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**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, January 10, 2011 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The Chief Deputy County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 24 supervisors were present when Chair Doyle 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 Richmond, Andrea	Present
2 Geary, Ralph	Excused
3 Feehan, Bill	Present
4 Johnson, Jai	Excused
5 Konkell, Bradley	Excused
6 Billings, Jill	Present at 06:05 PM
7 Plesha, Roger	Present
8 Freedland, Maureen	Present
9 Hampson, Sharon	Present
10 Wood, Margaret	Present
11 Kader, Audrey	Present
12 Flood, Bridget	Present
13 Brockmiller, Bill	Present
14 Medinger, John	Present
15 Mach, Beverly	Present
16 Sebranek, Gerald	Present
17 Meyer, Donald	Present
18 Johnson, Tara	Present
19 Keil, Robert	Excused
20 Bina, Donald	Present
21 Manthei, Dennis	Excused
22 Ebert, Ray	Present
23 Gamroth, Tammy	Present
24 Pfaff, Leon	Excused
25 Schroeder, Jeffrey	Excused
26 Burke, Vicki	Present
27 Pedretti, Marilyn	Present
28 Doyle, Steve	Present
29 Kruse, Monica	Present, Excused at 07:23 PM
30 Spiker, Charles	Excused
31 Ferries, Dan	Present
32 Benrud, Arlene	Excused
33 Berns, Jim	Present
34 Wehrs, Tina	Present
35 Bilskemper, Joe	Excused

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT - STEVE DOYLE

- The WCA will be sponsoring County Redistricting In Focus on Monday, January 24, 2011, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, Stevens Point. The cost will be \$65.00.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - STEVE O'MALLEY

PROCLAMATION: JANUARY 2011 – HIGHWAY SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION MONTH

WHEREAS, staff works hard to build safe roads for residents of La Crosse County and visitors that travel upon and, **WHEREAS**, maintenance such as snowplowing, salting, grading shoulders, mowing, repairing, sealing, sweeping, and paving roads and many other duties to make La Crosse County highways clean and safe and, **WHEREAS**, the safety of all traveling persons are insured by the hardworking young men and women of the Highway Department. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of January 2011 as La Crosse County Highway Safety Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of persons dedicated to the insuring safe roads for La Crosse County residents and visitors.

Motion by G. Sebranek/V. Burke to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 10 excused – R. Geary, J. Johnson, J. Bilskemper, B. Konkel, R. Keil, D. Manthei, J. Schroeder, C. Spiker, A. Benrud, and L. Pfaff.

- **RETIREMENT:** Dennis Osgood has retired after serving 39 years to the community as the Highway Commissioner. The County Board and committee will be kept up-to-date on the hiring process and you are welcome to sit in on the interviews that will be with the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee. PWI will be the committee that will be bringing the name of the final recommendation for the appointment.
- **MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY:** La Crosse County is one of several organizations that will be sponsoring recognition and acknowledgement of Martin Luther King Day. It will be on Monday, January 17, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at Western Technical College Lunda Center. It is a free community event with speaker, Rev. Eugene Cowan from one of the inner city churches in Milwaukee.
- **SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT STUDY:** Solid Waste Director Hank Koch - A detailed Solid Waste Assessment is out on the Solid Waste website and has been presented to both city councils already. Solid Waste evaluation has been out for about a year and a very important event about to happen that will be explained tonight. This is about how we can improve the efficiency of collection and recycling in La Crosse County. Focus was on two biggest municipalities that produced majority of the waste. In early 2000 there were a lot of questions from municipalities about collection services in the future and how to improve those. This brought about the study. Challenge in future, beyond county, is how do we manage and improve collection and recycling services. In 2009 the sustainability plan was adopted. One recommendation was an assessment on services and how to improve and enhance recycling. Another big event in 2009 was the tremendous increase in landfill fees imposed by DNR; \$7 increase to almost \$13-14. Direction was given to make the study a joint effort with the municipalities. City of La Crosse and Onalaska were faced with a deadline to make a decision in 2013 on who their provider for garbage collection services will be. Bidding takes almost a year and longer if have to change over equipment. The study needed to be completed in 2010, otherwise there wouldn't be enough time to make the decision the municipalities need to make. The completed study was presented at the Solid Waste Open House and after some changes were made from input, the study was presented to City of Onalaska and City of La Crosse at their request. Goal and objectives was to inform area policy makers

