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**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
MONTHLY MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on March 18, 2010 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. Vice Chair Tara Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The County Clerk, Linda Stone, took attendance. All supervisors were present except as noted:

DISTRICT - NAME	DISTRICT – NAME
1 Richmond, Andrea	19 Keil, Robert
2 Geary Jr., Ralph	20 Bina, Donald
3 Veenstra, Joe	21 Manthei, Dennis
4 Johnson, Jai - Excused	22 Ebert, Ray A.
5 Konkel, Bradley	23 Gamroth, Tammy
6 Billings, Jill	24 Pfaff, Leon
7 Plesha, Roger	25 Schroeder, Jeffrey
8 Freedland, Maureen	26 Burke, Vicki
9 Hampson, Sharon	27 Pedretti, Marilyn
10 Wood, Margaret	28 Doyle, Steve - Excused
11 Kader, Audrey	29 Kruse, Monica L.
12 Flood, Bridget	30 Spiker, Charles
13 Brockmiller, Bill	31 Fisher, Ann
14 Medinger, John D.	32 Benrud, Arlene
15 Mach, Beverly	33 Berns, Jim – Present at 6:04 p.m. and Excused at 7:40 p.m.
16 Sebranek, Gerald	
17 Meyer, Donald	34 Wehrs, Tina
18 Johnson, Tara	35 Bilskemper, Joe

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT – 1st Vice Chair Tara Johnson

RESOLUTION #87-3/10 RE: RECOGNITION OF LONG AND FAITHFUL SERVICE OF JOHN E. FLYNN

WHEREAS, Mr. John E. Flynn was appointed by then County Board Chairman John Thomas to the La Crosse County Highway Safety Committee between 1963 and 1965 serving as legal representative and on occasion, acting officer, and continued his interest and input as a member until his retirement in 2010; and, **WHEREAS**, Mr. Flynn was an assistant DA and then the District Attorney for La Crosse County, served as secretary for the Wisconsin District Attorney Association in 1964, was past president of the La Crosse County Bar Association and a member of the Wisconsin State Bar and the American Bar Association and the Association of Trial Lawyers; and, **WHEREAS**, Mr. Flynn was Corporation Counsel for La Crosse County from 1955 to 1965; and, **WHEREAS**, Mr. Flynn was a commissioner of the La Crosse Housing Authority for 15 years, a director for the Greater La Crosse Area Chamber of Commerce and served as an Ambassador of the Chamber for over 30 years. He served as legal counsel for the La Crosse Lutheran Hospital Foundation for over 17 years, and was active on the St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral Parish council where he was also a past president; and, **WHEREAS**, Mr. Flynn was an attorney with Klos, Flynn & Papenfuss since before 1965 until he retired 2 ½ years ago. During his career as a private attorney he was the lead local attorney representing the developers of the Valley View Mall. Mr. Flynn worked with the following to see that the required road needs were met to obtain the mall: County Highway Committees, the County Board, City Engineering Department, La Crosse

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City Council, State Department of Transportation, and private landowners; and, **WHEREAS**, Mr. Flynn also served many years with the 32nd "Red Arrow" Division of the Wisconsin National Guard. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that John E. Flynn be recognized, congratulated and thanked by the La Crosse County Board, as representative of the citizens of La Crosse County, for his many contributions to the community and the well being of the citizens of the La Crosse area. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be recorded in the minutes of the proceedings of the La Crosse County Board as acknowledgment for future generations of the citizenship and good public example set by John E. Flynn.

STEVEN P. DOYLE, County Board Chair
LINDA A. STONE, County Clerk

Motion by Konkell/Plesha to approve **passed** on a unanimous voice vote with 2 excused – J. Johnson and Doyle.

