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LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, June 18, 2026 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 28 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, Excused at 06:39 PM
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	Excused
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	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

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: County Board Chair Report - Tina Tryggestad

PROCLAMATION JUNE 2026 PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, the events at the Stonewall Inn in June 1969 marked a historic turning point in the national movement for dignity, equal rights, and authentic self-expression for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) community; and **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County recognizes the work of generations of local and national LGBTQ+ advocates who have advanced understanding, visibility, and

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inclusion, strengthening the fabric of our shared community; and **WHEREAS**, landmark decisions such as *Obergefell v. Hodges*, which struck down state laws banning same-sex marriage, have affirmed important legal protections for the LGBTQ+ community, even as recent years have brought renewed challenges and rhetoric that have affected many residents and families; and **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County is committed to ensuring that all people are treated with respect, supported in living safely and openly, and welcomed as full participants in community life; and **WHEREAS**, local organizations, neighbors, families, and allies continue to foster connection, education, and support that make La Crosse County a more inclusive and compassionate place for everyone. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby recognizes June as a month to honor this history and celebrate the contributions of the LGBTQ+ community here and across Wisconsin, and reaffirm our dedication to dignity, understanding, and belonging for all residents.

Motion by K. Cable/L. Manock to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - J. Drazkowski and S. Duffrin.

- Chair Tryggstad noted the reception in the lobby tonight to announce the winner of the art contest, supervisors are reminded they can turn in mileage reimbursement for any meeting they are appointed to, June Dairy Breakfast is on Saturday from 6am-11am at Creamery Creek Farms.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Cable reminded supervisors that tomorrow is Juneteenth.
 - Supervisor Kruse attended the Chamber of Commerce forum on higher education.
 - Supervisor Geary attended the Wisconsin Summer Highway Conference and talked about the internship program for highway maintenance workers in Dane County.
 - Supervisor Fimreite noted the dredging project on North Shore Lane has started on Lake Onalaska.
 - Supervisor Jacobsen noted the Dairy Breakfast is on County U in Bangor and also attended the Summer Highway Conference where it was announced the funding for bridges won't be announced until August and a recommendation was made for counties to form a committee for road safety.

Administrator Report - Jane Klekamp

- General Update
 - The County is self-insured for health insurance and the cost of premiums for health insurance will go up next year for employees; highway construction projects around the county are being worked on and showing steady progress; ADRC Professional Kelsey Flock was named Professional of the Year at the Alzheimer's Association of WI Chapter State Conference; Solid Waste has started a latex paint recycling project and the mattress diversion project has started again; and City of La Crosse homeless count has dropped from 241 to 222.
- Overview of Civilian Review Board
 - In 2021, the CJMC recommended a study committee on policing and in 2021, by resolution, the County Board created that committee. In 2024, the County Board created a pilot Civilian Review Board which you are being asked tonight to continue for two more years.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by D. Pierce/G. Mathu to appoint Joanna Drazkowski to the Criminal Justice Management Council for the remainder of a term to end April 18, 2028; appoint Monica Kruse to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for the remainder of a term to expire January 19, 2027; appoint Joe Kovacevich to the Solid Waste Policy Board for the remainder of a term to expire April 30, 2028; appoint Angie Manke to the Mississippi Valley Health Services for the remainder of a term to expire December 31, 2027; appoint Ken Schlimgen to the Wisconsin Counties Utility Tax Association Board passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - J. Drazkowski and S. Duffrin.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by D. Ferries/J. Kovacevich to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning meeting held May 11, 2026 and the Monthly meeting held May 21, 2026 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - J. Drazkowski and S. Duffrin.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-6/26 RE: APPROVAL OF BLUFFLANDS FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE AND OPERATION FOR BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN TRAIL COUNTER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the County approved the "Blufflands Plan" in 2016 to guide a regional approach to the conservation and recreational use of area blufflands; and, **WHEREAS**, the County signed a Memorandum of Understanding in September of 2021 to join the Blufflands Coalition to facilitate the implementation of the "Blufflands Plan"; and, **WHEREAS**, County staff has developed "Guidelines for Requesting Blufflands Funding" to provide a consistent way for community organizations and municipalities within La Crosse County to request funding assistance for blufflands projects from the County; and, **WHEREAS**, the County has received a request from the City of La Crosse for \$6,252.50 to help purchase four (4) portable trail counters and cover a five-year operation of the counters for bicycle & pedestrian trails, and that the request follows the guidelines for requesting funding and meets all the requirements that the County has set for providing funding. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves the contribution of \$6,252.50 to assist the City of La Crosse with the purchase four (4) portable trail counters and operations up to a five-years; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair, after approval by Corporation Counsel is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement with the City of La Crosse to ensure that funds will be used to purchase four portable trail counters and cover a five-year operation of the counters for bicycle and pedestrian trails. **FISCAL NOTE:** This \$6,252.50 contribution will be paid from Account 100.130.1190-63100.00 Economic Development Bluffland Protection. That account currently has \$86,100.00 which has been budgeted in previous years and carried forward into 2026.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by D. Pierce/K. Cable to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - J. Drazkowski and S. Duffrin.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-6/26 RE: TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTERS

WHEREAS, "Data centers, data hosting and similar data storage or processing" are currently an authorized use in the "Light Industrial District" and "Industrial District" of the La Crosse County Zoning Code [s. 17.14(2)(j)]; and **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Zoning Code does not currently further define types of "Data Centers" and does not sufficiently address the possible environmental, economic, health, safety, land use, infrastructural, and general welfare concerns that may result from the location, construction, and operation of Data Centers; and **WHEREAS**, Data Centers typically feature high-performance servers, storage arrays, networking equipment, cooling systems, and power backup solutions to ensure uninterrupted operation; and **WHEREAS**, concerns have been raised about the potential environmental, economic, health, safety, land use, infrastructural, and general welfare issues related to the location, construction, and operation of Data Centers, including electrical connections, energy demand, electromagnetic fields, noise pollution, impacts on air quality and water resources, water use, and fire hazards; and **WHEREAS**, in May of 2026, the County Board of Supervisors authorized the creation of an ad hoc committee to study Data Centers and make recommendations to the Executive Committee and full Board of Supervisors [Resolution #2-5/26]; and **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §59.69(4), the County may enact a moratorium that is not a "development moratorium" as that term is defined in Wis. Stat. §66.1002(1)(b); and **WHEREAS**, a moratorium would allow the county time to fully explore, analyze, and research the environmental, economic, health, safety, land use, infrastructural, and general welfare impacts of Data Centers and develop consistent zoning and regulatory standards to be applied to Data Centers in La Crosse County; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**; the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §59.69(4), hereby enacts the following moratorium:

1. Notwithstanding any other provision in La Crosse County Ordinance Chapter 17, there shall be a moratorium on the receipt of applications and the granting of all permits or approvals for the siting or construction of Data Centers. The purpose of this moratorium is to allow La Crosse County time to research the possible environmental, economic, health, safety, land use, infrastructural, and general welfare effects of Data Centers and establish consistent zoning and regulatory standards to be applied to Data Centers in La Crosse County.

It will also allow the ad hoc committee to complete their study and make recommendations to the Executive Committee and full Board of Supervisors regarding any permanent amendments to County Ordinances. The moratorium shall be in effect for a period of 18 months from the date this resolution is published or until the County Board adopts any amendments to the Zoning ordinance recommended by the ad hoc committee or rescinds this moratorium, or both. The moratorium enacted is not intended to be, and does not, constitute a "development moratorium" as that term is defined in Wis. Stat. § 66.1002(1)(b).

2. For purposes of this moratorium, "data center" and "data centers, data hosting and similar data storage or processing" means one or more facilities housing computing, networking, or data-management equipment that can store, process, retrieve, or distribute more than 1 petabyte (1,000 terabytes) of data or that consume more than 2MW of electricity.

FISCAL NOTE: No material fiscal impact to the County. The County would not collect zoning permit revenue for new data centers during the moratorium.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by D. Pierce/M. Kruse to approve. Discussion ensued. Zoning and Planning Manager Dillon Constant responded to questions from the board. The motion to approve passed on a voice vote with 26 ayes, 2 nays - J. Fimreite and K. Schlimgen, 2 excused - J. Drazkowski and S. Duffrin.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-6/26 RE: ACCEPTING ENERGY ASSISTANCE FUNDING AND AUTHORIZING ONE (1.0 FTE) ENERGY ASSISTANCE SPECIALIST POSITION

WHEREAS, La Crosse County Human Services administers the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) for La Crosse County residents, which provides financial help for heating and electric bills, crisis support for energy emergencies, and additional services like HVAC and weatherization assistance; and, **WHEREAS**, the workload for administering WHEAP will be significantly increasing due to state-level changes where La Crosse County staff will be responsible for processing all applications within the service area, including online applications previously processed through a state vendor; and, **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Administration has increased its allocation for La Crosse County to support the hiring of an additional (1.0 FTE) Energy Specialist Position to handle the additional workload (this includes an additional \$12,000 for the last three months of the current Federal Fiscal Year, with a commitment for continued increased funding for the next fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors hereby accepts \$12,000 in WHEAP funds and authorizes the addition of one (1.0 FTE) Energy Assistance Specialist position within the Human Services Department, effective July 2026; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the position shall remain contingent upon continued availability of increased WHEAP funding.

