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**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING  
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, May 10, 2010 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. Chair Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. The County Clerk, Linda Stone closed the roll call vote at 6:05 with 28 supervisors present, 3 absent and 4 excused:

<b>District</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
1	Richmond, Andrea	Present
2	Geary, Ralph	Present
3	Feehan, Bill	Present
4	Johnson, Jai	Present, Excused at 6:53 PM
5	Konkel, Bradley	Excused
6	Billings, Jill	Present, Excused at 7:35 PM, Present at 8:29 PM
7	Plesha, Roger	Present
8	Freedland, Maureen	Present, Excused at 7:52 PM
9	Hampson, Sharon	Present
10	Wood, Margaret	Present
11	Kader, Audrey	Present at 6:08 PM
12	Flood, Bridget	Present at 6:10 PM
13	Brockmiller, Bill	Present
14	Medinger, John	Present
15	Mach, Beverly	Present
16	Sebranek, Gerald	Excused
17	Meyer, Donald	Present
18	Johnson, Tara	Present
19	Keil, Robert	Excused
20	Bina, Donald	Present
21	Manthei, Dennis	Present
22	Ebert, Ray	Present
23	Gamroth, Tammy	Present
24	Pfaff, Leon	Present, Excused at 7:19 PM
25	Schroeder, Jeffrey	Present
26	Burke, Vicki	Present
27	Pedretti, Marilyn	Present
28	Doyle, Steve	Present
29	Kruse, Monica	Present, Excused at 7:50 PM
30	Spiker, Charles	Present
31	Ferries, Dan	Present
32	Benrud, Arlene	Absent
33	Berns, Jim	Excused
34	Wehrs, Tina	Present, Excused at 8:16 PM
35	Bilskemper, Joe	Present, Excused at 08:17 PM

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## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### A) County Board Chair Report - Steve Doyle

- Monday July 5<sup>th</sup> is a Holiday so the Planning Meeting and Aging and Long Term Care Meeting will need to be rescheduled. With no strong preference or clear solution, Chair Doyle will take all input under consideration and a decision can be made at a later date.
- Web Site Process Improvement Team: Chair Doyle would like at least 2 or 3 supervisors on this team; volunteers should contact him after the meeting.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
  - Supervisor Billings – There will be an ordinance coming before the Board at the County Board Monthly meeting on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> to create S. 1.56 entitled "Family Policy Board Executive Committee". She wanted to let the Board members know ahead of time that they would be making a motion to vote on this ordinance at its' first consideration so it can be finalized before Jerry Huber leaves in June so he could see his efforts of the last 10 years come to fruition. Interested supervisors can attend the Health and Human Services meeting Tuesday night, and they will also be mailed or emailed a copy on Wednesday.
- ITBEC: Chair Doyle needs a member of the International Trade, Business and Economic Development Council to give him the names of the current La Crosse County membership so he can submit his appointments.

#### B) Deputy Administrator Gary Ingvalson had no report.

### PROCLAMATIONS:

#### MAY 2010: LAW ENFORCEMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY & COURTS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, in a free society, law enforcement is entrusted and expected to protect the civil rights of its residents and visitors to our community; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County employees serve to enhance public safety in the Courts, District Attorney, Sheriff Patrol and Jail, Emergency Management Coordination, Medical Examiner and Public Safety Communications; and **WHEREAS**, thousands of residents and visitors are helped each year by the professionals who respond to emergencies and assist those in need. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of May as Law Enforcement, Public Safety & Courts Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of persons dedicated to ensuring the safety of its county's residents and visitors to our community.

#### OFFICE OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Motion by Burke/Wood to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes, 1 absent – Benrud and 4 excused - Keil, Berns, Sebranek and Konkel.

