

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING  
PROCEEDINGS; THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2011**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, March 17, 2011 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 29 supervisors were present when Chair Steven 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:

<b>District Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
1 Richmond, Andrea	Present
2 Geary, Ralph	Present
3 Feehan, Bill	Present
4 Johnson, Jai	Excused
5 Konkel, Bradley	Excused
6 Billings, Jill	Present
7 Plesha, Roger	Present
8 Freedland, Maureen	Present at 07:02 PM
9 Hampson, Sharon	Present
10 Wood, Margaret	Present
11 Kader, Audrey	Present at 06:06 PM
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	Present
20 Bina, Donald	Present
21 Manthei, Dennis	Present
22 Ebert, Ray	Present
23 Gamroth, Tammy	Present
24 Pfaff, Leon	Present
25 Schroeder, Jeffrey	Present
26 Burke, Vicki	Present
27 Pedretti, Marilyn	Present
28 Doyle, Steve	Present
29 Kruse, Monica	Present
30 Spiker, Charles	Present
31 Ferries, Dan	Excused
32 Benrud, Arlene	Present
33 Berns, Jim	Absent
34 Wehrs, Tina	Present
35 Bilskemper, Joe	Present

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**County Board Chair Report - Steven Doyle**

- Supervisor Conference Reports:
  - Supervisor Pfaff noted that the meat tray in the locker room was donated by Craig's Meat who participates in venison donation program. This year 88 deer were donated and dressed out 48 pounds of ground venison per deer. Buffalo County had 39 pounds per deer dressed out and Jackson County was in the low 40's of pounds per deer dressed out. Statewide, 160,000 pounds of meat donated and that supplies 640,000 meals in the State of Wisconsin. Majority of the meat goes to the Hunger Task Force in La Crosse and Onalaska area. They are in more need than ever for donations.
  - Supervisor Meyer has a report from Brennan Company about the Port of La Crosse and barge fleet summary that will be passed around during the meeting. The Port of La Crosse Joint Board of Harbor Commission annual report was in your packet and if you have any questions to contact Supervisor Meyer or Karl Green in UW Extension.
  - Supervisor Hampson mentioned a handout was on each Supervisor's desk summarizing the NACO Legislative conference that she attended for a week in Washington DC. We are not getting any more money, we are doing more with less. There was a wide range of speakers. Some familiar topics were government initiatives to lower jail and prison populations, which we are already doing, Affordable Care Act – Prevention and Public Health Investments, and Michele Obama's "Let's Move!" campaign. Key legislative priorities for 2011 that NACO plans on pursuing in their lobbying in Congress: promote county fiscal relief and save jobs, save jobs by repealing the 3% tax withholding requirement, support job creation by enacting aviation and surface transportation program reauthorizations, opposition to job killing unfunded mandates and preemptions, support county health priorities, and support job creation by making rural development a priority within Farm Bill Reauthorization. Sixty webinars are planned in the near future on wide variety of county topics. Check the website for a list of those. Mood in Washington were feeling ignore because they are spending more attention on what was happening in Madison. No county money was used on this trip. Everyone received an invitation to "A Journey Home", which is about the experience of a child being taken out of family and put into foster care.
  - Supervisor Kruse along with Supervisor Wood attended the WCA Regional Legislative meeting this afternoon, more gloom and doom and much uncertainty regarding the implementation of the Budget Repair Bill because no one knows if it will withstand the legal challenges. If it does withstand the challenges, it will fundamentally change the way the State and Counties do business with each other and how we relate to employees. Administrative rules can now be written to supersede state laws and would be good for four years. The County stands to lose \$67,026 in the area of Income Maintenance.
  - Supervisor Benrud wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day. Brochures were left on supervisor's desk regarding The Shamrock Club. They spend the entire day visiting schools and nursing homes.
- **UPDATE ON POTENTIAL SPRING FLOODING AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER:**

One of the responsibilities of the County Board Chair is to declare a State of Emergency and activate the County Emergency Operations Center. Chairman Doyle plans on doing that next week by Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> but perhaps before that, with the expectation of flooding. Once the floods arrive, we will be dealing with the Emergency Operations Center for about two months. In anticipation of near record

flooding, Emergency Management Coordinator Keith Butler is recommending a Level 3 activation of the County Emergency Operations Center beginning Friday April 1, 2011. The Town of Campbell has already done this. Level 3 EOC activation requires daily briefing session with all appropriate agencies regarding flood preparations and planning activities. Daily briefings will increase in number as flooding increases and Level 2 EOC activation. Level 1 EOC would be required when actually flooding is occurring or imminent. The County auditorium will be used for all operations. This has been in planning for weeks and weeks. With the last three or four days of non rain and slow snow melt, they may be able to back off some of predictions in terms of amounts.