- **Presentation: Recognition of John Flynn:** 1st Vice Chair T. Johnson Sheriff Helgeson spoke to the resolution and presented Mr. Flynn with a framed certificate of appreciation. Mr. Flynn took the podium and spoke about the work of the La Crosse County Highway Safety Committee and how hard all the members worked to keep the highways of our county safe. He thanked the County for the opportunity to serve and was applauded by all those in attendance.
- Historic Sites Preservation Commission – Supervisor Mach noted the 4 bookmarks each supervisor had been given; each one was unique with a photo of one of the Historical Sites in La Crosse County and a brief explanation of the County Historic Sites Preservations Commission. Supervisor Mach spoke briefly about the work of the Commission and suggested they check the web site for additional information at: lacrossecountyhistoricsites.org
- **Supervisor Conference Reports**
 - Solid Waste Conference: Supervisor Benrud attended a conference in February with Solid Waste Director Koch. He shared what he learned there with the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
 - Transportation Development Association in Washington D.C. in March. It was well attended; health care and transportation were top priority issues. There is a bill that got a green light from the Senate on renewing highway programs for 2010 that would deposit \$20 billion in the Highway Trust Fund; that bill went to the Assembly yesterday and may have been signed into law today.
 - Governors Conference on Tourism: Supervisor Benrud attended the Governors Conference on Tourism, which she chairs for ITBEC. She learned that airline fees are up 40% and many airways are cutting amenities.
 - High Speed Rail Summit: Supervisor Richmond thanked Administrator O'Malley for this meeting today. It was a great get-together of rail officials and the DOT and other dignitaries from Wisconsin and Minnesota and those attending to show support. She asked that he announce the next meeting as that would be helpful for a good turnout. O'Malley responded that the next meeting of the High Speed Rail Coalition will be 7:30 Friday morning, March 26th in the 3rd floor conference room at City Hall. Supervisor T. Johnson agreed with Richmond and felt that she spoke for the many supervisors who attended.
 - Governors Conference on Tourism: Supervisor Sebranek also attended this conference as a representative of SW ITBEC (Southwest International Trade, Business and Economic Development Council). Others representing La Crosse County were Benrud, ITBEC Chair Jim Ehram and Steve Peterson. There were keynote speakers, workshops and breakout sessions. Awards were given out after the Governor's dinner. Their booth gave away donated rooms from the Radisson and the Marriott.

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- WCA Human Services Day: This Madison event was a first and Supervisor Wood attended with Supervisors Billings and Hampson, County Human Services Director Gerald Huber and Lakeview Administrator Pam Semb. It was attended by over 150 county officials and key challenges were discussed. The event included strategy sessions where key challenges were discussed, such as age of juvenile court jurisdiction, use of federal stimulus funds, human services financing in county homes and multi county collaboration.
- WCA Human Services Day in Madison: Supervisor Billings added that it was good to have staff with them when they met with area legislators. They left there with the legislators understanding that even though Human Services has been hit hard by budget cuts we are not just doing nothing and asking for more money. We have developed initiatives to deliver services more effectively.
- Couleecap and ARRA Funding: Supervisor Billings noted that she and Supervisor Fisher are the County representatives to Couleecap. Because Couleecap has been in existence for 44 years, they were able to acquire ARRA funding, with legislative support, as they already have a structure to deliver services to people in poverty. It has resulted in 20 new jobs and assistance to 105 local residents.
- Town of Campbell Flood Control: Supervisor Schroeder attended a meeting where Emergency Management Coordinator Keith Butler facilitated discussion on flood preparedness. Butler was very helpful to the Town by pointing out important things to add to the current Plan.
- ARRA Funding: Supervisor Hampson announced there will be a press conference tomorrow at 1:00 at the Hogan Administrative Center about funding that the Health Department is receiving for expansion of preventative health services in the areas of tobacco and obesity.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Steve O'Malley

- **Legislative Ideas for Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA):** On behalf of our Legislative Committee, he shared the importance of getting all our resolutions in by the end of June. He is asking all governing committees to put this on their agenda to discuss ideas so resolutions can be prepared and passed before the end of June in order to be included as a potential item for the Legislative Platform at the Fall WCA conference. He noted that the governor signed the public defender bill this week and that is a result of county input. He stressed that it is important that we remain active with our legislators and that we can have an impact. Supervisors should bring their ideas to him, and the sooner the better. He will get them to the Legislative Committee. Vice Chair Johnson suggested they include their Committee chairs when appropriate.
- **Indigent Burials** – Per request supervisors were given information on the cost of burials to La Crosse County. The summary showed those costs from 2007-2009. The criteria required for the County to fund the burial costs are:
 - La Crosse County resident at time of death
 - Ineligible for Medicaid at time of death
 - Insufficient resources to cover “allowable burial expenses”
 - Funeral costs of all goods or services provided by the funeral home, including transportation, provided total cost does not exceed \$1,000. If total funeral costs exceed \$1,000, no payment is authorized.
 - Cemetery costs of all goods or services provided by the cemetery, including cremation, provided total cost does not exceed \$1,000. Again no payment is authorized if total costs exceed \$1,000.

