

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, August 20, 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
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 - Remote
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

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Tina Tryggestad

- Chair Tryggestad noted an email was sent out regarding a week without driving October 1-8, 2026.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Duffrin noted the Village of French Island celebration on August 29th at 4pm at Celebrations.

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- Supervisor Fimreite attended the WI Conservation Congress and presented on the Lake Onalaska projects and noted the tour on August 27th of Lake Onalaska.
- Supervisor Manock noted the Coulee Region Harm Reduction Collaborative will be hosting a recognition of Overdoes Awareness Day on August 31st at 5pm at Myrick Park.
- Supervisor Cable noted Saturday, September 5th will be Pride in the Park at Riverside Park.

Administrator Report - Jane Klekamp

- General Updates
 - ADRC is hosting the National Senior Citizens Day Picnic at Black River Beach Neighborhood Center on Friday; the ADRC will be hosting a townhall meeting with state legislators on August 31st at 1:30pm at the Black River Beach Neighborhood Center for feedback on services for older adults; the homeless count fell to 198 in July; on September 8th at 6pm there will be update on the Pathways Home plan at City hall; Lakeview has earned a five star rating from the Federal Government; Marte Peterson is the new Chief Deputy for the Sheriff's Office; La Crosse County had a successful primary election with a 35% turnout; tomorrow is the deadline to RSVP if you plan to attend the tours of Xcel and Solid Waste; the Western Wisconsin Workforce Development Board was able to settle approximately \$330,000 of outstanding debt; a recap of the jail remodel resolution was reviewed and the choices that can be made tonight regarding the future space needs of the jail; and Administrator Klekamp noted there is an agreement in place with the School District of Onalaska that allows them to build on County land.
- Impact Report on the American Rescue Plan Act Report
 - \$22.9 million was invested across six priority areas. All funds had to be obligated by 2024 and spent by 2026. ARPA priority areas were affordable housing, childcare, sustainability, local economy/tourism, infrastructure with a focus on aging and equity. The funding supported 10 units of bridge housing, 64 children housed through Thriving Families, 14 stormwater infrastructure projects, 36 childcare provider grants, 35 housing units for older adults (Hillview), 8 solar arrays installed, and 60 childcare places created (opening soon at Hillview).

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by E. Anderson/K. Cable to appoint John Medinger and Sharon Zimmer to the Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee for the remainder of a term to expire July 31, 2029 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by G. Mathu/P. Isola to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisor Planning Meeting held July 6, 2026 and the Monthly Meeting held July 16, 2026 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z475-8/26 RE: PETITION NO. 2099 FILED BY SHIRLEY AND DEAN WEIBEL TO REZONE FROM THE EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO THE RESIDENTIAL A DISTRICT FOR A FUTURE RESIDENCE IN THE TOWN OF HAMILTON

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 2099 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: Shirley & Dean Weibel, 1870 Badger Ct, Arkdale, WI 54613 and having held a public hearing on Monday, August 3, 2026 for a ZONING PETITION to rezone from the Exclusive Agriculture District to the Residential A district for a future residence 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: Certified Survey Map No. 118 Vol 20 Lot 3, Sec. 26, T.17N, R.6W. Tax parcel 7-930-7. Property address: Old Highway 16, 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

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approve or to disapprove of the application. Having considered the entire record, the Committee's recommendation is to: By a vote of FOUR (4) in favor (Schlimgen, Isola, Allen, Wuensch), ZERO (0) in opposition, TWO (2) excused (Duffrin, Cable), and ONE (1) absent (Scheller), the committee recommended Approval of ZONING PETITION No. 2099 subject to no conditions. THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 20th day of August, 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.

ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z476-8/26 RE: PETITION NO. 2100 FILED BY WILLIAM AND DEBRA RUDRUD O/B/O WDR FAMILY TRUST TO REZONE FROM THE EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO THE RESIDENTIAL A DISTRICT FOR A FUTURE RESIDENCE IN THE TOWN OF HAMILTON

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 2100 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: William & Debra Rudrud o/b/o WDR Family Trust, 1335 4th Ave N, Onalaska, WI 54650 and having held a public hearing on Monday, August 3, 2026 for a ZONING PETITION to rezone from the Exclusive Agriculture District to the Residential A District for a future residence 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:

Certified Survey Map No. 118 Vol 20 Lot 4 Doc No. 1827296, Sec. 26, T.17N, R.6W. Tax parcel 7-930-8. Property address: Old Highway 16, 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 FOUR (4) in favor (Schlimgen, Isola, Allen, Wuensch), ZERO (0) in opposition, TWO (2) excused (Duffrin, Cable), and ONE (1) absent (Scheller), the committee recommended Approval of ZONING PETITION No. 2100 subject to no conditions. THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 20th day of August, 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-8/26 RE: APPROVAL OF BALL FIELDS LEASE NEGOTIATION WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LA CROSSE

WHEREAS, since 1982, La Crosse County and the Town of Shelby have had an agreement allowing the Town of Shelby to operate the Shelby Youth Ball (SYB) at the ball fields located at 2950 33rd Street South, La Crosse; and **WHEREAS**, the lease allowed the Town of Shelby to develop three baseball diamonds, infields, outfield fences, dugouts, concession stand, a storage building and a batting cage; and **WHEREAS**, the lease was renewed for 10 years in 2022 with rent of \$1.00/year to be paid to La Crosse County; and **WHEREAS**, the Town of Shelby discontinued Shelby Youth Ball in 2024, however, the Town has continued to provide field maintenance and has a separate agreement with the Boys and Girls Club to manage the teams utilizing the fields; and **WHEREAS**, in 2026, the School District of La Crosse offered to provide all maintenance and management of the ball fields; and **WHEREAS**, the Town of Shelby is in favor of the School District of La Crosse assuming the lease that is in place between the Town of Shelby and La Crosse County; and, **WHEREAS**, the Town of Shelby and the School District of La Crosse will develop a memorandum of understanding, along with transferring the Town of Shelby improvements to the School District of La Crosse; and **WHEREAS**, the School District of La Crosse will utilize the ball fields to support the baseball and softball programs and has indicated the intention to continue collaboration with community organizations such as UW-La Crosse, Western Technical College, and the Boys and Girls Club. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors authorizes staff to negotiate a lease with the School District of La Crosse for a term not to exceed 10 years. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair and County Clerk are hereby authorized to execute

any agreement after approval by the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee and Corporation Counsel. **FISCAL NOTE:** No fiscal impact.

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Motion by R. Erickson/J. Fimreite to approve. Discussion ensued. Corporation Counsel Megan DeVore and Administrator Jane Klekamp responded to questions from the Board. Motion by D. Ferries/K. Schlimgen to amend by extending the lease to 2032. Discussion ensued. The motion to amend failed on a roll call vote with 23 nays, 7 ayes - D. Ferries, P. Isola, D. Jacobsen, D. Pierce, R. Rothering, K. Schlimgen and P. Wuensch. Motion by D. Ferries/J. Fimreite to suspend the rules and let Shelby Administrator speak failed on a roll call vote with 18 ayes, 12 nays - E. Anderson, K. Cable, J. Carty, B. Clements, S. Duffrin, J. Kovacevich, M. Kruse, A. McBride, D. Pierce, K. Schlimgen, K. Tweed and P. Wuensch. Motion by D. Jacobsen/P. Scheller to amend by adding approval by the County Board in the Be It Further Resolved clause. 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 - D. Ferries, R. Geary, D. Jacobsen, R. Rothering, P. Scheller and K. Schlimgen. Motion by S. Duffrin/P. Scheller to call the question/close debate passed on a roll call vote with 26 ayes, 4 nays - D. Ferries, P. Isola, D. Jacobsen and P. Wuensch. The motion to approve passed on a voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 nays - K. Schlimgen and P. Wuensch.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-8/26 RE: AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR GRANT THROUGH COUNTY CONSERVATION AIDS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, La Crosse County desires to participate in county fish and game projects, pursuant to provision of §23.09(12), Wis. Stats., specifically the addition of a native prairie at Neshonoc Swarthout County Park. **WHEREAS** the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has grant funding available through the County Conservation Aids program specifically for the installation of fish and game projects under §23.09(12), Wis. Stats; and **WHEREAS**, financial aid is desirable to assist with the project and may be available through WDNR grants; and **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has budgeted \$5,000 in 2027 as the local share of the project costs; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** La Crosse County Facilities Director and staff are authorized to act on behalf of La Crosse County to: Sign and submit an application to the WDNR for any financial aid that may be available; to submit to the WDNR reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within one (1) year of project end date; and to take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete the approved project; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that La Crosse County will comply with all state and federal laws related to the County Conservation Aids programs and will obtain approval in writing from the WDNR before any change is made in the use of the project site. **FISCAL NOTE:** This grant will be used for installation of native prairie at Neshonoc Swarthout Park in West Salem. We have \$5000 budgeted in 2027 towards the project, plus our grant share from the WDNR to complete installation. Project costs will be tracked in account 100.170.2050-80140.00 within the County's financial system.