#### **Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley**

- County Board Members Email Addresses:  
IT Director John Parshall – In April we will roll out the new County Board Website. Each Supervisor received a questionnaire that was placed on their desk. Please fill that out and turn back in. Email is being used more and more and less with printing. Supervisors are in various states, some are using personal, some county emails and some both or none. IT will come back on April 11<sup>th</sup> with more information from the questionnaire. Advantages of using county email: 1. Ability to save emails and archive those to use with public records request whereas we can't help with personal email accounts, 2. Security of county email is much stronger than with Charter, Yahoo, etc. The county is geared on content filtering, spam protection and a lot of things that will keep you out of trouble, and 3. Constant encryption is running across the board so nobody can spoof your emails or see them. If you are emailing back and forth or to the State it automatically turns on and encrypts. If everyone is on the same system with same features, you will have the same distribution list and access to employee lists and calendars. Some provisions were put in place to be able to back door personal email in a way to save personal email accounts. You still won't get all the other features that county email provides. Supervisors will still need to log onto county email to do housekeeping and delete emails. The questionnaire can be turned into the County Clerk's Office. We will have training on certain dates and IT staff members will be available to address individual needs. Keep in mind that if you are discussing County business, whether it's on personal or county email, it is considered an open record and you will be required to turn over personal email. It is not confidential if it has to do with county business. County business is best done on county email and non county business should be done on personal email.
- Update on State Budget:  
Over the last 37 days from when the proposal first came out to this last week we are adapting to the changes. The bill has moved from being a proposal to now being adopted. Most of the cuts are pushed to 2012, \$1.4 million. The bill continues to shifts cost to counties, avoids responsibility for state imposed mandates. Impact to clients and community will be significant. It also will cap property taxes at 0% for operating levy plus new construction. The last two years has been 0% increase in operating levy for La Crosse County and the only increase has been for debt services for the new law enforcement center. We were \$3.06 million under existing levy limit and \$1.06 million under rate limit. Cuts being made are in Shared Revenue by 24%, general transportation aids by 10%, child support by 50%, youth aids by 10%, and a slight increase in BCA but that will be taken back by Income Maintenance takeover. Most complex impacts in Human Services / Medicaid, no cuts to nursing homes, no new costs to solid waste, major clients impacts begin 2011 (IM, HS, Aging, and Transit). Estimated savings versus aid cuts is inaccurate. WRS savings of \$2.5 million and health insurance of \$1.8 million in savings, health insurance based on 4.2% of payroll, not sure where that number came from, only affects people in state plan, we have our own plan that employees support. Employees work with county to control cost. Last three years the premiums have gone up 5%, 1% and 0%. Employees are participating in wellness programs and health risk assessments. The

state has overstated the health insurance savings. WRS savings is not levy savings. Hillview and Solid Waste is not on tax levy so can't take that to offset shared revenue. Important to understand that pension saving are not automatic because you can't transfer that to the general fund. Goal of budget repair bill and budget supposed to be: local government needs tools to meet 0% tax levy increase excluding debt, plus new construction. Employees will pay 50% of WRS, wage increase cap at CPI, pay 12% of health insurance, if in state plan and if La Crosse County goes to state plan it would cost us 8% more. Near unilateral authority given to the employer on all issues except discipline, must create civil service process. Prohibited from bargaining on all except wages and may not withhold union dues and union recertification each year. Finance Director Gary Ingvalson: 0% property tax cap plus new construction, levy history shows new tax base supported 43% of increases over last 10 years, the impact to existing taxpayers due to new tax base is 1.8% average over most recent 6 years. 2011 budget strategy: not one dime more spent than budget repair bill in 2011, 100% levy savings. 2011 Budget Repair Bill: "tools" to meet 0% levy with state cuts, 45% levy savings. UTO unlikely if employees forced into WRS contribution. Budget Repair Bill has savings of \$220,210 whereas the County Budget has savings of \$405,274 for bargaining units. For non-bargaining units the County has savings of \$525,251 as compared to \$339,154 for the Budget Repair Bill. 2012 full year projections net levy savings for all bargaining units net \$489,914 and \$294,237 for non-bargaining units for and estimated levy savings of \$784,150.