#### "AGE STRONG! LIVE LONG!" MAY 2010: OLDER AMERICANS MONTH AND MAY 19, 2010: OLDER AMERICANS DAY

**WHEREAS**, La Crosse County is home to about 20,000 residents 60 years of age or older; and **WHEREAS**, the older residents of La Crosse County represent a dramatic trend in our nation's demographic makeup; and **WHEREAS**, older persons are diverse, respected people who continue to contribute to our nation's social and economic well-being; and **WHEREAS**, a growing number of baby boomers are turning 60 daily; and **WHEREAS**, the number of individuals providing care to family members and friends is expanding significantly; and **WHEREAS**, the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead require us to work together to insure our current services and systems may adequately plan for and address the needs of current and future generations; and **WHEREAS**, older persons are entitled to live lives of dignity and independence. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board, on behalf of the residents of La Crosse County, does hereby proclaim **May 2010** to be Older Americans Month and does further proclaim **May 19, 2010** as Older

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Americans Day in La Crosse County, and urge all citizens to honor older adults, and those who care for them, during May and throughout the year. We urge all to promote and participate in activities that contribute to helping older Americans make choices for a healthy and rewarding future.

#### **OFFICE OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

Motion by Medinger/Schroeder to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes, 1 absent – Benrud and 4 excused - Keil, Berns, Sebranek and Konkel.

#### **BIKE MONTH AND BIKE TO WORK WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, today, millions of Americans engage in bicycling because it is a viable and environmentally-sound form of transportation, an excellent form of fitness and provides quality family recreation; and **WHEREAS**, the League of American Bicyclists and independent cyclists throughout our state are promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce accidents, injuries and fatalities for all; **NOW THEREFORE**, the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim May 2010 as **Bike Month and May 15-21 Bike to Work Week** and we encourage all residents and visitors to recognize the importance of bicycle safety and awareness of cyclists on our streets and highways.

#### **OFFICE OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

Motion by J. Johnson/Kruse to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes, 1 absent – Benrud and 4 excused - Keil, Berns, Sebranek and Konkel.

- C) Cards and Correspondence are on the bulletin board.
- D) There are no committee meetings scheduled during recess.

FIRST VICE CHAIR T. JOHNSON TOOK THE CHAIR

#### **APPOINTMENTS:**

- Appoint Bill Brockmiller, Monica Kruse and Don Meyer to the Legislative Committee.
- Appoint Gerald Sebranek to the Commission on Equal Opportunities in Housing to fill a Vacancy for the remainder of a 5 year term to expire April 30, 2014.
- Appoint Maureen Freedland To Couleecap, Inc. to replace Ann Fisher.
- Re-Appoint Lynn Valiquette to the Ethics Board for a 3 year term to expire April 30, 2013.
- Appoint Mike Weibel, Don Bina and Ilona Hansen to the Farmland Preservation Committee for a one year term to expire April 30, 2011.
- Appoint Mike Dummer, Keith Valiquette and Marilyn Pedretti to the Farmland Preservation Committee for a two year term to expire April 30, 2012.
- Appoint Tina Wehrs, Deena Murphy and John Lautz to the Farmland Preservation Committee for a three year term to expire April 30, 2013.
- Re-Appoint John Perlich to the Criminal Justice Management Council for a 3 year term to expire April 30, 2013.

#### **COUNTY BOARD CHAIR**

Motion by Doyle/Brockmiller to approve all appointments as presented, except for the Standing Committee appointments which were listed unnecessarily because they don't require Board approval, passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes, 1 absent – Benrud and 4 excused - Keil, Berns, Sebranek and Konkel.

CHAIR DOYLE RESUMED THE CHAIR

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### **XCEL ENERGY ANNUAL REPORT**

Mike Herro, Community Service and Key Account Team Manager for Xcel Energy, introduced himself and Senior Environmental Analyst Christine Ball and French Island Plant Manager Mark Paitl. He referred to the detailed and lengthy report, much of which is compiled by Analyst Ball. The report Executive Summary consisted of the following:

