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**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, May 21, 2026 in the Administrative Center, Room 1700. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 27 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	Excused
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	Excused
27	Wuensch, Paul	Present
28	Rothering, Ron	Excused
29	Schlimgen, Ken	Present
30	Mader, Dillon	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

- County Board Photo – the board photo will be rescheduled for this fall.
- WCA Conference- September 20-22, 2026 Wisconsin Dells – Supervisors who are interested in attending the WCA Conference should let the clerk by next Friday.

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- Chair Tryggestad noted over \$8,000 was raised by County employees for Pathways Home, art for the 175th anniversary contest is hanging in the hallways and a reception will be held on June 18th with the winner being announced, and anyone interested in being on the WI Counties Utility Tax Association should contact the Chair.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Mathu and Isola attended tours by Emplify Health and Tri State Ambulance.
 - Supervisor Jacobsen noted the quarterly Towns Association meeting with the next meeting happening on May 28th at 6pm.
 - Supervisor Kovacevich attended Hello Holmen that is the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Holmen Area Community Center and the presentation was on Pathways Home.
 - Supervisor Isola attended the Turnout for Transportation Round Table which is the 2nd of 6 meetings being held around the State bring awareness to funding transportation.
 - Supervisor Manock attended the Hmong American Day at the Omni Center that celebrated the contribution of the Hmong in our community.
 - Supervisor Allen and Piggush attended the WCA County Officials Workshop in Eau Claire that discussed rules and responsibilities of supervisors and staff.

Administrator Report - Jane Klekamp

- General Update
 - A data center resolution will come in June regarding a moratorium, there was a great turnout for the 13th Annual Mental Health Awareness Walk today and also the ADRC Community Picnic and recognition of Older Americans Month, there were a total of 30 art pieces submitted for the 175th Anniversary Art Contest, the Public Safety Communications team received national recognition with a Technology Leadership Award, the first ever Goose Island Youth Bank Fishing Classic is on May 30th, Zoning, Land Conservation and Surveyor were formalized into one department known as Land Services, and Homes For 100 campaign was launched which is a public campaign to raise funds for leases and rent.
- Draft Recommendations for Strategic Plan Measurable Outcomes
 - Administrator Klekamp reviewed the measurable outcomes in the Strategic Plan and noted the ones that staff suggested to be updated. Economic Growth and Vitality, Environmental Stewardship, and Inclusive Community had staff preference with no changes at this time. Engaged and Empowered Employees, Healthy Infrastructure, Robust Support Network, and Sustainable and Affordable Housing all had suggestions from staff with updated proposed outcomes or actions.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by K. Cable/G. Mathu to appoint Dr. Alyssa Laberg and Kristie Tweed to the Criminal Justice Management Council for a three year term to expire April 17, 2029; appoint David Pierce to the Criminal Justice Management Council for the remainder of a term to expire April 18, 2028; appoint Carla Lundeen to the Health & Human Services Board as a Citizen Member for the remainder of a term to expire April 30, 2028; appoint Kelly Leibold, Joanna Drazkowski and Beth Piggush to the Health & Human Services Board for the remainder of a term to expire April 30, 2027; appoint Angie Manke and Kristie Tweed to the Health & Human Services Board for a three year term to expire April 30, 2029; appoint Beth Clements to the Lake Neshonoc Protection And Rehabilitation District; appoint Jeff Fimreite to the Lake Onalaska Protection/Rehabilitation Board; appoint Ron Rothering to the Land Information Council for a term to end April 30, 2028; appoint Kyle Willoughby to the Land Information Council As The Real Property Lister; appoint Grant Mathu to the Public Safety Communications Committee; appoint Kathy Allen to the Regional Bluffland Coalition; appoint Anna McBride to the Regional Bluffland Coalition as an alternate; appoint Ralph Geary to the Solid Waste Policy Board for the remainder of a term to expire April 30, 2027; appoint Ron Rothering to the Solid Waste Policy Board for a three year term to expire April 30, 2029; reappoint Sam Bachmeier to the Wisconsin Pace Commission for a two year term to expire April 30, 2028; reappoint Ken Schlimgen to the Board Of Adjustment for a three year term to expire June 30, 2029; appoint Amy Noel and Lia Manock to Couleecap passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 3 excused - B. Clements, D. Ferries and R. Rothering.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by K. Cable/G. Mathu to approve the minutes of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting held April 13, 2026 and the Organizational Meeting held April 21, 2026 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 3 excused - B. Clements, D. Ferries and R. Rothering.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-5/26 RE: CREATION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE REGARDING DATA CENTERS