**AGENDA ORDER:** Supervisor T. Johnson asked for unanimous consent to suspend the rules and take agenda addendum item #3-19 out of order. Hearing no objection, Chair Doyle moved to addendum Item 3-19, Re: Adoption of 2011-2013 Collective Bargaining Agreements for the following Unions: AFSCME Local 2484 Professional; Para Professional & Clerical; Lakeview Employees; Highway And Parks Employees; Jailers; WPPA Telecommunicators; SEIU Local 150 Hillview

**RESOLUTION NO. 83-3/11 RE: ADOPTION OF 2011-2013 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING UNIONS: AFSCME LOCAL 2484 PROFESSIONAL; PARA PROFESSIONAL & CLERICAL; LAKEVIEW EMPLOYEES; HIGHWAY AND PARKS EMPLOYEES; JAILERS; WPPA TELECOMMUNICATORS; SEIU LOCAL 150 HILLVIEW**

**WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has concluded collective bargaining negotiations and reached tentative agreements with AFSCME Local 2484 Union employees in five units and WPPA Union employees in one unit and SEIU Local 150 for successor union contracts with each unit covering the years 2011, 2012 and 2013, (but does not include agreements with WPPA Sheriff Deputies for 2012 & 2013); and, **WHEREAS**, the agreements include a wage freeze for 2011, annual raises for 2012 & 2013 and retirement contributions to begin in 2012, while no change is made in share of Health Insurance premiums because La Crosse County's self insured plan has good claims experience over the past three years with a 0% change in premiums for 2011, representing an 8% cost savings over the State Plan and the average of similar sized Counties. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the tentative agreements of the parties, summaries of which are attached, for contract changes for years 2011, 2012 and 2013, including:

- Across the board wage freeze for 2011; 2% wage increase each year for 2012 and 2013
- Effective January 1, 2012, the bargaining units listed above would be required to pay 50% of all actuarially required WRS contributions.
- Health & Dental Insurance premium share (90% Employer and 10% Employee), subject to any increase or decrease in premium requirement for 2012 & 2013
- All other terms and conditions in the contracts to continue

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair, County Administrator and Personnel Director are authorized to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreements upon approval of the Corporation Counsel, and that the Personnel and Finance departments are authorized to take such action as is necessary to put the agreements into effect. **FISCAL NOTE:** The net impact is .6% for WRS or appx. \$174,500 for all units for 2011 as budgeted. For 2012 & 2013, each year estimated impact is \$666,592 raise – (\$1,628,237) WRS contribution for Gross Savings of \$961,645, which about 45% equals Levy savings of \$432,740. The number of employees in the units are approximately **Professional - 121; Para Professional & Clerical - 246; Lakeview Employees - 207; Highway and Parks employees - 59; Jailers - 53; WPPA Telecommunicators – 23, and Hillview 140.**

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by T. Johnson/B. Brockmiller to approve. Personnel Director Robert Taunt introduced AFSCME Local 2484 Union President Mary Speltz who spoke to the appreciation of working with the La Crosse County Administration and the County Board and asked for the endorsement of the Resolution. Personnel Director Robert Taunt summarized the Resolution and responded to questions from the Board. Discussion ensued. Finance Director Gary Ingvalson responded to questions from the Board as did Administrator O'Malley and Chairman Doyle. Lengthy discussion continued. The motion to approve passed on a roll call vote with 25 ayes, 3 nays - R. Ebert, B. Feehan and T. Wehrs, 3 abstentions - R. Geary, R. Keil and G. Sebranek, 1 absent - J. Berns, 3 excused - D. Ferries, J. Johnson and B. Konkel.

#### **CHAIR CHANGE**

Vice Chair T. Johnson took the chair.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

Appoint Terry Houlihan to the Board of Adjustment to replace 1st Alternate George Hammes for a term to expire on December 31, 2011; Appoint Terry Larsen to the Board of Adjustment to replace Terry Houlihan for the remainder of a term to expire on December 31, 2011.

Motion by S. Doyle/B. Brockmiller to approve the appointments passed on a unanimous voice vote with 31 ayes, 1 absent - J. Berns, 3 excused - D. Ferries, J. Johnson and B. Konkel.

#### **CHAIR CHANGE**

Chair S. Doyle resumed the chair.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by R. Plesha/G. Sebranek to approve the minutes of the County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting held February 17, 2011 and the planning meeting held February 21, 2011 and approval of the claims list for \$12,531,415.85 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 31 ayes, 1 absent - J. Berns, 3 excused - D. Ferries, J. Johnson and B. Konkel.