The program is funded 100% through county property taxes. In the past 3 years, there were 57 indigent burials at an average cost of \$1,499 per burial. In addition, the County has a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to administer the Wisconsin Funeral and Cemetery Aids Program (WFCAP), also referred to as the “MA Burial Program”. This is 100% state funded and is available to individuals who are receiving

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Medicaid or another qualifying healthcare program under the DHS at the time of their death. These reimbursement requests must come directly from a funeral home or cemetery. Allowable burial costs under this program include funeral cost reimbursement up to \$1500 if the expense is \$3,500 or less, and cemetery cost reimbursement up to \$1,000 if the expense is \$3,500 or less. If the expense for either exceeds \$3,500, no reimbursement is allowed. In the past 3 years, there were 270 MA Burial Program reimbursements at an average cost of \$2,018 per burial. Administrator O'Malley, Economic Support Manager Lori Graff and Fiscal Services Manager Sara Koopman responded to questions from the Board.

- **Employee Demographics** – Per request supervisors were given a Demographic Report compiled by La Crosse County's Personnel Department. As of December 2009 we had 1397 employees, 258 of which were part time or irregular part time (on call, seasonal, temporary or less than half time).
 - Females – 982 (70%)
 - Males – 416 (30%)

Per 6/30/09 Minority Status report for EEO (Equal Employment Opportunity)

- Native American – 4
- Black / African American – 4
- Asian – 33
- Hispanic – 5

These minority figures may not include self-identified mixed race individuals as census figures do. Although we appear to be currently under represented by minorities, we have seen increasing numbers of minority applicants since our job listings go statewide through the Job Service network and our website can be accessed by computer nationwide.

Discussion ensued. Supervisor Medinger appreciated the figures and the effort that's being made.

CHAIR CHANGE

Second Vice Chair Veenstra took the Chair.

APPOINTMENTS

Re-appoint **Lynne Valiquette** to the Ethics Committee for a three-year term to expire April 30, 2013.

Appoint **Gerald Sebranek** to fill the vacancy on the Commission on Equal Opportunities in Housing for the remainder of the five-year term to expire April 30, 2014.

On behalf of Chair Doyle, T. Johnson presented the appointments. **Motion** by Richmond/Brockmiller to approve the appointments as presented **passed** on a unanimous voice vote with 2 excused – J. Johnson and Doyle.

CHAIR CHANGE

First Vice Chair Johnson resumed the Chair.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Plesha/Pfaff to approve of the minutes of the County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting held February 18, 2010 and the Planning Meeting held March 8, 2010 and the Claims List for \$9,153,697.24 **passed** on a unanimous voice vote with 2 excused – J. Johnson and Doyle.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 806 FILED BY ROBERT SWARTZ, ACTING IN BEHALF OF THE PAUL E STRY FOUNDATION, C/O TRUST POINT INC., TO AMEND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 172 TO ADD ADDITIONAL ACREAGE TO THE EXISTING NATURE AND VISITOR'S CENTER ON LANDS ZONED AGRICULTURE DISTRICT "A" IN THE TOWN OF SHELBY

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The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered the application filed by: Robert Swartz, N394 State Road 162, Coon Valley, WI; acting in behalf of The Paul E Stry Foundation, c/o Trust Point Inc., PO Box 489, La Crosse, WI and having held a public hearing on the 1st day of March, 2010 to amend Conditional Use Permit No. 172 to add additional acreage to the existing Nature and Visitor's center at W5829 State Road 33, on lands zoned Agriculture District "A" in the Town of Shelby. DESCRIBED AS: Part of the NW-SE of Section 10, T15N, R7W described in tax parcels 11-616-0, and 11-617-0. Town of Shelby. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats. and s. 17.36 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 and the affected Town Board(s), under s. 17.36(4), have the authority to approve the application with integral conditions or to disapprove of the application. Having considered the entire record the Committee's recommendation is to: **Approve with 5 conditions.** By a vote of 4 in favor (2 excused – Keil-Wehrs and 1 absent – Manthei) the Committee recommended approval of this permit subject to the following 5 conditions:

1. This permit is granted to allow for the expansion areas and original areas to be used for a Nature & Visitors Center which includes walking trails, landscaping and water features, a grotto and waterfall.
2. The new combined legal description now contains 7.34 acres.
3. Public vehicular access to this site shall be off State Road 33.
4. This Conditional Use Permit shall replace Conditional Use Permit No. 172 in its entirety.
5. This permit and use is transferable for the same land use.

Any deviation or alteration of the conditions set forth in this permit shall constitute a violation of the terms of this Conditional Use Permit and shall be subject to prosecution and penalties under the terms of this Ordinance. A new public hearing and permit must be granted to extend or alter any of the conditions set forth herein. **The County Board** took the following action this 18th day of March, 2010: Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by Meyer/Kader to **approve** as recommended by the Committee **passed** on a unanimous voice vote with 2 excused – J. Johnson and Doyle.

ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z230-3/10 RE: ZONING PETITION NO. 1833 FILED BY DAVID AND JULIE HARTER TO REZONE FROM TRANSITIONAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO AGRICULTURE DISTRICT "A" IN THE TOWN OF ONALASKA

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 1833 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: David & Julie Harter, W5726 Koss Rd, Onalaska, WI 54650 and having held a public hearing on the 1st day of March 2010 to rezone from Transitional Agriculture District to Agriculture District "A" the following described land in the Town(s) of Onalaska. That part of the following described parcel not already zoned Agriculture District "A", part of the S1/2-NW and part of the NW-SW in Section 26, T17N, R7W, commencing at the W1/4 corner of Section 26; thence S85°10'12"E 1113.6' to the southwest corner of Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map No. 124 Vol. 14; thence N38°29'30"E 97.48' along the westerly line of Lot 1 of said Certified Survey Map to the northerly right-of-way line of Koss Rd and the POB; thence N38°29'30"E 280.58' along the westerly line of Lot 1 of said Certified Survey Map; thence along the westerly line of Lot 1 of said Certified Survey Map N00°00'32"W 957.16' to the northwest corner of said Lot 1; thence S10°25'42"W 1223.8' to a point on the northerly right-of-way line of Koss Rd; thence Northeasterly along said right-of-way line 54.16' along the arc of 551.86' radius curve, concave to the southeast, the chord of which bears N60°18'28"E and measures 54.14' to the POB. Town of Onalaska. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats.: the

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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 and official correspondence; and, did receive and consider action from the affected Town Board(s). The Committee, under s. 59.69(5)(e)4, Wis. Stats., has the authority to approve the petition as submitted; to disapprove of the petition; or, to modify and approve the petition. Having considered the entire record the Committee's recommendation is to: **Approve**. By a vote of 4 in favor (2 excused – Keil – Wehrs and 1 absent – Manthei) the Committee recommended approval of this rezoning to Agriculture District "A". (If this petition is approved as a conditional zoning, deed restrictions must be recorded before zoning takes effect.) **The County Board**, under s. 59.69(5)(e)5 Wis. Stats., has the authority to effectuate the petition by ordinance or to disapprove it. The County Board took the following action this 18th day of March, 2010: Approved the petition as submitted, becomes an ordinance.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by Meyer/Richmond to **approve** as recommended by the Committee **passed** on a unanimous voice vote with 2 excused – J. Johnson and Doyle.

CONSENT AGENDA RE: UNCONTESTED TERMINATIONS

By unanimous consent of the Board, the following 2 uncontested Conditional Use Permit Terminations were presented and acted upon by consent agenda.

TERMINATION OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 45 – TERMINATION NO. 70 FILED BY LA CROSSE COUNTY TO TERMINATE THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT ISSUED TO TEUNIS VAN WYK IN 1982 TO OPERATE A VETERINARY CLINIC ON LAND ZONED AGRICULTURE DISTRICT "A" IN THE TOWN OF BARRE BECAUSE THE BUSINESS HAS NOT BEEN IN OPERATION OF A PERIOD IN EXCESS OF 12 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS.

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered the application filed by: La Crosse County Zoning, Planning and Land Information Department 400 4th St N – Room 3170 La Crosse WI 54601 and having held a public hearing on the 1st day of March, 2010 on a petition to terminate Conditional Use Permit No. 45 issued to Teunis Van Wyk, Rt. 1, West Salem, WI and passed by the County Board in December of 1982, to operate a veterinary clinic on 4.96 acres of land zoned Agriculture District "A" in the Town of Barre. **Reason for terminating** – The business has not been in operation of a period in excess of 12 consecutive months. Land described as: Part of the SE-NW of Section 21, T16N, R6W, Beginning at the Southwest corner of said forty, thence North along the center of CTH-M 442.2 feet; thence East at a right angle 609.4 feet; thence S01°14'E 442.2 feet; thence West along the South line of said forty 619 feet to the place of beginning, and contains 4.96 acres, Town of Barre. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats. and s. 17.36 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 and the affected Town Board(s), under s. 17.36(4), have the authority to approve the application with integral conditions or to disapprove of the application. Having considered the entire record the Committee's recommendation is to: **Terminate**. By a vote of 4 in favor (2 excused – Keil-Wehrs and 1 absent – Manthei) the Committee recommended approval to terminate Conditional Use Permit No. 45 for a veterinary clinic. **The County Board** took the following action this 18th day of March, 2010: Approved Termination.

