriff.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Hundt shared a meeting notice for the Lake Neshonoc Protection and Rehabilitation District Annual Meeting.
 - Supervisor Cornforth toured the Community Trail Farm on November 20th and encouraged other supervisors to tour it as well.

Administrator Report - Jane Klekamp

PROCLAMATION DECEMBER 2025 - ZONING, PLANNING AND LAND INFORMATION AND METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MONTH

WHEREAS, the dedicated staff of La Crosse County's Zoning, Planning and Land Information Department and the Metropolitan Planning Organization provide essential support and guidance to individuals, businesses, professionals, and government entities in the administration of zoning, floodplain, shoreland, subdivision, telecommunications, and nonmetallic mining ordinances, and regional transportation planning; and **WHEREAS**, these departments coordinate and maintain comprehensive land information systems that serve both public and private sector needs in areas such as assessment, taxation, mapping, permitting, planning, and education—most notably through the county's accessible and user-friendly land records website; and **WHEREAS**, they play a vital role in regional transportation planning by developing strategies and securing funding for safe, efficient, and sustainable transportation networks that support the mobility and economic vitality of La Crosse County and the surrounding region. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims December 2025 as Zoning, Planning, Land Information, and Metropolitan Transportation Planning Month, in recognition of the invaluable contributions of the staff who work tirelessly to promote responsible land use, infrastructure development, and long-term community planning for the benefit of all residents.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

- Update on Compensation Plan
 - Human Resources Director Stephen Conrad gave an update on the Compensation Wage Study Plan. Segal was selected as the vendor for the study and have been working with a lot of data collection and are coming to completion with this step. Work with department heads will begin to build the structure and in January, they will look at putting job grade levels to the jobs and taking the job market data to look at salary. A resolution will be brought to the board in February.
- Overview of Zoning, Planning and Land Information – Zoning, Planning & Land Information Director Kathleen Stewart presented.
 - The Zoning Department includes Zoning, Code Enforcement, Planning, Geographic Information System (GIS), Real Property, and Community & Economic Development. Statutes require the County to have Zoning Administration, Real Property Lister, and Land Information Officer (GIS). Departments initiatives for 2025-2026 include the housing study, Economic Development Strategic Plan, Climate Action Plan, code ordinance updates, and permit modernization. The Zoning Department oversees the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) which supports low-moderate income households/neighborhoods and involves 11 counties. Land Information (Real Property & GIS) oversee record keeping, assessing and taxation, Geographic Information System, sharing our information, and helping grow ideas.

CHAIR CHANGE

2nd Vice Chair D. Pierce took the chair.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-12/25 RE: APPLICATION FOR 2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT HOUSING REGIONS PROGRAM AWARD

WHEREAS, La Crosse County has received the Southwest Wisconsin Housing Region award as the lead County for the Community Development Block Grant [CDBG] Housing Regions Program since 2012; and **WHEREAS**, Community Development Block Grant Housing Regions Award is a federal program administered by the State of Wisconsin's Wisconsin Department of Administration's Division of Energy, Housing, and Community Resources (DEHCR), and **WHEREAS**, the program supports local governments in funding housing initiatives primarily benefiting low- to moderate-income (LMI) households and provides grants to be used for housing rehabilitation, homebuyer assistance, converting vacant or underused buildings into affordable housing, emergency assistance (EAP), and rehab and replacement for manufactured housing in manufactured housing communities; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has been the lead county for the Southwest Wisconsin Housing Region [La Crosse, Trempealeau, Jackson, Monroe, Vernon, Richland, Crawford, Grant, Iowa, Lafayette and Green Counties] and assists in providing housing loans through a revolving loan fund for eligible homeowners; and, **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of La Crosse County to apply for this grant again and to sign all necessary contracts to implement this program. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves the application for the 2026 Community Development Block Grant Housing Regions Program funds for the Southwest Wisconsin Housing Consortium. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair is hereby authorized to sign all necessary documents with the State and with region members to implement this Community Development Block Grant Housing Regions Program, after approval by Corporation Counsel. **FISCAL NOTE:** The 2026 Community Development Block Grant Housing Regions Award is estimated at \$2,500,000. This program is tracked in Fund 281 within the County financial system.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Schlimgen/P. Scheller to approve. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve passed on a voice vote with 27 ayes, 2 abstentions - K. Cable and T. Tryggestad, 1 excused - D. Wacek.

RESOLUTION NO. 27-12/25 RE: ADOPTION OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

WHEREAS, La Crosse County plans to apply for a Community Development Block Grant Housing Regions Award as part of its participation in the Southwest Housing Consortium; and **WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development require recipients of Community Development Block Grant monies to have in place a Citizen Participation Plan; and, **WHEREAS**, the Citizen Participation Plan shall encourage citizen participation, with emphasis on participation by persons of low to moderate income, and shall provide citizens reasonable and timely access to local meetings and information; and, **WHEREAS**, the Citizen Participation Plan shall also require the establishment of a Community Participation Committee, composed of members of the Southwest Wisconsin Housing Region Committee and representing the community's demographics; and, **WHEREAS**, the Planning, Resources, and Development Committee has reviewed and approved a Citizen Participation Plan. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the La Crosse County Board hereby adopts the Citizen Participation Plan, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A. **FISCAL NOTE:** No fiscal impact.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Schlimgen/P. Isola to approve. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve passed on a voice vote with 27 ayes, 2 abstentions - K. Cable and T. Tryggestad, 1 excused - D. Wacek.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Supervisor Geary asked for an update on the new airlines at the La Crosse Airport.
- Supervisor Hundt asked for an update on the homeless.

ADJOURN

Motion by G. Mathu/E. Anderson to adjourn at 6:45 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 29 ayes, 1 excused - D. Wacek.

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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, December 8, 2025 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 9 OF DECEMBER 2025.