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion by R. Erickson/M. Kruse to approve. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

FIRST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 233 TO AMEND S. 7.02 OF CHAPTER 7 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN REGARDING PARKING REGULATIONS

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion by R. Erickson/S. Duffrin 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-8/26 RE: SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE STATE FUNDING FOR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

WHEREAS, Local health departments (LHDs) are legally required to provide a core set of public health services under Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 251 and Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter DHS 140,

and other applicable statutes; and **WHEREAS**, responsibilities of LHDs have expanded significantly in recent years due to emerging public health threats, workforce shortages, and increasing community health needs; and **WHEREAS**, local health departments rely significantly on a combination of limited state aids, categorical grants, and local property tax levy to fund these mandated services; and **WHEREAS**, current state funding mechanisms for public health are largely outdated, not indexed to inflation, and do not reflect the true cost of delivering foundational public health services; and **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin currently ranks 49th lowest in state dollars dedicated to public health per person (https://www.americashealthrankings.org/explore/measures/PH_funding); and **WHEREAS**, Public health initiatives consistently deliver high returns on investment (ROI), with recent data showing a median ROI of 14.3 to 1, often saving \$14 in medical and societal costs for every \$1 spent (<https://www.pew.org/en/research-and-analysis/articles/2025/07/08/public-health-initiatives-deliver-big-returns-on-investment>); and **WHEREAS**, reliance on short-term, restricted, or competitive grant funding creates instability and limits long term planning for LHDs; and **WHEREAS**, counties bear a disproportionate share of the financial burden for providing foundational public health services to Wisconsin residents, placing additional pressure on local property taxpayers; and **WHEREAS**, a strong and adequately funded public health system is essential to protect the health, safety, and economic stability of Wisconsin residents and communities; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors supports continuing to build and retain public health infrastructure in Wisconsin through increased and flexible funding dedicated to local county health departments; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that such a funding model should:

- Provide increased General Purpose Revenue (GPR) support for local health departments
- Include automatic inflationary adjustments
- Allow for flexible use of funds to meet local needs
- Reduce reliance on short-term, restricted, and/or competitive grants

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors recognizes public health as a core governmental function and supports sustained investment in public health services to ensure consistent service delivery across all jurisdictions throughout Wisconsin; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that La Crosse County Board of Supervisors supports the Wisconsin Counties Association in advocating for policies that reduce the reliance on local property tax levy to fund foundational public health services; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of Wisconsin, members of the Wisconsin State Legislature, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and all Wisconsin counties. **FISCAL NOTE:** No fiscal impact

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Motion by D. Mader/K. Leibold to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

ORDINANCE NO. 232-8/26 TO AMEND CHAPTER 1 "GENERAL GOVERNMENT" OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

The County Board of supervisors of the County of La Crosse does hereby ordain as follows:

Chapter 1 of the General Code of La Crosse County is amended to read as follows:

Section 1

1.01 APPOINTED OFFICIALS. The following shall be appointed officials:

Official	Appointing Authority	Removal*
Auditor/Finance Director	County Administrator	Pursuant to 59.18(2)(b)
Corporation Counsel	County Administrator	Pursuant to 59.42(1)(b)
County Surveyor	County Administrator	Pursuant to 59.18(2)(b)
County Administrator	County Board	Pursuant to 59.18(7) and employment contract
Emergency Services Administrator	County Administrator	Pursuant to 59.18(2)(b)
Facilities Director	County Administrator	Pursuant to 59.18(2)(b)
Family Court Commissioner	Circuit Court Judges	Pursuant to 17.10(4)
Health Officer	County Administrator	Pursuant to 59.18(2)(b)
Highway Commissioner	County Administrator	Indefinite

Human Services Director	County Administrator	Pursuant to 59.18(2)(b)
Human Resources Director	County Administrator	Pursuant to 59.18(2)(b)
IT Director	County Administrator	Pursuant to 59.18(2)(b)
Land Conservation Director	County Administrator	Pursuant to 59.18(2)(b)
Library Director	Library Board	Per terms of library board
Long Term Care, Executive Director	County Administrator	Pursuant to 59.18(2)(b)
Mediation and Family Court Services Director	Circuit Court Judges	Pursuant to 17.10(4)
Medical Examiner	County Administrator	Pursuant to 59.18(2)(b)
Solid Waste Director	County Administrator	Pursuant to 59.18(2)(b)
Veteran's Services Director	County Administrator	Pursuant to 59.18(2)(b)
Land Services Director	County Administrator	Pursuant to 59.18(2)(b)

*Unless otherwise noted, references are to Wisconsin Statutes.

1.02 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (1) Membership. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the County Board Chair, the 2 Vice Chairs, and the Chair of each Standing Committee. The County Board Chair shall be the chair of the Executive Committee. The County Board Chair may appoint additional Supervisors to the Executive Committee to maintain the membership at 9 Supervisors. In addition, the immediate past County Board Chair may serve as a member of the Executive Committee for 1 year from the last date that they held office as County Board Chair provided that they continue to be a Supervisor.
- (2) The Executive Committee shall act as the policy oversight committee for the following departments:
 - (a) County Administrator;
 - (b) Corporation Counsel;
 - (c) County Clerk;
 - (d) Finance;
 - (e) Information Technology;
 - (f) Human Resources; and
 - (g) Treasurer.
- (3) Duties and Powers of the Executive Committee:
 - (a) Assists the County Board as well as the County Board Chair in the operation of county government.
 - (b) Reviews and recommends action on the annual budget prepared by the County Administrator for submission to the County Board.
 - (c) Provides supervision and liaison with the County Administrator. The Committee shall recommend to the County Board all matters pertaining to the employment of the County Administrator.
 - (d) Handles all other matters not specifically delegated to any other committee.
 - (e) Sets parameters and goals and gives directions to the County Administrator and Human Resources Director on County personnel policies and procedures.
 - (f) Approves any proposed union contracts and contract changes where applicable for submission to the County Board for approval. The total percentage resulting from the proposed union contract shall be listed in the fiscal note.
 - (g) Provides oversight for all routine County financial matters, approves County audit reports, oversees County investments, monitors County insurance policies, monitors County bonding, manages the annual contingency funds, approves, and recommends all budget amendments to the County Board.
 - (h) Examines claims against the County brought to the Committee by

Corporation Counsel.

- (i) Monitors, approves, and recommends all expenditures in excess of the County Administrator's authority.
- (j) Exercises jurisdiction over all County personnel matters, including the following:
 - 1. Review and recommend actions to the full Board as are deemed necessary to implement, amend or add to the employee classification and compensation plan.
 - 2. Review and approve positions as set forth in Ch. 3 of this Code [Position Administration].
 - 3. Review any changes to the County Employment Handbook that would result in a fiscal impact and recommend action to the full board.
- (4) Special Committees, Boards and Commissions. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for interaction and recommendations to the County Board with respect to following: Library Board, Board of Harbor Commissioners, Economic Development Advisory Committee, La Crosse County Housing Authority, Aviation Board, La Crosse Area Development Corp. (LADCO), La Crosse County Agricultural Society, Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission (MRRPC), Winding Rivers Library System, and Wisconsin Counties Utility Tax Association.