TERMINATION OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 208 – TERMINATION NO. 71 FILED BY LA CROSSE COUNTY TO TERMINATE THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT ISSUED TO DEAN BLEGAN IN 1980 FOR A WHOLESALE JEWELRY BUSINESS ON LAND ZONED AGRICULTURE DISTRICT "A" IN THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD

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BECAUSE THE BUILDING WAS NEVER CONSTRUCTED AND NEVER OPERATED FROM THIS PARCEL

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered the application filed by: La Crosse County Zoning, Planning and Land Information Department 400 4th St N – Room 3170 La Crosse WI 54601 and having held a public hearing on the 1st day of March, 2010 on a petition to terminate Conditional Use Permit No. 208 issued to Dean Blegan, W2795 Kreibich Coulee Rd, Coon Valley, WI and passed by the County Board in December of 1980, to construct and use a 40-ft X 100-ft building for manufacturing & warehousing a wholesale jewelry business on land zoned Agriculture District "A" in the Town of Greenfield – **Reason for terminating** – The building was never constructed and never operated from this parcel. Land described as: All that part of the NE-NW of Section 25, T15N, R6W that lies south of Kreibich Coulee Rd, Town of Greenfield. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats. and s. 17.36 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 and the affected Town Board(s), under s. 17.36(4), have the authority to approve the application with integral conditions or to disapprove of the application. Having considered the entire record the Committee's recommendation is to: **Terminate**. By a vote of 4 in favor (2 excused – Keil-Wehrs and 1 absent – Manthei) the Committee recommended approval to terminate Conditional Use Permit No. 208 to operate and manufacture jewelry. **The County Board** took the following action this 18th day of March, 2010: Approved Termination.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by Meyer/Pedretti to **approve** Terminations No. 70 and No. 71 by consent agenda as recommended by the Committee **passed** on a unanimous voice vote with 2 excused – J. Johnson and Doyle.

FIRST CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: ORDINANCE NO. 80 TO CREATE S.1.65 ENTITLED "FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE" AND CHAPTER 32 ENTITLED "FARMLAND PRESERVATION" OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN Meyer presented the ordinance for its first consideration and retained the floor. He noted that the Committee minutes stated the ordinance failed in committee but that was an error. The ordinance did pass in Committee. He asked County Planner Handy to speak to the ordinance. Discussion ensued. Several questions were raised regarding funding, the number of farmers on the committee, the effect on property taxes and some questionable wording and possible conflicts of interest. Those with questions or concerns should contact Corporation Counsel for advice and the proper wording on amendments that might be proposed in April at the second consideration. The ordinance is 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.co.la-crosse.wi.us. Upon adoption and publication it will be incorporated into the La Crosse County General Code of Ordinances.

ORDINANCE NO. 77 – 3/10 TO REPEAL S. 30.81(10) REGARDING NO-WAKE ZONES OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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

Section 1. Section 30.81(10) regarding No-Wake Zones is repealed.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication.

STEVE DOYLE, COUNTY BOARD CHAIR
LINDA STONE, COUNTY CLERK

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Motion by Veenstra/Meyer to approve **passed** on a unanimous voice vote with 2 excused – J. Johnson and Doyle.

FIRST CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: ORDINANCE NO. 79 TO AMEND S.3.13(4)(b)4. OF CHAPTER 3 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN REGARDING MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT.

Veenstra presented the ordinance for its first consideration. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Spiker requested a fiscal note or some information regarding the possible budget impact. Corporation Counsel Shepherd and Finance Director Ingvalson responded to questions from the Board. The ordinance is 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.co.la-crosse.wi.us. Upon adoption and publication it will be incorporated into the La Crosse County General Code of Ordinances.

REFERRED RESOLUTION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RE: ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES FOR NEXT TERM

WHEREAS, the County Board has reviewed and considered modifications of the elected officers' salaries pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 59.22(1)(a) thereof. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following elected officers shall be paid at the annual rates set forth on the following schedule for the 2011-2014 term commencing January 3, 2011, and for the second, third and fourth year in the term, shall be effective January 1, 2012, January 1, 2013, and January 1, 2014.