WHEREAS, data centers are facilities used to house computer systems, servers, networking equipment, and storage infrastructure, playing a crucial role in the internet's infrastructure, and **WHEREAS**, demand for data centers is growing rapidly alongside the expansion of Artificial Intelligence and the increasing need for high-performance computing, cloud services, and secure data storage, and **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County is committed to economic growth that balances innovation and environmental sustainability, and **WHEREAS**, responsible development of digital infrastructure, including data centers, can support regional economic opportunities while maintaining the County's long-standing commitment to environmental stewardship, and **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors has demonstrated an interest in receiving further information regarding data centers. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors hereby establishes an ad hoc Educational Committee on Data Centers, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Educational Committee on Data Centers will have up to 12 months to make a recommendation to the Executive Committee and the County Board of Supervisors, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that five County Board Supervisors, along with an elected representative from each town, village, and city within La Crosse County, recommended by the chief elected official of that municipality, shall be appointed by the County Board Chair for those municipalities choosing to participate, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that to maintain momentum, the committee shall make decisions by majority vote. **FISCAL NOTE:** No fiscal impact.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by D. Pierce/M. Kruse to approve. Discussion ensued. Motion by D. Jacobsen/K. Schlimgen to amend by deleting the word election from the 2nd be it further resolved failed on a roll call vote with 22 nays, 5 ayes - J. Draskowski, R. Geary, D. Jacobsen, P. Scheller and K. Schlimgen, 3 excused - B. Clements, D. Ferries and R. Rothering. Chair Tryggestad responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 3 excused - B. Clements, D. Ferries and R. Rothering.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-5/26 RE: ACCEPTING HOME-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT INTENSIVE HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

WHEREAS, La Crosse County continues to address the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness, including residents with significant mental health, substance use, and housing stabilization needs; and, **WHEREAS**, approximately 20% of individuals experiencing homelessness in La Crosse County require intensive, ongoing supports to obtain and maintain housing, including crisis intervention, case management, mental health and substance use coordination, eviction prevention, and long-term stabilization services; and, **WHEREAS**, existing high-intensity housing support capacity is limited and often relies on costly, capacity-restricted congregate care settings that cannot scale to meet community needs; and, **WHEREAS**, HOME-ARP Supportive Services grant funding will provide essential start-up resources to expand intensive housing support services, including outreach, community-based case management, crisis response, integration with clinical providers, and coordination within the local homeless response system; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has been awarded \$102,745 in HOME-ARP Supportive Services funds to establish and expand intensive housing support services for individuals experiencing homelessness with high behavioral health and housing stabilization needs; and, **WHEREAS**, these services will strengthen the local homeless response system, reduce reliance on crisis services, and support progress toward achieving functional zero homelessness in La Crosse County. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby accepts the \$102,745 in HOME-ARP Supportive Services funding; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that La Crosse County is authorized to contract for all services necessary to meet the terms of the HOME-ARP award so long as they can be supported with the related funding; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Human Services Department is authorized to implement intensive housing support services as outlined in the HOME-ARP proposal, including case management, housing stabilization supports, crisis response, and

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service coordination; 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**, that the County Board of Supervisors authorizes the creation and hiring of a 1.0 FTE Human Services Social Worker position, effective immediately, to fulfill the authorized case management activities under this grant; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the additional staff authorized under this resolution will be retained only so long as they can be supported with dollars related to this grant and opioid settlement funds; 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:** The City of La Crosse awards funds for a total \$102,745 with no County match required. The award period ends September 30, 2030. The operating costs will be tracked under the 210.455.7450 division within the County financial system under the Integrated Support and Recovery Services section. If personnel or operating costs exceed the grant award, or for continuation of the position after the grant period, Opioid Settlement funds will be utilized to support the position.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Motion by D. Mader/L. Manock to approve. Discussion ensued. Corporation Counsel Megan DeVore and Administrator Klekamp responded to questions from the Board. Homeless Response System Manager Jim Drees explained the position to the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 3 excused - B. Clements, D. Ferries and R. Rothering.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-5/26 RE: AUTHORIZATION TO RECEIVE GRANT MONEY FROM THE STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS FOR THE NG9-1-1 GIS GRANT PROGRAM 2026-2027