- Xcel Energy's French Island Generating Plant employed 31 people in 2009. Its two boilers operated a total of 9158 hours and including its two combustion turbines, the plant generated 75, 217 MWH of electricity – enough to serve nearly 10,000 homes.
- The plant had zero permit limit exceedances in 2009. Plant personnel gave plant tours to 730 citizens. This included many college and grade school students, local regulators and state government officials as well as many local civic groups and business representatives.
- The activated carbon injection (ACI) systems installed in 2007 (Boiler 2) and 2008 (Boiler 1) helped to reduce dioxin emissions from both boilers.
- There were zero lost-time accidents at the plant in 2009. In June of 2010, the plant will celebrate four years with no loss time accidents.
- The plant was in complete compliance with all of its permits including air quality, water quality and solid waste.
- Maintenance/upgrade activities conducted at the plant in 2009 included boiler tube maintenance, repair and testing in the steam plant and many conveyor system and other upgrades in the RDF processing building.

Manager Hero gave a brief summary of information included in the report, and also had DVDs of the plant tour for interested supervisors. Chair Doyle encouraged the board members to take the tour; to do so they should contact Solid Waste Director Hank Koch to make arrangements. Xcel representatives Herro, Ball and Paitl and Solid Waste Director Koch all responded to questions and comments from the Board.

### **RESOLUTION RE: NO. 11-5/10 RE: TO SEEK BIDS FOR AN RCAC (RESIDENTIAL CARE APARTMENT COMPLEX) FOR HILLVIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER / CARROLL HEIGHTS**

**WHEREAS**, on March 8th, 2010 the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors approved the concept of a Residential Care Apartment Complex on the Hillview/Carroll Heights Campus; and, **WHEREAS**, the County Administrator, Finance Director and Hillview Health Care Center management team presented to the Aging & Long Term Care Committee a procurement/construction process timetable that would enable construction to begin in 2010; and, **WHEREAS**, the County Administrator, Finance Director and Hillview Health Care Center management team prepared the anticipated cash flow projections and financing options, with consideration to size of the RCAC including the number of apartments and location on the campus. Wipfli accountants reviewed the financial numbers for accuracy along with the La Crosse County Finance Department; and, **WHEREAS**, a 30 unit RCAC connected to Carroll Heights Apartments will preserve the green space and maintain a beautiful view and setting for all residents and tenants, also allowing a new first impression upon entering our campus; the connection to Carroll Heights will allow tenants to utilize various programs at the new facility; and, **WHEREAS**, the RFP for design incorporates Green Initiatives. We seek construction to incorporate energy efficiencies into the designs and consult with State of Wisconsin Focus-On-Energy representatives for design recommendations and available rebates on behalf of the county; and, **WHEREAS**, that the La Crosse County Board approved the selection of PDC Midwest Architects under the guidance of the Aging and Long Term Care Committee as follows: Phase I Pre- Design / Design / Pre-Construction on April 21, 2009. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board approves the proceeding of, under the guidance of the Aging and Long Term Care Committee as follows: Hillview Health Care Center is authorized to proceed with soliciting bids on construction of a 30-unit RCAC, connecting to Carroll Heights for approximately 3.4 million dollars. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that future approval of the County Board is needed before proceeding with award of bid and construction. **FISCAL NOTE:** Hillview's 2010 budget includes \$3,496,300 to be funded by borrowing for construction of this facility.

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## **AGING AND LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE**

Motion by Plesha/Medinger to approve. Discussion ensued. Hillview Administrator Pete Eide, Finance Director Gary Ingvalson and Aging and Long Term Care Committee Chair Roger Plesha responded to questions from the Board. The resolution passed on a roll call vote with 20 ayes, 7 nays - Wehrs, Ebert, Schroeder, Manthei, Ferries, Bina and Feehan, 1 absent - Benrud, 7 excused - Keil, Pfaff, J. Johnson, Billings, Berns, Sebranek and Konkell.