Elected Officer	2009 (3%)	2010 Current Rate (3%)	Avg. of *Comparable 2010 Rates	2011 Annual Rate	2012 Annual Rate	2013 Annual Rate	2014 Annual Rate
Sheriff	\$86,854	\$89,460	\$85,223	\$92,143	\$94,908	\$97,755	\$100,688
Clerk of Courts	\$61,381	\$63,222	\$64,443	\$66,383	\$68,375	\$70,426	\$72,539
Shown for comparison only	2009 (5%)	2010 (3%)		2011 (3%)	2012 (3%)	2013	2014
County Clerk	\$60,844	\$62,670		\$64,550	\$66,486	Undetermined	Undetermined
County Treasurer	\$60,844	\$62,670		\$64,550	\$66,486	Undetermined	Undetermined
Register of Deeds	\$60,844	\$62,670		\$64,550	\$66,486	Undetermined	Undetermined

FISCAL NOTE: The cost of salary, fringe benefits and rollups for this group in 2011 will be approximately \$7,256*.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by Veenstra/Bilskemper to approve. **Motion** by Veenstra/Richmond to refer back to the Executive Committee. Discussion ensued. **Motion** by Burke/Kruse to amend the motion to substitute to refer to the April County Board Monthly Meeting and delete "refer back to Executive Committee". Discussion on the amendment ensued. The amendment failed on a roll call vote with 16 ayes and 17 nays with 2 excused – J. Johnson and Doyle. Those voting aye, which was the minority, on the amendment were Geary, Hampson, Pfaff, Freedland, Medinger, Gamroth, Benrud, Meyer, Bina, Schroeder, Burke, Berns, Spiker, Fisher, Kruse and Brockmiller. The original motion to refer back to committee passed on a roll call vote with 26 ayes and 7 nays, with 2 excused – J. Johnson and Doyle. Those voting nay were Geary, Sebranek, Pfaff, Keil, Bina, Spiker and Fisher.

RESOLUTION 88-3/10 RE: SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO CREATE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITIES (RTAs)

WHEREAS, Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs) will create jobs, spur development and economic growth, attract business and investors, and build the competitiveness of the State of Wisconsin in the global economy; and, **WHEREAS**, while other states across the country

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have implemented RTAs to invest in transit, the Wisconsin transit systems continue to decline under antiquated funding structures that cut off economic opportunities and exacerbate job losses; and, **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin cannot afford to fall behind as we work to rebuild our economy and grow new jobs nor, can Wisconsin delay in taking action to reduce harmful air pollution and dependence on oil; and, **WHEREAS**, allowing all regions of the State of Wisconsin to form self-supporting RTAs will grow Wisconsin jobs: by spurring development that creates family supporting jobs, by creating linkages that draw a talented workforce and build the regional economy, by making our state more competitive in attracting business and jobs, by supporting transit system expansion both construction and manufacturing industries will be stimulated and by sustaining transit operations that hire locally; and, **WHEREAS**, allowing communities to form RTAs will build stronger Wisconsin communities: by successfully competing for federal infrastructure dollars, by reducing the cost of living and increasing household savings and spending power, by creating access to jobs, medical services and social opportunities for those who are unable or who do not drive, by generating government revenues as a result of boosting property values, by stimulating tourism, by getting people working by easing costly and dangerous traffic congestion, by fostering more efficient land development and by giving our communities a competitive edge in attracting and retaining business and residents by modernizing our outdated transportation system; and, **WHEREAS**, RTAs will also make Wisconsin healthier and cleaner: by supporting transit choices that reduce air emissions, by lowering health care costs for asthma and keeping communities in compliance with air quality standards to avoid costly pollution sanctions on manufacturing sources, by reducing the demand for parking and other paved areas from which runoff degrades water quality and triggers costly anti-pollution measures, and by cutting death and injury rates from transportation crashes, thereby saving lives, reducing health care costs, and avoiding time lost from work. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby support the creation of Regional Transit Authorities and urges the passage of legislation that authorizes Western Wisconsin and other communities the choice of creating a RTA that is a public body corporate and a separate government entity that may operate a comprehensive unified local transportation system on a region-wide basis. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk shall send a copy of this resolution to area legislators, Governor James Doyle and other interested parties who are concerned about this issue. **FISCAL NOTE:** There is no fiscal impact to La Crosse County in supporting the passage of legislation to create RTAs.

**LA CROSSE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND, INC.
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by Veenstra/Brockmiller to approve. Lengthy discussion ensued. MPO Director Tom Faella responded to questions from the Board. **Motion** by Konkel to call the question. The 2 supervisors still on Vice Chair Johnson's list to speak both passed so the vote was called for. The resolution **passed** on a voice vote with 28 ayes and 4 nays, with 3 excused – J. Johnson, Doyle and Berns. Those voting nay were Ebert, Manthei, Schroeder and Spiker.

