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**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Organizational Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 30 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 M
2 Geary, Ralph	Present
3 Pierce, David	Present
4 Allen, Kathy	Present
5 Anderson, Emily	Present
6 Mathu, Grant	Present
7 Piggush, Beth	Present
8 Isola, Peg	Present
9 Manke, Angie	Present
10 Cable, Kim	Present
11 Scheller, Patrick	Present
12 Erickson, Randy	Present
13 Tryggestad, Tina	Present
14 Duffrin, Steven	Present
15 Kruse, Monica	Present
16 Ferries, Dan	Present
17 Manock, Lia	Present
18 Drazkowski, Joanna	Present
19 McBride, Anna	Present
20 Doyle, Steve	Present
21 Fimreite, Jeff	Present
22 Kovacevich, Joe	Present
23 Carty, Joseph	Present
24 Tweed, Kristie	Present
25 Jacobsen, Dennis	Present
26 Clements, Beth	Present
27 Wuensch, Paul	Present
28 Rothering, Ron	Present
29 Schlimgen, Ken	Present
30 Mader, Dillon	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OATH OF OFFICE

All Supervisors present, being duly elected to the office at the April 7, 2026 Spring Election, were sworn in by the Honorable Judge Scott Horne.

ELECTIONS/ORGANIZATION

CHAIR: J. Kovacevich nominated Supervisor Tina Tryggestad. There were no other nominations for Chair. Supervisor Tryggestad was elected Chair by a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

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FIRST VICE CHAIR: K. Cable nominated Supervisor David Pierce. There were no other nominations. Supervisor Pierce was elected First Vice Chair by a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

SECOND VICE CHAIR: T. Tryggestad nominated Supervisor Kim Cable. There were no other nominations. Supervisor Cable was elected Second Vice Chair by a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Corporation Counsel Report – Megan DeVore

- County Board Rules
 - Corporation Counsel Megan DeVore gave a presentation on the County Board Rules. Wisconsin Statutes, County Ordinance – Chapter 2 and Robert’s Rules of Order were all recognized as prevailing with regards to parliamentary procedure. Remote attendance, voting, conflict of interest, prohibited conduct, and abstaining from voting were all reviewed.

County Clerk Report – Ginny Dankmeyer

- Clerk Dankmeyer reviewed the forms required by Supervisors to fill out and turn in. Mileage reimbursement and vehicle insurance requirements were reviewed. If Supervisors want business cards, they should contact the Clerk. Supervisors were also reminded of where the agendas are posted for the upcoming meetings.

County Board Chair Report – Tina Tryggestad

MONTHLY MEETING TIME

Motion by G. Mathu/P. Isola to start the Monthly Board Meetings at 6pm on the Third Thursday of each month passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes. Motion by G. Mathu/P. Isola to start the Planning Meetings at 6pm on Monday of the week prior passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

- WCA Meetings – The different meetings and conferences that WCA offers were discussed and how to sign up to attend and the importance of WCA as an organization.
- Committee Assignments - Chair Tryggestad and the vice chairs will work on the committee assignments and email the new committee assignments as soon as they are done. The May committee meetings will be the same scheduled time, but each committee will vote on a new day/time to meet moving forward.
- Chair Tryggestad noted the Pathways Home fundraiser; May 1st from 4-5:30pm will be a grand opening for the Life Center which is the Intergenerational Center at Hillview; May 5th from 3-6pm will be a ribbon cutting and dedication for the new Hillview.
- Supervisor Conference Reports and Announcements
 - Supervisor Cable announced there will be a ribbon cutting and tour on April 29th from 10-2pm for the REACH Center.
 - Supervisor Kruse attended the Chamber of Commerce Forum and the topic was the Boys and Girls Club Workforce Center.
 - Supervisor Leibold noted it is National Volunteer Week and Habitat for Humanity are celebrating.
 - Supervisor Jacobsen shared the location of mailboxes for the new supervisors.
 - Supervisor Fimreite noted the Lake Onalaska Rehabilitation has a big project coming up called North Shore Lane Dredging and they send out newsletters.
 - Supervisor Piggush announced there is 5k run for murdered and missing indigenous woman on May 5th at Burns Park and Hmong American Day at the Omni Center on May 16th.
- Supervisor Geary was recognized for his 50 years on the board and Supervisor Doyle was recognized for 40 years on the board.

Administrator Report - Jane Klekamp

- General Update:
 - Last week was National Public Safety Telecommunicators week and in March they answered 98.5% of 911 calls within 15 seconds in March: Finance Department has received an award for their annual reports; 78 households brought in water for testing from the event at the Town of Holland on April 7th; poll workers, clerks, and canvassing board were thanked for

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their work at the spring election; Drug take back day is April 25th from 9-12 in the parking lot of the HHS building.