STANDING COMMITTEES

1.03 HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD.

- (1) Membership.
 - (a) The Health & Human Services Board shall be composed of 9 members appointed by the County Administrator and subject to the confirmation by the County Board including 6 Supervisors and 3 citizen members who are not Supervisors or employees of the County.
 - (b) The citizen members shall have a demonstrated interest or competence in human services, public health or community health and at least 1 of the 3 citizen members shall be an individual who receives or has received human services or shall be a family member of such an individual.
 - (c) A good faith effort shall be made to appoint a registered nurse and a physician and the Health & Human Services Board shall reflect the diversity of the community.
 - (d) No public or private provider of services may be appointed to the Health & Human Services Board.
 - (e) The above membership provisions are required by Wis. Stat. §§46.23(4)(a) and 251.03(1).
- (2) Terms.
 - (a) Members of the Health & Human Services Board shall serve for 3 year staggered terms.
 - (b) Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.
- (3) The Committee shall act as the policy oversight committee for the following departments:
 - (a) Human Services; and
 - (b) Health.
- (4) Duties and Powers of the Health & Human Services Board
 - (a) Functions as the county human services board and is responsible for providing program oversight of the Human Services Department pursuant to Wis. Stat. §46.23(4)(b)(2) and s. 11.01(4) of this Code.
 - (b) Responsible for serving as policy-making body determining the broad outlines and principles governing the administration of programs provided by the Human Services Department.
 - (c) Functions as the county board of health and is responsible for the program oversight of the Health Department pursuant to s. 11.19 of this Code. The Board also assesses the health status of the people of La Crosse County and recommends policies that will improve the health status and assure that

needed health services are provided in the County.

- (5) Special Committees, Boards and Commissions. The Health & Human Services Board acts as a liaison to the County Board for the following: Family Policy Board Executive Committee, Aging and Disability_Resource Center Advisory Committee and the ISRS Advisory Committee.

Section 2.

1.08 PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

- (1) Membership. The Planning, Resources and Development Committee shall be composed of 7 Supervisors appointed by the County Board Chair and 1 citizen member. The citizen member shall be a person who is engaged in "agricultural use" as that term is defined in Wis. Stat. §91.02(1) 1. to 7. This person shall be a voting member of the Committee only for land conservation matters.
- (2) The Committee shall act as the policy oversight committee for the following departments:
 - (a) Land Services,;
 - (b) Register of Deeds;
 - (c) University Extension.
- (3) Powers and Duties of the Planning, Resources and Development Committee:
 - (a) Functions as a Land Conservation Committee pursuant Wis. Stat. §92.06 and has all powers and duties pursuant to Wis. Stat. Chapter 92.
 - (b) Promotes the development of comprehensive county wide resource conservation programs, more specifically, to halt and reverse the depletion of La Crosse County's soils, resources, and pollutions of its waters.
 - (c) Designated as the county zoning agency, authorized to act in all matters pertaining to County planning and zoning pursuant to Wis. Stat. §59.69(2).
 - (d) Responsible for updating and revising the zoning ordinance and responsible for long range development plans.
 - (e) Considers, examines, and reports to the County Board its findings in all matters of the legal assessments, tax titles, and delinquent taxes that may come before the County Board for action.
 - (f) Makes recommendations to the County Board concerning the Farmland Preservation Program to assure that each application meets all eligibility requirements to the law pursuant to Wis. Stat. §71.59 and Chapter 91 and County Land Use Policies.
 - (g) Functions as a committee on agriculture and extension education and supervises the educational program in cooperation with the University of Wisconsin, referred to as the "University Extension Program" pursuant to Wis. Stat. §59.56(3).
 - (h) Makes a determination of basic problems and periodic evaluation of extension services.
 - (i) Maintains a qualified and competent University Extension staff in cooperation with the University Extension and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, to meet the needs of the people of the County and, on behalf of the County, examines and approves expenses relative to the operation of the Extension office and staff.
- (4) Special Committees, Boards & Commissions. The Planning, Resources & Development Committee acts as a liaison to the County Board for the following: Board of Adjustment, Condemnation Commission Wildlife Abatement/Damage Committee, Land Information Council, Historic Sites Preservation Commission, Lake Neshonoc Protection and Rehabilitation District, and Lake Onalaska Protection and Rehabilitation District.