#### **ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z256-3/11 RE: PETITION NO. 1862 FILED BY TIMOTHY J & WENDY R MARKGREN; OBO MARKGREN LANDSCAPE GROUP, INC., TO REZONE FROM INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO COMMERCIAL DISTRICT "B" IN THE TOWN OF ONALASKA**

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 1862 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: Timothy J & Wendy R Markgren, 1501 Pioneer Dr, Holmen, WI 54636; obo Markgren Landscape Group, Inc., W7069 County Road ZN, Onalaska, WI 54650 and having held a public hearing on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2011 to rezone from Industrial District to Commercial District "B" the following described land in the Town(s) of Onalaska Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map No. 27, Vol. 3. Town of Onalaska. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats.: 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 and

official correspondence; and, did receive and consider action from the affected Town Board(s). The Committee, under s. 59.69(5)(e)4, and under s. 91.48(1), 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 five (5) in favor (two (2) excused – Keil & Manthei) the Committee recommended approval contingent on the Town of Onalaska submitting official correspondence that they have amended their land use plan to show the proposed use is consistent with their plan. (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 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2011. Approved the petition as submitted, becomes an ordinance.

#### **PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Motion by D. Meyer/D. Manthei to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 31 ayes, 1 absent - J. Berns, 3 excused - D. Ferries, J. Johnson and B. Konkel.

#### **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 823 FILED BY FRED W & ELIZABETH SCHOMBERG, TO EXCAVATE AND SELL BORROW MATERIALS FROM AN APPROXIMATE ½ ACRE SITE ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF LOGING ROAD ON LAND THAT IS ZONED EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF BARRE**

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered the application filed by: Fred W & Elizabeth Schomberg, W3796 Logging Rd, West Salem, WI 54669 and having held a public hearing on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2011 for a Conditional Use Permit to excavate and sell borrow materials from an approximate ½ acre site along the north side of Logging Road on land that is zoned Exclusive Agriculture District in the Town(s) of Barre on land described as follows: The South 25' of the East 400' of the SW-SE of Section 16, T16N, R6W, and that part of the NW-NE of Section 21, T16N, R6W lying northerly of Logging Rd; EXCEPT that part lying easterly of the private driveway. 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, under s. 91.48(1), Wis. Stats., along with 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 conditions**.

By a vote of five (5) in favor (two (2) excused – Keil & Manthei) the Committee recommended approval subject to the following six (6) conditions:

1. This permit is granted to allow the removal of borrow materials with no stockpiling. If more than one (1) acre is disturbed an after-the-fact Non-Metallic Mining Permit will be required;
2. Access to this site is from the private driveway – no access is allowed onto Logging Rd;
3. Nothing can be taken from the right-of-way of Logging Rd unless specifically approved by the Town Board including ditching and final sloping;
4. An approved erosion control permit is required before any borrow materials are removed;
5. This permit expires the end of September 2012; and
6. This permit is non-transferable.

**The County Board** took the following action this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2011. Approved subject to conditions as outlined

#### **PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Motion by D. Meyer/D. Bina to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes, 1 absent - J. Berns, 4 excused - D. Ferries, T. Johnson, J. Johnson and B. Konkel.

**ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z257-3/11 RE: PETITION NO. 1863 FILED BY DAVID HERLITZKE; OBO D&E HERLITZKE TRUST, TO REZONE FROM AGRICULTURE DISTRICT "A" TO COMMERCIAL DISTRICT "C" IN THE TOWN OF ONALASKA**

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 1863 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: David Herlitzke; obo D&E Herlitzke Trust, 2131 Market St, La Crosse, WI 54601 and having held a public hearing on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2011 to rezone from Agriculture District "A" to Commercial District "C" the following described land in the Town(s) of Onalaska Part of the NE-NW in Section 15, T17N, R8W described in tax parcel 10-1555-1. Town of Onalaska. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats.: 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 and official correspondence; and, did receive and consider action from the affected Town Board(s). The Committee, under s. 59.69(5)(e)4, and under s. 91.48(1), 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 three (3) in favor; two (2) in opposition – Meyer and Mach; and (two (2) excused – Keil & Manthei), the Committee recommended approval contingent on the Town of Onalaska amending their Town Land Use Plan to indicate this use is consistent with their plan and file official correspondence indicating this change. (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 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2011. Approved the petition with conditions.

**PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Motion by D. Meyer/M. Pedretti to approve. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Hampson asked to hear from the Supervisors who voted no in Committee. Zoning, Planning and Land Information Director Jeff Bluske responded to questions from the board. Motion by J. Billings/B. Flood to hold over for 60 days. Discussion continued. Supervisors Billings/Flood withdrew the motion to hold over for 60 days. The motion to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a roll call vote with 25 ayes, 5 nays - J. Billings, B. Brockmiller, S. Hampson, B. Mach and D. Meyer, 1 absent - J. Berns, 4 excused - B. Feehan, D. Ferries, J. Johnson and B. Konkel.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 824 FILED BY TODD & TONIA WRIGHT, TO OPERATE A LANDSCAPING AND EXCAVATING BUSINESS AND A CONTRACTOR'S STORAGE FOR A SEPARATE UNRELATED OWNER AND BUSINESS ON LAND THAT IS ZONED EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF HOLLAND**

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered the application filed by: Todd & Tonia Wright, W7091 Gaarder Rd, Holmen, WI 54636 and having held a public hearing on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2011 for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a landscaping and excavating business and a contractor's storage for a separate unrelated owner and business off Gaarder Rd and county Road "V" on 35.04 acres on land that is zoned Exclusive Agriculture District in the Town(s) of Holland on land described as follows: Part of the W ½-NE of Section 31, T18N, R7W described in tax parcels 8-352-2 and 8-354-2. Town of Holland. 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, under s. 91.48(1), Wis. Stats., along with 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 conditions.** By a vote of five (5) in favor (two (2) excused – Keil & Manthei) the Committee recommended approval subject to the following thirteen (13) conditions:

1. This permit is granted specifically to allow for the operation of a landscaping business and excavation business at W7091 Gaarder Rd;
2. Operations and storage of equipment will be confined to the areas designated on the application;
3. Hours of operation are: 7 AM – 7 PM seven (7) days per week;
4. Number of employees not including family is three (3);
5. Equipment: six (6) vehicles; a bobcat and trailer, a dozer and trailer; a mulcher and trailer; two (2) dump trucks, semi and flat bed and semi and dump trailer;
6. Small amounts of decorative rock, sand, gravel, mulch, sod and edging will be stored on site;
7. Hand tools and equipment will be stored inside;
8. The former Long Coulee School building and surrounding 1.5 acres will be used for the sale of trees, sod, plants and other landscaping materials;
9. A zoning/occupancy permit is required for a change in occupancy of the school building;
10. A 4-ft X 4-ft unlighted sign is approved;
11. All equipment and trailers shall be reported to the local assessors yearly;
12. This permit is non-transferrable; and
13. This permit replaces and terminates Conditional Use Permit No. 492 on Brices Prairie in its entirety.

**The County Board** took the following action this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2011. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

#### **PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Motion by D. Meyer/D. Bina to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 31 ayes, 1 absent - J. Berns, 3 excused - D. Ferries, J. Johnson and B. Konkel.

#### **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 825 FILED BY F. DAVID & DIANE M WOLF, TO OPERATE A COACH BUSING/TRANSPORT BUSINESS ON 4.69 ACRES ON LAND THAT IS ZONED EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF BANGOR**

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered the application filed by: F. David & Diane M Wolf, W2105 County Road B, West Salem, WI 54669 and having held a public hearing on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2011 for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a coach busing/transport business on 4.69 acres of land lying south of County Road "B" on land that is zoned Exclusive Agriculture District in the Town(s) of Bangor on land described as follows: Part of the NE-SE of Section 6, T16N, R5W; commencing at the East ¼ corner of said Section 6, S72°52'33"W 444.67' to the southerly right-of-way line of County Road B and the POB; S6°4'26"W 160'; S27°48'19"W 220.22'; S7°46'13"E 194.49'; N89°30'1"W 311'; N0°29'59"E 633.14' to said southerly right-of-way line; along said southerly right-of-way line S81°54'52"E 165.85'; continue along said southerly right-of-way line S73°44'52"E 107.9'; continue along said southerly right-of-way line on the arc of a 3852.71' radius curve, concave to the northeast, the chord of which bears S74°45'27.5"E 135.8' to the POB. Together with a 20' & 16.5' access easement. Town of Bangor. 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, under s. 91.48(1), Wis. Stats., along with 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 conditions.** By a vote of five (5) in favor (two (2) excused – Keil & Manthei) the Committee recommended approval subject to the following six (6) conditions:



1. This permit is approved specifically for the operation of a coach busing and transport business out of the existing barn on 4.69 acres at W2105 County Road B, West Salem, WI 54669;
2. An area 40-ft X 70-ft deep on the south end of the barn can be used for servicing the small commercial bus service;
3. An outside area south of and adjacent to said barn 100-ft X 150-ft can be used for storage of four (4) buses and employee vehicles;
4. A 16.5-ft access easement is approved and shall be maintained open for inspections and access at all times;
5. The 4.69 acres shall be maintained under the ownership of the farm owner. Any sale or transfer will result in this permit being terminated immediately; and
6. This is part of a large drainage area, so a contact should be made with the Land Conservation Department for Storm Water Management.