WHEREAS, La Crosse County has been awarded \$81,580 through the State of Wisconsin's Department of Military Affairs/Office of Emergency Communications (DMA/OEC) NextGen9-1-1 GIS grant program; and **WHEREAS**, the purpose of these funds is to generate and enhance GIS (Geographic Information Systems) projects associated with the Zoning, Planning & Land Information Department; and **WHEREAS**, an aerial imagery flight will take place, data will be processed and delivered in a collaborative cost sharing program coordinated by the Wisconsin Regional Orthophoto Consortium (WROC) in support of emergency management and dispatch data clean-up and creation efforts. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby accepts the \$81,580 in grant funding from Wisconsin DOA; 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**, that the Finance Department is authorized to make any necessary and appropriate budget adjustments relating to accepting this additional state funding. **FISCAL NOTE:** Total grant award is \$81,580, with no County match required, and the award period ending March 31, 2027. The operating costs will be tracked under the 270.675.1000 division within the County financial system and overseen by the Zoning Department.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Schlimgen/P. Scheller to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 3 excused - B. Clements, D. Ferries and R. Rothering.

ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z471-5/26 RE: PETITION NO. 2095 FILED BY MARK & CHRISTINA 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. 2095 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: Mark & Christina Stelzner, 510 Hill St., Sparta, WI 54656 and having held a public hearing on Monday, May 4, 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 5, Sec. 26, T.17N, R.6W. Tax parcel 7-930-3. 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

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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. 2095 subject to no conditions. THE COUNTY BOARD took the following action this 21st day of May, 2026. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by K. Schlimgen/S. Duffrin to approve. Discussion ensued. Zoning Services Director Kathleen Stewart responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 3 excused - B. Clements, D. Ferries and R. Rothering.

ORDINANCE NO. 231-5/26 TO AMEND S. 7.04 OF CHAPTER 7 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN REGARDING SPEED LIMITS

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

Section 1.

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- (1) 25 MILES PER HOUR. The speed limit on the following streets or portions of streets shall be 25 m.p.h.:
 - (a) County Trunk "B" from a point .04 miles North of Bainbridge St to a point .03 miles East of Washburn St
 - (b) County Trunk "B" from Village of Bangor Line to a point .18 miles East of Meadow View St
 - (c) County Trunk "BW" from CTH "B" to a point .06 miles South of Breezy Point Rd
 - (d) County Trunk "C" from North of Industrial Dr. to STH 16
 - (e) County Trunk "D" from Main St to a point .17 miles East of 2nd Ave
 - (f) County Trunk "D" from a point .28 miles West of CTH C to CTH C
 - (g) County Trunk "DE" from CTH C to a point .16 miles East of Lions Club St
 - (h) County Trunk "GI" from County Line to STH 35
 - (i) County Trunk "J" from a point .04 miles South of Water St to a point .14 miles North of CTH "U"
 - (j) County Trunk "MW" from County Property Line to CTH "M"
 - (k) County Trunk "SN" from a point .03 miles Southeast of Pinecrest Avenue to Main St
 - (l) County Trunk "V" from Main St to a point .21 miles North of Juniper Ln
 - (m) County Trunk "XX" from a point .18 miles North of Holland Dr to a point .22 miles North of Old NA
 - (n) County Trunk "Z" from a point .20 miles East of Forest Dr to a point .20 miles East of Elm St
 - (o) Fanta Reed from CTH "BW" to a point .11 miles East of Western Ave
 - (p) Cottage Lane from CTH "ZB" to CTH "ZN"
 - (q) County Trunk "B" East from STH 16 to La Crosse City limits
- (2) 30 MILES PER HOUR. The speed limit on the following streets or portions of streets shall be 30 m.p.h.:
 - (a) County Trunk "ZM" from CTH "Z" to CTH "OT"
 - (b) Country Trunk "C" from a point 250' north of Harvey Lane to 250' north of North Street
- (3) 35 MILES PER HOUR. The speed limit on the following streets or portions of streets shall be 35 m.p.h.:
 - (a) County Trunk "B" from Fanta Reed to a point .04 miles North of Bainbridge St

