COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
FRIDAY, 12-04-15
LA CROSSE COUNTY ADMIN BLDG, 400 4TH STREET N., ROOM 3220, LA CROSSE
1:30PM – 2:00PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Holtze, Andrea Richmond, Sharon Hampson, Ramona Van Riper, Kathy Lucey

MEMBERS EXCUSED: James Hanesworth, Donna Kateley

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve O’Malley, County Administrator, Audra Martine, ADRC Director, Amy Simonis, Office Supervisor/Finance Aging Unit, Sue Betz

PUBLIC HEARING
Dave Holtze called the Public Hearing to order at 1:33 pm. Dave turned the meeting over to Audra Martine to talk about the amendments to the 2016-2018 Aging Unit Plan. Changes were made to the Executive Summary, showing that the Aging Unit is planned to be integrated with the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Western Wisconsin, under Human services on January 1, 2016. The goals for each of the programs have essentially stayed the same since the first draft with some exception due to programs ending such as coordination of the Advance Units and sales of Ensure. Steve O’Malley provided a hand out showing the functional aspects of where the Aging Unit positions will lie within the ADRC. With the integration of the Aging Unit and the ADRC, the Aging Unit Director role will be held by the Aging and Disability Resource Center Director. A new supervisory position will be hired to assist in leading the Aging Plan goals. The supervisor will report to Audra Martine, as Director. There will be no job losses. As the Aging Plan is currently separate from the ADRC contract, both programs will continue all required services. Integrating will enhance services for both units, and allow the combined units to provide better customer service. The only changes to the budget will be moving funds to different orgs/accounts once the merge has taken place.

Amy Simonis told the members that the 2016 Specialized Transportation Assistance Program for La Crosse County (under s.85.21) has received $254,412 for elderly and specialized transportation.

Steve O’Malley was interviewed by phone today by Brad Williams from WIZM.

Dave Holtze made note for public record that no public were present.

ADJOURNMENT
MOTION: Motion by Andrea Richmond to adjourn, seconded by Kathy Lucey. There being no further business, the Public Hearing adjourned at 2:00pm.