- Administrator Klekamp reviewed the 2026 schedule and the topics that will be discussed for each month and also noted the website where the Impact reports, plans and presentations will be shared.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by G. Mathu/E. Anderson to reappoint Sharon Hampson To the Health & Human Services Board for a three year term to expire April 30, 2029; appoint Jacob Runge to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for the remainder of a term to expire January 18, 2028; appoint Lucas Teska to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for the remainder of a term to expire January 18, 2027; appoint Robert Schuldt to the Solid Waste Policy Board as the Houston County Representative for a three year term to expire April 30, 2029; appoint Richard Bauer to the Solid Waste Policy Board as the Buffalo County Representative for a three year term to expire April 30, 2029 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by S. Duffrin/D. Ferries to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting held March 9, 2026 and the Monthly Meeting held March 19, 2026 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-4/26 RE: APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the County Administrator's current contract was renewed in January of this year for an additional two-year term; and **WHEREAS**, at that time the County Administrator's salary was set at a continuation of her 2025 base salary with the intent to negotiate her salary following the conclusion of the compensation study and no later than May 1, 2026 (See Resolution 37-1/26); and **WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee has approved the terms of the attached contract amendment; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the terms of the attached contract amendment are hereby approved; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair and the County Clerk are directed to sign the contract after review by Corporation Counsel. **FISCAL NOTE:** County Administrator wages and benefits costs are tracked under the 100.130.1000 division within the County financial system.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Cable/J. Kovacevich to approve. Motion by K. Schlimgen/D. Jacobsen to amend Amendment 1 of the Resolution sub 1 sub A by removing \$216,545 after "2026 is" and inserting \$202,191 and removing \$223,041 and inserting \$208,257 after "salary is". Discussion ensued. Corporation Counsel DeVore responded to questions from the Board. The motion to amend failed on a roll call vote with 24 nays, 6 ayes - B. Clements, D. Ferries, J. Fimreite, D. Jacobsen, R. Rothering and K. Schlimgen. The motion to approve passed on a voice vote with 26 ayes, 4 nays - J. Fimreite, D. Jacobsen, R. Rothering and K. Schlimgen.

APPOINTMENT

Motion by K. Cable/M. Kruse to appoint Mark Solyst to the La Crosse County Ethics Board for a three-year term to expire April 30, 2029 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z470-4/26 RE: PETITION NO. 2094 FILED BY HUNTER CLARK O/B/O PROPERTY LOGIC, LLC TO REZONE FROM THE GENERAL AGRICULTURE & COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS TO THE LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT FOR FUTURE STORAGE UNITS/CONDOS IN THE TOWN OF HAMILTON

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 2094 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: Hunter Clark o/b/o Property Logic, LLC, 1131 Main St., Onalaska, WI 54650 and having held a public hearing on Monday, April 6, 2026 for a ZONING PETITION to rezone from the General Agriculture & Commercial Districts to the Light Industrial District for future storage units/condos in accordance with La Crosse County Ch. 17.21 Ordinance text amendments and zoning map amendments in the Town of Hamilton and described as follows:

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CSM No. 1 Vol 18, Lot 2 & Lot 3, Sec. 1, T.16N, R.6W. Tax parcel 7-31-4,7-8-1. Property address: W2916 County Road B, Town of Hamilton. And pursuant to s. 59.69(5)(e)2. Wis. Stats. and s. 17.21 Zoning Code: the Committee did publish and receive proof of a Class II notice of the hearing; did receive receipts of mailing of the notices to the affected Town Clerk(s); did hold a public hearing to hear testimony or correspondence from the people; and, did receive and consider action from the affected Town Board(s). The Committee, under s. 59.69(5)(e)4., Wis. Stats., along with the affected Town Board(s), under s.59.69(5)(e)3., Wis. Stats., have the authority to approve or to disapprove of the application. Having considered the entire record, the Committee's recommendation is to: By a vote of SIX (6) in favor (Schlimgen, Isola, Tweed, Rothering, Pierce, Jacobson), ZERO (0) in opposition, ZERO (0) excused, and ONE (1) absent (Scheller), the committee recommended Approval of ZONING PETITION No. 2094 subject to no conditions. THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 21st day of April, 2026. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Schlimgen/P. Wuensch to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

FIRST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 231 TO AMEND S. 7.04 OF CHAPTER 7 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN REGARDING SPEED LIMITS

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion by J. Kovacevich/K. Tweed to move the first reading. The ordinance will be held over for 30 days and is on file and open for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk and on the La Crosse County web site at: www.lacrossecounty.org. Upon adoption and publication, it will be incorporated into the La Crosse County General Code of Ordinances.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by E. Anderson/G. Mathu to adjourn at 7:25 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

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 Organizational Meeting held Tuesday, April 21, 2026 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 22 OF APRIL 2026.