Section 3.

1.15 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

- (1) Membership. The Board of Adjustment shall be composed of 3 members for a 3 year term beginning July 1. There shall be 1 or more alternate members on the Board of Adjustment at all times for a 2 year term. Alternate members may be

appointed at any time upon recommendation of the County Board. They shall have the same powers and duties as regular members. Appointments are made by the County Board Chair, subject to the confirmation of the County Board. See 17.22 of this Code for Powers and Duties.

Section 4.

1.18 CONDEMNATION COMMISSION

- (1) Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §32.08 a county shall have a condemnation commission consisting of 9 commissioners appointed by the judges of the circuit court. Each commissioner shall be a resident of La Crosse County and be appointed pursuant to Wis. Stat. §32.08.
- (2) Such commissioners shall be appointed by the circuit judges and may be removed by said judges at their pleasure, and they shall be appointed for 3 year staggered terms.
- (3) The commissioners shall annually elect 1 of their members as chair.
- (4) The commissioners shall receive an hourly rate for actual service. Said rate to be established by resolution of the La Crosse County Board. Said commissioners are entitled to receive mileage at the going County Board rate and such compensation and expenses shall be paid by the condemner on order approved by the circuit judges.

Section 5.

1.21 HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION.

- (1) Membership. The Highway Safety Commission shall be appointed by the County Board Chair and shall be composed of:
 - (a) County Highway Safety Coordinator, Chair
 - (b) SW District Engineer Wis. DOT Representative
 - (c) County Highway Department Representative
 - (d) SW District State Highway Patrol Representative
 - (e) Sheriff's Patrol Deputy Representative
 - (f) Educational Profession Representative
 - (g) Medical Profession Representative
 - (h) Legal Profession Representative
 - (i) Woman Highway Safety Leader Representative
 - (j) Population Center Representative
 - (k) Citizen Representative
 - (l) City of La Crosse Board of Public Works Representative
 - (m) Wisconsin DOT Office of Highway Safety Representative
 - (n) City of La Crosse Police Representative
- (2) Meetings.
 - (a) The commission shall develop a meeting schedule that includes a minimum of 4 full meetings per year.
 - (b) The County Highway Safety Coordinator shall appoint a secretary to keep a record of attendance, minutes and all official proceedings.
- (3) Duties and Powers. The Highway Safety Commission shall act as an advisory board to the County Highway Safety Coordinator to enable them to:
 - (a) Secure voluntary coordination and reinforcement of highway safety activities conducted by the political subdivisions of the County in the functional areas of:
 1. Driver education codes and laws.
 2. Traffic courts.
 3. Alcohol in relation to highway safety.
 4. Identification and surveillance of accident locations
 5. Traffic records.
 6. Emergency medical services.
 7. Highway design, construction and maintenance.
 8. Traffic control devices.
 9. Pedestrian safety.

10. Police traffic services.
11. Debris hazard control and clean up.
12. School bus safety.
- (b) Advise the Judiciary and Law Committee on highway safety manners.
- (c) Maintain liaison with highway safety programs carried on by the Cities of La Crosse and Onalaska; Villages of Holmen, West Salem and Bangor, and the Town of Shelby and related State functions conducted in the County.
- (d) Develop local actions necessary to implement projects under the Federal Highway Safety Act of 1966.
- (e) Cooperate with unofficial organizations and groups in developing and conducting public information programs directed to highway safety improvements.
- (4) Subcommittees and Study Groups. The County Highway Safety Coordinator may establish special study groups or subcommittees necessary to meet the commission's responsibilities as outlined in this section. Meetings of such groups or subcommittees may be scheduled as often as necessary and when convenient.

