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**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, July 16, 2026 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 26 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 - remote
6	Mathu, Grant	Present
7	Piggush, Beth	Present
8	Isola, Peg	Excused
9	Manke, Angie	Present
10	Cable, Kim	Excused
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	Excused
19	McBride, Anna	Present
20	Doyle, Steve	Present
21	Fimreite, Jeff	Excused
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

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:
County Board Chair Report - Tina Tryggestad**

- Chair Tryggestad announced the Planning Meeting that falls on Labor day in September would be cancelled and any agenda items would be placed on the Monthly agenda. Supervisors will be invited to join the La Crosse City Council on Tuesday, September 8th for an update on the Pathways Home Plan.

Administrator Report - Jane Klekamp

- General Update
 - The Family and Children's Section is hosting the brat barn at Festival Foods on Copeland Ave this Friday; Hillview has received a 5 star rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Lakeview currently has a 4 star rating; the June homeless count has declined to 213; 16 of the 17 leases at The Collective on 4th have been renewed and at Park Lane Studios at Hillview have most tenants paying rent now, the Highway Department is mowing and chip sealing roads, SMRT Bus contract ending early is problematic because we have obligations to the end of the year and notices required to give, and the County Farm released a RFI and that will come back August 7th.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by G. Mathu/D. Ferries to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisor Planning Meeting held June 8, 2026 and the Monthly Meeting held June 18, 2026 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 4 excused - K. Cable, J. Drazkowski, J. Fimreite and P. Isola.

ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z474-7/26 RE: PETITION NO. 2098 FILED BY TOWN OF SHELBY O/B/O SHT DEVELOPMENT TO REZONE FROM THE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO THE PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INSTITUTIONAL DISTRICT FOR A FIRE STATION AND PUBLIC WORKS STORAGE IN THE TOWN OF SHELBY

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 2098 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: Town of Shelby o/b/o SHT Development, 2800 Ward Ave, La Crosse, WI 54601 and having held a public hearing on Monday, June 29, 2026 for a ZONING PETITION to rezone from the Industrial District to the Public Facilities and Institutional District for a fire station and public work storage in accordance with La Crosse County Ch. 17.21. Ordinance text amendments and zoning map amendments in the Town of Shelby and described as follows: Maryvale Addition Lot 8 Block 2, Sec. 16, T.15N, R.7W. Tax parcel 11-1448-0. Property address: 2829 26th St S, Town of Shelby. 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, Scheller, Duffrin, Allen, Wuensch), ZERO (0) in opposition, and ONE (1) excused (Cable), the committee recommended Approval of ZONING PETITION No. 2098 subject to no conditions. THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 16th day of July, 2026. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Schlimgen/P. Scheller to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 4 excused - K. Cable, J. Drazkowski, J. Fimreite and P. Isola.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-7/26 RE: ACKNOWLEDGE "THE BEST OF PUBLIC SERVICE"
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WHEREAS, the following employees have been a faithful part in providing "The Best of Public Service" to La Crosse County:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Diana Hanson	Hillview Healthcare Center	35+
Pao Xiong	Human Services – Economic Support	32+
Kathleen Hole	District Attorney	28+
Judy Brueggen	Lakeview Health Center	28+
Michael Williams	Information Technology	27+
Tammy Hoskins	Human Services – JSS	26+
Nanette Harter	Human Services – ISRS	21+

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Rita Wolcott	Human Services – ISRS	11+
Laura Schlessner	Human Services – ADRC	10+
Mariann Pietz	Zoning	8+
Joanne Marks	Human Services – Admin	6+
Charles Heiam	Facilities	2+
Mandy Dull	Human Services – JSS	1+
Christopher Dresen	Facilities	1+

WHEREAS, it is the wish of the County Board of Supervisors to acknowledge long and faithful service on behalf of the citizens of La Crosse County; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that a resolution extending our congratulations be recorded in La Crosse County Board Proceedings and a certificate of our actions be presented as an expression of our gratitude.

TINA TRYGGESTAD, COUNTY BOARD CHAIR
GINNY DANKEMYER, COUNTY CLERK

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by D. Pierce/K. Tweed to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 4 excused - K. Cable, J. Drazkowski, J. Fimreite and P. Isola.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-7/26 RE: AUTHORIZING STEPS TO DISCONTINUE SMRT BUS SERVICE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2026