FISCAL NOTE: The position and associated onboarding and training costs are fully funded through WHEAP funding provided by the Wisconsin Department of Administration. Costs will be tracked under the 210.480.4960 org within the County financial statement under the Economic Support section.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by D. Mader/P. Isola to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - J. Drazkowski and S. Duffrin.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-6/26 RE: CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD PILOT PROJECT EXTENSION

WHEREAS, the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors created a pilot Civilian Review Board (CRB) in February 2024 (Resolution 43-2/24) for a period of two years; and **WHEREAS**, six members of the Civilian Review Board were appointed on September 19, 2024; and **WHEREAS**, the Civilian Review Board conducted its first meeting in November 2024; and **WHEREAS**, prior to beginning the work of reviewing public reports, the Civilian Review Board developed policies and procedures, a website, and marketed the process to assist in effectively conducting the work as directed by the County Board of Supervisors; and **WHEREAS**, members of the Civilian Review Board, along with the Judiciary and Law Committee, are requesting additional time to fully evaluate the Civilian Review Board process prior to determining the path forward. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors hereby extends the pilot Civilian Review Board until November 2028; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Civilian Review Board follow the conditions of Resolution 43-2/24 entitled: Creation of Pilot Civilian Review Board; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if recommending continuation of a Civilian Review Board at

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the end of the additional pilot project, the recommendation will be submitted to the Judiciary and Law Committee by July 2028. **FISCAL NOTE:** No fiscal impact. Any recommendations from the CRB with a fiscal impact will require County Board approval.

JUDICIARY AND LAW COMMITTEE

Motion by G. Mathu/L. Manock to approve. Discussion ensued. Chair Tryggestad responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 28 ayes, 2 excused - J. Drazkowski and S. Duffrin.

ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z472-6/26 RE: PETITION NO. 2096 FILED BY S&J FARMS O/B/O PAUL E SCHAMS TO REZONE FROM EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO RESIDENTIAL A AND RURAL DISTRICT FOR A FUTURE SUBDIVISION IN THE TOWN OF BARRE

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 2096 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: S&J Farms o/b/o Paul E Schams, N3498 Sunset Lane, La Crosse, WI 54601 and having held a public hearing on Monday, June 1, 2026 for a ZONING PETITION to rezone from the Exclusive Agriculture District to the Residential A and Rural Districts for a future subdivision in accordance with La Crosse County Ch. 17.21. Ordinance text amendments and zoning map amendments in the Town of Barre and described as follows: PRT W1/2-NW, Sec. 29, T.16N, R.6W. Tax parcel 2-358-1, 2-358-3. Property address: N2995 Fox Hollow Dr, Town of Barre. 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 FIVE (5) in favor (Isola, Scheller, Duffrin, Allen, Wuensch), TWO (2) in opposition (Schlimgen, Cable), and ZERO (0) excused, the committee recommended Approval of ZONING PETITION No. 2096 subject to no conditions. THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 18th day of June, 2026. Approved.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Schlimgen/P. Wuensch to approve. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a voice vote with 27 ayes, 1 nay - K. Cable, 2 excused - J. Drazkowski and S. Duffrin.

ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z473-6/26 RE: PETITION NO. 2097 FILED BY KAITLYN N STELZNER 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. 2097 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: Kaitlyn N Stelzner, 510 Hill St., Sparta, WI 54636 and having held a public hearing on Monday, June 1, 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: CSM No. 93, Vol 20. Lot 6, Sec. 26, T.17N, R.6W. Tax parcel 7-930-4. 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 SEVEN (7) in favor (Schlimgen, Isola, Scheller, Duffrin, Allen, Cable, Wuensch), ZERO (0) in opposition, and ZERO (0) excused, the committee recommended Approval of ZONING PETITION No. 2097 subject to no conditions. THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 18th day of June. 2026. Approved.

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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 28 ayes, 2 excused - J. Drazkowski and S. Duffrin.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-6/26 RE: APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT W2715 CTH 33 (FORMER HIGHWAY SHOP)

WHEREAS, La Crosse County advertised for sale the parcel of land that was the site of the former St. Joe's highway shop located at W2715 CTH 33, parcel #06-00260; and, **WHEREAS**, sealed bids were received for the property and the high bid was from M&M Properties for the amount of \$325,000; and **WHEREAS**, this bid was accepted by the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee at their meeting on May 11, 2026; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board approves the sale of the property located at W2715 CTH 33, La Crosse to M&M Properties for \$325,000; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair and County Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any legal documents necessary to accomplish the sale of the property, after approval of Corporation Counsel. **FISCAL NOTE:** Proceeds of sale, net of closing costs, will be deposited into General Fund division 100.155.1450 within the County financial system.

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion by J. Kovacevich/K. Tweed to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 3 excused - E. Anderson, J. Drazkowski and S. Duffrin.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Supervisor Leibold asked for information on SCAAP.
- Supervisor Schlimgen asked for clarification on proclamations.

ADJOURN

Motion by G. Mathu/K. Tweed to adjourn at 6:42 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 3 excused - E. Anderson, J. Drazkowski and S. Duffrin.

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, June 18, 2026 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 19 OF JUNE 2026.