FIRST VICE CHAIR T. JOHNSON TOOK THE CHAIR

## **REVOLVING LOAN FUND SUMMARY / SKIPPER LINER**

Chair Doyle began with information about the structure and purpose of the Revolving Loan Fund, especially for the benefit of the new Board members. He referred to the distributed summary. This fund was established in 1992 with 50% of the proceeds from the sale of the Barlow Street Group Home and the Grandview Building. A Federal Fund was established in 1992 and a State Fund in 1997. The total dollars from all sources was \$1,828,816. These funds revolved back into the Community in the form of loans to various businesses that provided tax base and jobs in the community. He stressed that these were not County property tax dollars, and that the Federal and State funds would have gone to another community if we had not chosen to participate. Because we were able to capitalize these funds through the cooperation of several local businesses (including Skipperliner), we are able to make new loans to businesses that need them as the original recipients pay back the principle and interest. These funds provide "gap financing", participating as a subordinated lender in deals that private lenders were not able to fully fund. Over the years we have made 28 loans which have created 270 jobs. In 2006 the LCEDF (La Crosse County Economic Development Fund) was formed, merging the original Business Fund and the Economic Development Committee. Since then the fund has made strong loans to River Steel, Authenticom, Maid Rite and La Crosse Daycare Centers. The decision to make the recent loan to Skipper Liner was based on their good track record of paying the fund back in full and on time. In the last three years they have paid much in taxes and were deemed worth saving. However, the list of possible upcoming jobs and government contracts they presented to the LCEDF Board apparently did not come to fruition. Now that they have been forced to close their doors we may or may not be paid back, but we will work to get what we can. Lengthy discussion ensued. Doyle, Corporation Counsel Shepherd and La Crosse County Community Development Specialist Brian Fukuda responded to questions from the Board throughout. There is public concern about individuals boats that cannot be removed from storage. Shepherd will discuss this problem with the attorney but there is no answer at this time. The bank has locked the doors and has control over the real estate and assets. Until there is further court action everything is in limbo and unfortunately there are few answers at this time. A motion was received today from the attorneys for the receiver that one lending institution was not going to go along with the 128 filing so it may be switched to a bankruptcy. We are seeking legal advice. The State and the Town of Campbell, who are in worse straits than we are because they will have to repay the State what Skipperliner does not, are jointly hiring a 3<sup>rd</sup> attorney out of Madison who specializes in this sort of thing. The Board will be kept informed as the situation evolves.

## **SUBJECTS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

**WEB SITE PROCESS IMPROVEMENT TEAM VOLUNTEERS:** Chair Doyle asked for a few supervisors to serve on the Web Site Process Improvement Team. Interested supervisors can let him know after the meeting.

**ITBEC:** Chair Doyle needs information from an ITBEC (International Trade, Business and Economic Development Council) member regarding who to list for our County.

**WISCONSIN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION:** The 2010 Annual WCA Conference will be in Milwaukee from September 26 to the 28<sup>th</sup>. Reservations need to be in by August 2, 2010.

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**FAREWELL PARTY:** There will be a party for Human Services Director Jerry Huber, who is leaving La Crosse County in June, at the Pettibone Resort on June 15, 2010. The cost is \$15. Each supervisor has an invitation on their desk. Interested supervisors should submit their check to Renee Weston by June 4<sup>th</sup>. Chair Doyle noted that Jerry Huber has been a great asset and his departure is a big loss for La Crosse County. He hopes there will be a good turnout as we bid him farewell.

**MVHC:** Corporation Counsel Shepherd announced that there would be a ceremony at Gundersen Lutheran at 10:15 a.m. tomorrow, May 11, 2010 for signing of some health related legislation, including the bill authorizing the Mississippi Valley Health Consortium.

**REQUIRED PAPERWORK:** County Clerk Stone announced that several supervisors still have not turned in their Ethics and/or Conflict of Interest statements as required, and to please do so tonight or at the May 20, 2010 Monthly meeting.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion by Schroeder/Brockmiller to adjourn at 8:33:00 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 1 absent – Benrud and 10 excused - Wehrs, Keil, Kruse, Freedland, Pfaff, J. Johnson, Bilskemper, Berns, Sebranek and Konkell.

**STATE OF WISCONSIN )**

**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 Planning Meeting held Monday, May 10, 2010 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2010.