RESOLUTION #89-3/10 RE: THREE-YEAR STATEMENT OF INTENTIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the attached Three-Year Harbor Development Statement of Intentions described proposed improvements which are in the best interest of the Port of La Crosse; and, **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation requires a statement of project intentions from local units of government intending to apply for federal and/or state aid for harbor-related work of any type within the next three years; and, **WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee has reviewed the estimated project costs, funding sources, physical location and alternatives to the proposed project; and, **WHEREAS**, the improvement proposed in calendar year 2012 is to engineer and install two tripod barge tie-off structures

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for the lower end of the Harold E. Craig Fleeting Facility along with 200 linear feet of rip rap for bank protection throughout the area; and, **WHEREAS**, this Three-Year Harbor Development Statement of Intentions is used by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for planning purposes only, and it does not commit La Crosse County to move ahead with the project. The Statement of Intentions simply makes the County eligible to make an application at some future date if funds become available. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves the attached Harbor Development Statement of Intentions for the years 2011-2013. **FISCAL NOTE:** Funding sources for 2012 proposed improvement project are: 2 years worth of fleeting rental – \$30,000 and potential DOT Harbor Assistance Program (HAP) FUNDS - \$120,000.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by Veenstra/Meyer to approve. Discussion ensued. Finance Director Ingvalson responded to questions from the Board. The resolution **passed** on a unanimous voice vote with 3 excused – J. Johnson, Doyle and Berns.

RESOLUTION #90-3/10 RE: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (MA) TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, transportation is a quality of life issue for everyone, especially for those individuals that are elderly or disabled and are no longer able to drive; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County utilizes federal and state transportation funds that are received as a fixed amount from the Department of Transportation (DOT) to provide transportation for a variety of consumers through the La Crosse County Aging Unit; and, **WHEREAS**, the Medical Assistance Program (MA) currently pays for the transportation of MA consumers to medical appointments; and, **WHEREAS**, under a plan proposed by the State Department of Health Services (DHS), the State is sending out a Request for Proposals (RFP) to hire a private vendor to coordinate transportation on a state-wide basis; and, **WHEREAS**, there is considerable concern among public and private agencies that deal with the transportation needs of the elderly and disabled that there will be a potential shift of transportation funding from non-Medical Assistance sources (s85.21, s85.20, 5307, 5311 and local government contributions) to pay for the transportation of MA consumers to their medical appointments; and, **WHEREAS**, the state and federal funding sources limit the county transportation program serving the general elderly and disabled population to charge only a portion of the trip cost (i.e. a 1 way trip that costs \$14.00 may only require a consumer co-payment of \$3.50), while currently MA pays the full cost of a trip; and, **WHEREAS**, the new program proposed by DHS would eliminate the payment of the full cost of transportation for MA consumers and require the transportation of MA consumers at the \$3.50 rate thus shifting the difference between the co-payment and actual cost of the ride from MA to the non-Medical Assistance transit funding sources; and, **WHEREAS**, the result of shifting the cost of MA rides to non-MA funding sources will cause the Aging Unit to run out of transportation funds to serve the transportation needs of the elderly and disabled populations by May, 2011 thus eliminating the service or shifting the cost to the county tax levy. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the La Crosse County Board supports coordination and the use of cost effective methods to provide transportation to MA consumers and its elderly and disabled citizens; however, the State of Wisconsin DHS and DOT must collaborate and ensure that proper safeguards are in place to prevent a shift in transportation funding that would eliminate transportation services to the elderly and disabled populations thus affecting their quality of life. **FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk shall send a copy of this resolution to Governor Jim Doyle, Senator Kapanke, Representative Schilling, and Representative Huebsch. **FISCAL NOTE:** The Aging Unit projects that the annual cost to County taxpayers would range from \$193,000 to \$578,000 to maintain existing transportation services to the elderly and disabled populations in La Crosse County if there is a shift in funding from MA to non-MA transit funding sources.

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AGING AND LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE

Motion by Kader/Kruse to approve **passed** on a unanimous voice vote with 3 excused – J. Johnson, Doyle and Berns.