WHEREAS, the Scenic Mississippi Regional Transit (SMRT) Bus program has provided regional transportation services to communities across La Crosse, Vernon, Monroe, and Crawford Counties since December 3, 2012; and **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County serves as the grant administrator and contract holder for the SMRT program, and therefore must absorb any revenue shortfalls that occur; and **WHEREAS**, the financial outlook for the SMRT program from 2023 through 2026 shows rising costs increasing from \$629,397 in 2023 to a projected \$747,716 in 2026, along with corresponding increases in the total local match required from all partners from \$150,250 to \$280,216; and **WHEREAS**, because of these increases La Crosse County's projected share of the local contribution, due to its obligation to cover any shortfalls, is estimated to rise from \$30,000 in 2023 to \$227,450 in 2026; and **WHEREAS**, in February 2026, La Crosse County Board leadership invited representatives from Vernon, Monroe, and Crawford Counties to meet to review the program's financial outlook and discuss whether partner counties could increase their contributions to ensure long-term sustainability of the service; and **WHEREAS**, since that meeting, Monroe, Vernon, and Crawford Counties have each passed resolutions to discontinue financial participation in the SMRT program, based on the substantial increases in required local funding and current utilization; and **WHEREAS**, the decision by all partner counties to discontinue funding would leave La Crosse County primarily responsible for funding a program intended to operate as a multi-county service, and La Crosse County does not intend to assume that role; and **WHEREAS**, discontinuation of SMRT service requires compliance with Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) requirements, including public hearing procedures, and adherence to contractual obligations with the service provider, Running, Inc. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors authorizes staff to proceed with all steps necessary to discontinue SMRT bus service effective December 31, 2026, including conducting the required public hearing in accordance with Wisconsin Department of Transportation procedures and providing formal notice to the contracted vendor, Running, Inc., consistent with contractual obligations requiring at least 90 days' notice prior to the end of the service year; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that staff shall provide updates to the Board regarding the discontinuation process as it progresses. **FISCAL NOTE:** La Crosse County will no longer be responsible for any of the local match associated with the SMRT service after December 31, 2026. Staff time will be required to complete regulatory, contractual, and asset-disposition steps.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by D. Pierce/J. Kovacevich to approve. Discussion ensued. Administrator Klekamp responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a voice vote with 25 ayes, 1 nay - L. Manock, 4 excused - K. Cable, J. Drazkowski, J. Fimreite and P. Isola.

FIRST CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by D. Pierce/G. Mathu to move the first reading. Motion by P. Wuensch/D. Pierce to amend section 1.26(1) to change the members from 3 to 5 and to remove the last sentence which reads "an additional 1 member shall be appointed to the commission as an alternate for each term year." passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 4 excused - K. Cable, J. Drazkowski, J. Fimreite and P. Isola. 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. 12-7/26 RE: ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL STATE OPIOID RESPONSE (SOR) FUNDING

WHEREAS, La Crosse County was previously awarded \$358,785 in fourth-cycle State Opioid Response (SOR4) funding from Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) for federal fiscal year 2026 (FFY 2026), which is used by the La Crosse County Human Services Department to meet the treatment, recovery and support needs of individuals with opioid or stimulant use challenges; and **WHEREAS**, DHS has now awarded La Crosse County an additional \$92,311 in SOR4 FFY 2026 funding (ending September 30, 2026); and **WHEREAS**, the additional funding will assist the La Crosse County Human Services Department in meeting service demands, including opioid withdrawal management, residential treatment, medical assisted treatment (MAT) and recovery housing. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby accepts the \$92,311 SOR4 funding; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that La Crosse County is authorized to contract for all services that are necessary to meet the terms of the SOR4 grant, so long as they can be supported with the related federal funding; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair is authorized to execute any contracts or documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution, after approval by Corporation Counsel; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Finance Department is authorized to make any necessary and appropriate account transfers relating to accepting this additional funding. **FISCAL NOTE:** Acceptance of the additional SOR4 funding requires no County match. The personnel and operating costs will be tracked under the 210.450.4610 division within the County financial system under the Integrated Support and Recovery Services section.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Motion by D. Mader/M. Kruse to approve. Discussion ensued. Administrator Klekamp responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 4 excused - K. Cable, J. Drazkowski, J. Fimreite and P. Isola.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-7/26 RE: ACCEPTING STATE FOODSHARE QUALITY ASSURANCE FUNDING AND AUTHORIZING 2.0 FTE ECONOMIC SUPPORT SPECIALIST POSITIONS

WHEREAS, the Federal Reconciliation Bill (H.R.1) signed into law on July 4, 2025, imposes significant financial penalties on states that exceed a 6 percent error rate in administering the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which in Wisconsin is called FoodShare; and, **WHEREAS**, 2025 Wisconsin Act 116 provides additional State General Purpose Revenue (GPR) for county-administered income maintenance consortia to hire positions for the purpose of enhancing quality assurance to keep Wisconsin's error rate below the 6 percent penalty threshold; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County, which serves as the administrative lead-agency for the Western Region for Economic Assistance (WREA), has been allocated \$629,161, which will support the hiring of six (6.0 FTE) Economic Support Specialist positions across the eight-county WREA consortium (Buffalo, Clark, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Pepin, Trempealeau, and Vernon), including two (2.0 FTE) positions in La Crosse County. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors hereby accepts \$629,161 in FoodShare quality assurance funding and authorizes the creation of two (2.0 FTE) Economic Support Specialist positions within the Human Services Department to support FoodShare quality assurance activities; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the position shall remain contingent upon continued availability of state Foodshare quality assurance funding. **FISCAL NOTE:** There is no impact on County

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tax levy. The position will be fully funded through state funding allocated to WREA for Foodshare quality assurance. Costs will be tracked under the 230.600.1000 division within the County financial system.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by D. Mader/S. Duffrin to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 4 excused - K. Cable, J. Drazkowski, J. Fimreite and P. Isola.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Supervisor Schlimgen asked about potential meetings at the fairground during the fair.
- Supervisor Jacobsen asked for an update on Childcare.
- Supervisor Mathu asked for the LAPC to give an update on the Regional Transit Authority and the ongoing study.

ADJOURN

Motion by D. Pierce/G. Mathu to adjourn at 6:27 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 4 excused - K. Cable, S. Doyle, J. Drazkowski, J. Fimreite and P. Isola.

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, July 16, 2026 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 17 OF JULY 2026.