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- (b) County Trunk "B" from a point .03 miles East of Washburn St to La Crosse City Limits
 - (c) County Trunk "B" from La Crosse City limits to a point .04 miles West of Wolf Ridge Ct
 - (d) County Trunk "B" from a point .15 miles East of Mill St to a point .73 miles East of Mill St
 - (e) County Trunk "BW" from a point .06 miles South of Breezy Point Rd to Nelson Park
 - (f) County Trunk "C" from Industrial Dr. South to Boul Rd.
 - (g) County Trunk "DD" from a point .07 miles South of CTH "T" to CTH "T"
 - (h) County Trunk "F" from Briarwood Ave to a point .07 miles East of Trailer Park
 - (i) County Trunk "F" from a point .22 miles West of Nolop Rd to STH 33
 - (j) County Trunk "K" from CTH 35 to a point .03 miles west of County Line
 - (k) County Trunk "M" from a point .14 miles South of CTH "O" to CTH "O"
 - (l) County Trunk "M" from a point .02 miles North of W. Elm St to Village of West Salem limits
 - (m) County Trunk "MH" from CTH "XX" to CTH "HD"
 - (n) County Trunk "MM" from North Intersection with STH 14 to a point .62 miles East of Creekside Place
 - (o) County Trunk "O" from a point .02 miles West of Fox Hollow Dr to CTH "M"
 - (p) County Trunk "OT" from a point .10 miles East of Corporate Dr to CTH "XX"
 - (q) County Trunk "S" from a point .08 miles North of Koss Rd CTH "SN"
 - (r) County Trunk "SN" from CTH "S" to a point .03 miles Southeast of Pinecrest Avenue
 - (s) County Trunk "T" from a point .55 miles East of CTH "DD" to a point .29 miles West of CTH "DD"
 - (t) County Trunk "U" from a point .30 miles East of Manke Hesselberg Rd. to a point .09 miles East of Huhn Rd
 - (u) County Trunk "Z" from CTH "ZB" to a point .18 miles East of Northshore Ln
 - (v) County Trunk "ZB" from CTH "Z" to CTH "Z"
 - (w) County Trunk "ZN" from CTH "ZB" to CTH "Z"
 - (x) County Trunk "ZN" from a point .16 miles West of Lumber Pl to CTH "OT"
 - (y) County Trunk "ZZ" from CTH "ZN" to CTH "Z"
 - (z) Fanta Reed Rd. from a point .11 miles East of Western Ave to CTH "'B"/Dawson Ave
 - (aa) County Trunk "FA" from a County Trunk "F" to a point 1.69 miles north at the termini.
- (4) 40 MILES PER HOUR. The speed limit on the following streets or portions of streets shall be 40 m.p.h.:
- (a) County Trunk "B" from Gillette St at La Crosse City Limit to STH 16
 - (b) County Trunk "OT" from CTH "XX" to STH 35
 - (c) County Trunk "C" from a point 0.2 miles south of CTH "Q" to .01 miles west of McIntosh Road
- (5) 45 MILES PER HOUR. The speed limit on the following streets or portion of streets shall be 45 m.p.h.:
- (a) County Trunk "B" from a point .04 miles West of Wolf Ridge Ct to CTH M
 - (b) County Trunk "D" from a point .17 miles East of 2nd Ave to a point .04 miles East of Granum St
 - (c) County Trunk "F" from a point .07 miles East of Trailer Park to a point .22 miles West of Nolop Rd
 - (d) County Trunk "M" from a point .48 miles West of Russlan Coulee Rd to a point .14 miles South of CTH "O"

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- (e) County Trunk "M" from CTH "O" to a point .13 miles North of Logging Rd
- (f) County Trunk "M" from Village of West Salem limits North to Gills Coulee Road
- (g) County Trunk "MM" from a point .62 miles East of Creekside Place to South intersection with STH 14
- (h) County Trunk "O" from CTH "B" to a point .02 miles West of Fox Hollow Dr
- (i) County Trunk "OA" from a point .14 miles South of Drectrah Rd to CTH "O"
- (j) County Trunk "OT" from CTH "SN" to a point .10 miles East of Corporate Dr
- (k) County Trunk "V" from a point .21 miles North of Juniper Ln to a point .27 miles North of Keppel Rd
- (l) County Trunk "XX" from a point .22 miles North of old NA to STH 35
- (m) County Trunk "YY" from a point 1.35 miles South of CTH "M" to CTH "M"
- (n) County Trunk "Z" from Dump Turnaround to a point .20 miles West of Forest Dr
- (o) County Trunk "Z" from STH 35 to a point .18 miles East of Northshore Ln.
- (p) County Trunk "Z" from CTH "ZB" to a point .20 miles east of Elm St.
- (q) County Trunk "NN" from CTH "M" to STH 162

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.

TINA TRYGGESTAD, COUNTY BOARD CHAIR
GINNY DANKMEYER, COUNTY CLERK

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion by J. Kovacevich/J. Fimreite to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 3 excused - B. Clements, D. Ferries and R. Rothering.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – none offered.

ADJOURN

Motion by E. Anderson/G. Mathu to adjourn at 6:56 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 27 ayes, 3 excused - B. Clements, D. Ferries and R. Rothering.

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, May 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 MAY 2026.