Section 6.

1.26 VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION

- (1) Membership. The Veterans' Service Commission shall be composed of 5 residents of the County who are veterans appointed for staggered 3 year terms by the County Board Chair subject to the confirmation of the County Board.
- (2) Duties and Powers. To provide aid to needy veterans, or to spouses, surviving spouses, minor and dependent children of such veterans, and the needy parents of such veterans pursuant to s. 45.81, Wis. Stats. The Commission shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Veterans, Aging and Long Term Care Committee.

Section 7. The following sections are hereby repealed:

1. Section 1.19 "Farmland Preservation Committee"
2. Section 1.31 "La Crosse Area Development Corp. (LADCO)".
3. Section 1.32 "La Crosse County Agricultural Society".
4. Section 1.33 "Lake Neshonoc Protection And Rehabilitation District".
5. Section 1.34 "Lake Onalaska Protection And Rehabilitation District".
6. Section 1.35 "Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission".
7. Section 1.36 "Winding Rivers Library System".
8. Section 1.37 "Couleecap, Inc."
9. Section 1.38 "Wisconsin Counties Utility Tax Association".

Section 8. This Ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.

TINA TRYGGESTAD, COUNTY BOARD CHAIR
GINNY DANKMEYER, COUNTY CLERK

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by D. Pierce/K. Cable to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-8/26 RE: APPROVAL OF UP TO \$1.3 MILLION FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FOR LA CROSSE COUNTY JAIL REMODEL

WHEREAS, the La Crosse County jail, constructed in 1997 and expanded in 2010, was designed to serve the jail population at that time; and **WHEREAS**, jail populations continue to change, particularly individuals with severe and persistent mental illness, has increased beyond the facility's design capacity; and **WHEREAS**, female housing units remain in the older portion of the facility and lack the direct-supervision layout and dedicated programming space available in the male housing areas; and **WHEREAS**, shifts in the characteristics and needs of people incarcerated in the county jail have further underscored the limitations of the existing facility; and **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County sought assistance from Alternative Solutions Associates, Inc. to provide recommendations for modifications to help with

long-term jail housing solutions; and **WHEREAS**, as a result, La Crosse County seeks to evaluate renovation options that allows the jail to meet current and future operational requirements more effectively; and **WHEREAS**, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was released on March 10, 2026 with proposals due on May 20, 2026; and **WHEREAS**, the RFP required:

- La Crosse County will enter into a single contract with one design-build entity, using AGC Consensus Doc 410, AIA A141-2004 Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Design-Builder, or a comparable agreement.
- Multiple organizations may partner to meet the single-entity requirement, provided one partner serves as the lead.
- The project must be designed and constructed in phases to maintain continuous jail operations; proposed phasing will require approval from jail administration.
- All personnel working within the jail during construction must successfully complete a background check.

and

WHEREAS, four proposals were advanced to the interview team including representatives from the Sheriff's Office, County Administration, Finance Department and Facilities Department; and **WHEREAS**, this resolution approves only the design phase of the project. Any construction funds would require additional approvals of the county board. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board approves moving forward with negotiating a contract, consisting of a design component and a construction management component, not to exceed \$1.3 million with Kraemer Brothers & Klein McCarthy for the design and construction management services for the jail renovation. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board amends the 2026 budget by \$1.3 million to be funded by 2026 projected budget savings. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair and County Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any agreement to accomplish said work, after approval by Corporation Counsel. **FISCAL NOTE:** The General Fund is projecting more than \$1.3 million in operational expense savings for 2026. Project costs will be tracked in division 100.170.1750 within the County financial system.

JUDICIARY AND LAW COMMITTEE

Motion by G. Mathu/D. Pierce to approve. Discussion ensued. Administrator Klekamp responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by G. Mathu/E. Anderson to adjourn at 7:22 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 Monthly Meeting held Thursday, August 20, 2026 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 21 OF AUGUST 2026.