RESOLUTION #91-3/10 RE: SUPPORT HEALTHIEST COUNTY 2015 – LA CROSSE COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, thousands of La Crosse County residents suffer or die from preventable disease or injury each year as determined by the La Crosse COMPASS Community Needs Assessment and the La Crosse Medical and Health Science Consortium Health Status Scorecard; and, **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse Medical and Health Science Consortium recently released "Healthiest County 2015: La Crosse," a community health improvement plan to enable the people of La Crosse to be the healthiest population in Wisconsin developed through the effort of over 50 organizations, including county employees; and, **WHEREAS**, the County of La Crosse Board of Supervisors can play a major role in reaching this goal through the services it delivers for alcohol misuse/prevention, traffic safety, exercise, nutrition, health promotion, disease and injury prevention, and other services. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors direct staff to take steps needed to enable the County to reach the goal of being the healthiest County in the State by 2015. **FISCAL NOTE**: No specific County tax levy funds are requested for this effort. Instead, staff from many departments are asked to focus resources toward implementing those programs that are shown to be effective in protecting and promoting the health of the public.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Motion by Hampson/Konkel to approve. Discussion ensued. Health Director Mormann responded to questions from the Board. The resolution **passed** on a unanimous voice vote with 3 excused – J. Johnson, Doyle and Berns.

RESOLUTION #92-3/10 RE: AUTHORIZATION TO SELL UNIMPROVED PARCEL TO TOWN OF SHELBY

WHEREAS, La Crosse County has acquired title to certain property in the Town of Shelby, computer parcel #11-56-0, now computer # 11-81-103, pursuant to a tax foreclosure action; and, **WHEREAS**, Town of Shelby desires to purchase said property by paying the outstanding taxes against said property; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County is authorized to sell the parcel to the Town of Shelby without publically advertising the property for bids pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 75.69; and, **WHEREAS**, this small parcel of land is already part of a roadway in the Town of Shelby and it is appropriate for the Town of Shelby to own said property. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby authorizes the sale of parcel #11-56-0, now parcel #11-81-103, to the Town of Shelby for the sum of \$108.05. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair and County Clerk are authorized to sign a Quit Claim Deed conveying this property to the Town of Shelby, upon approval by Corporation Counsel. **FISCAL NOTE**: The total amount owing = \$159.12 consisting of unpaid general property taxes in the amount of \$108.05, and unpaid penalty and interest in the amount of \$51.07.

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Motion by Spiker/Benrud to approve. Discussion ensued. Zoning, Planning and Land Information Director Jeff Bluske responded to questions from the Board. The land in question is off of Breidel Coulee Road. The resolution **passed** on a unanimous voice vote with 3 excused – J. Johnson, Doyle and Berns.

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RESOLUTION #93-3/10 RE: AUTHORIZATION TO SELL UNIMPROVED PARCEL TO CITY OF LA CROSSE

WHEREAS, La Crosse County has acquired title to a tax delinquent property located between buildings and bordered by 3rd and 4th Streets and King and Cass Streets in the City of La Crosse; and, **WHEREAS**, the City of La Crosse desires to purchase said property to be utilized in connection with some alley work that needs to be done in that area; and, **WHEREAS**, the County is authorized to sell its property acquired in a tax foreclosure proceeding to municipalities without the requirement of advertising for bids pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 75.69; and, **WHEREAS**, the Facilities Director recommends selling this property to the City of La Crosse for payment of \$1,129.58 which reimburses the County for the taxes and special assessments owing to La Crosse County for the years of 2004-2008, but does not include the levied penalty and interest, and believes that such action is in the best interest of the taxpayers of La Crosse County. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby authorizes the sale of parcel #17-20029-025, consisting of .005 acres more or less, to the City of La Crosse for the sum of \$1,129.58. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair and County Clerk are authorized to sign a Quit Claim Deed conveying this property to the City of La Crosse, upon approval by Corporation Counsel. **FISCAL NOTE:** The total amount owing equals \$1,778.70 as of March, 2010, consisting of unpaid general property taxes and special assessments - \$1,129.58, interest - \$433.12, and penalty - \$216.00.

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Motion by Spiker/Pfaff to approve. It was asked and confirmed that the land in question is behind Go's Chapter 2. The resolution **passed** on a unanimous voice vote with 3 excused – J. Johnson, Doyle and Berns.

SUBJECTS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Census: Vice Chair T. Johnson noted that there were some "Census 2010" stickers on supervisors' desks and a page of information on the Complete Count Committee. She suggested we put it on the agenda next month so it could be discussed. County Clerk Linda Stone will do so.

Resolution Recommendation: Supervisor Geary questioned the policy on the reviewed Only/Recommended/Not Recommended notation on all resolutions and who should be reviewing only and who should be making a recommendation. He asked that Corporation Counsel look into that and report back to the Board.

ADJOURN

Motion by Sebranek/Brockmiller to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. **passed** on a unanimous voice vote with 3 excused – J. Johnson, Doyle and Berns.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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COUNTY OF LA CROSSE)

I, Linda Stone, 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 Monthly Meeting held Thursday, March 18, 2010 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS 19th DAY OF MARCH 2010.