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about future collection options, provide descriptions of options with pro/cons without giving recommendation, funding options besides property tax and focus was kept on residential collection. The report is divided into 7 major sections; existing systems, trends, benchmarking, carbon footprint, collection technology options, funding options and governance approaches. Existing system: Residential collection is typically a city, village, or town function. The County is only involved with HHM and drop-off. Collection is manual using rear loaders weekly and recycling bi-weekly. Regional and national trends are automated collection and single-stream recycling. Benchmark case studies comparing the cities of La Crosse and Onalaska to other Wisconsin cities show monthly collection costs are lower because we are a public solid waste system that promotes competition. Our recycling performance is lower due to no incentive or penalty to recycle. System carbon footprint has increased focus placed on greenhouse gas emissions. Changing waste management methods affects GHG emissions. EPA developed a model called a WARM model that looks at everything from energy to manufacture, energy to transport for recycling, etc. We asked our consultant to apply that model to our community to determine if we enhance recycling, would it have a beneficial impact from a greenhouse gas standpoint. Result is you will have 6,989 fewer metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents which is like taking 1,280 cars off the road per year. Collection technology options range from municipal collection, municipal contracts, open systems and coordinated collection. Each system has its' pros and cons. Funding options are general fund, which is property tax based, municipal utility billing and hauler direct billing which are both user fee based, flat rates and volume-based rates are pay as you throw. Governance requires leadership. There are laws in statute that allows municipalities to work together. The choices include to continue as is, multi-governmental system combing municipalities for all solid waste or selected services or county could be involved but is not necessary. This cooperative process provides numerous opportunities to save money over time going forward, improve customer service and provide for increases in sustainability. Money saving potentials are efficiencies in the system, collaboration, continuing to use private sector so payments will be more fair. What's next? One thing to do as a County Board is to nurture them and urge the City of La Crosse and or Onalaska to work together and support them in their efforts to collaborate. Something really exciting that happened in 2011, Solid Waste revised the hauler rebate program and the two largest haulers have signed up. One being Harter's, that means 5,000 tons more waste per year and roughly \$300,000 in revenue. Haulers get a 7-9% rebate. The cities are eligible for a 1% rebate if they show all their waste was coming to La Crosse County. The haulers are turning to the city and offering to share rebate with them and give half of rebate. The money hasn't stopped at the hauler but has flowed to the cities. This is still being talked about and has not been finalized yet. Solid Waste Director Koch responded to questions and comments from the board. The full presentation can be heard on the La Crosse County website at: <http://www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/Audio/2011.htm>

- **ADMINISTRATOR'S 2011 WORK PLAN AND EVALUATION:** Each year Administrator O'Malley updates his work plan for a two year period. He stated the budget will continue to dominate many discussions as well as financial planning for contingencies and trying to keep the Board informed on the different impacts and choices the Board has within the budget constraints we have coming up. Labor relations will be an ongoing issue and looking for ways to inform the public of some of the work we are doing. Administrator O'Malley explained the topics on his work plan, responded to questions from the Board and suggestions were made to add topics to his work plan. Administrator O'Malley reviewed the County Board calendar for the year and possible topics for future meetings. He noted that this is not an all inclusive list and if you want topics added to contact him. Chair Doyle mentioned one topic that will be coming up is redistricting and we are getting close to setting a range on County Board size. Administrator O'Malley asked for feedback on how to proceed on his evaluation. To keep the same method as was used in the past or change to a new method.

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- **FEBRUARY MEETING DATES:** The WCA Legislative Conference on Feb 8-9, 2011 will conflict with the February 7 Policy Planning Meeting as well as several committee meetings. Suggestions were given and after a brief discussion, by a vote of a show of hands, it was decided that the February Policy Planning meeting will be held February 21, 2011 at 6 p.m. Chair Doyle reminded everyone that on March 3, 2011 at 6 p.m. is the Town Hall meeting being held in the new jail. The Criminal Justice Management Council wanted to get the public better educated as to what they are doing and why. Coordinate with Margaret in the Chair's Office regarding anything with WCA Legislative Conference.

SUBJECTS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Supervisor Bina suggested the intake of medicines at the landfill be added to the agenda for a future topic.

ADJOURN: Motion by G. Sebranek/B. Brockmiller to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. passed on a unanimous voice vote with 11 excused – R. Geary, J. Johnson, J. Bilskemper, B. Konkel, R. Keil, D. Manthei, M. Kruse, J. Schroeder, C. Spiker, A. Benrud, and L. Pfaff.

**STATE OF WISCONSIN)
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE)**

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Chief Deputy 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 Planning Meeting held Monday, January 10, 2011 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS 18th DAY OF JANUARY 2011.