**The County Board** took the following action this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2011. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

#### **PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Motion by D. Meyer/D. Bina to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 31 ayes, 1 absent - J. Berns, 3 excused - D. Ferries, J. Johnson and B. Konkel.

**RESOLUTION NO. 84-3/11 RE: ACKNOWLEDGE "THE BEST OF PUBLIC SERVICE"**  
**WHEREAS**, the following employees have been a faithful part in providing "The Best of Public Service" to La Crosse County:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Dr. Maxwell E. Cabbage	Human Services Clinical Department	18+
Peggy L. Crowley	Hillview Health Care Center	21+

**WHEREAS**, it is the wish of the County Board of Supervisors to acknowledge long and faithful service on behalf of the citizens of La Crosse County; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that a resolution extending our congratulations be recorded in La Crosse County Board Proceedings and a certificate of our actions be presented as an expression of our gratitude.

**STEVEN P. DOYLE**  
**GINNY DANKMEYER**

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by T. Johnson/L. Pfaff to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes, 1 absent - J. Berns, 4 excused - D. Ferries, M. Freedland, J. Johnson and B. Konkel.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 85-3/11 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 2013 is to engineer and install two tripod barge tie-off structures 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 is not a petition for federal and/or state aid. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves the attached Harbor Development Statement of Intentions for the years 2012-

2014. **FISCAL NOTE:** Funding sources for 2013 proposed improvement project are: Fleeting rental - \$30,000 and DOT Harbor Assistance Program (HAP) Funds - \$120,000.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by T. Johnson/D. Meyer to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes, 1 absent - J. Berns, 4 excused - D. Ferries, M. Freedland, J. Johnson and B. Konkel.

**RESOLUTION NO. 86-3/11 RE: AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM LAND RECORDS UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE TO PAY FOR FIDLAR E-RECORDING SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE**

**WHEREAS**, La Crosse County continues to utilize Fidar Technologies as the company that licenses the Register of Deeds Recording and e-Recording software; and, **WHEREAS**, the annual software maintenance cost for e-Recording in the amount of \$2,700 is due for calendar year 2011; and, **WHEREAS**, this amount was inadvertently omitted from the 2011 Land Records budget. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that \$2,700.00 be transferred from the Land Records Undesignated Fund Balance to Org 2600 Land Recording-Info Center, Account 74082 Computer Software Maintenance to cover the cost of this expense. **FISCAL NOTE:** There is approximately \$511,000 available in the Land Records Undesignated Fund Balance.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by T. Johnson/D. Meyer to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 30 ayes, 1 absent - J. Berns, 4 excused - D. Ferries, M. Freedland, J. Johnson and B. Konkel.

**RESOLUTION NO. 87-3/11 RE: ACCEPT HEALTHY LIVING CONTRACT, INCREASE HEALTH EDUCATOR I HOURS BY .09 FTE – 3.5 HOURS/WEEK AND HIRE A LTE WORK ASSISTANT FOR 150 HOURS BETWEEN MAY – SEPTEMBER 2011**

**WHEREAS**, the Health Department has received a Healthy Living contract for \$25,000 from the State of Wisconsin for 2011 to provide implementation funding for the Healthy Living Collaboration project to create a community environment that promotes healthy eating and activity choices; and, **WHEREAS**, 2 out of 3 adults and 1 out of 3 children are overweight or obese; and, **WHEREAS**, an existing Health Educator I would need to be increased from .66 to .76 Full Time Equivalents to meet the contract objectives; and, **WHEREAS**, a work assistant will need to be hired for 150 hours between May 2011 and September 2011 to meet contract objectives; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Health Department is authorized to accept the Healthy Living contract for \$25,000 for the period January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011, to hire a work assistant from approximately May 1st through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and to increase the hours of one existing Health Educator from .66 to .76 FTE for the length of the contract. **FISCAL NOTE:** The cost of the additional hours for the length of the contract is \$4,384 for salary and \$ 683 for fringes for a total of \$ 5,067. The remaining funds will be used to meet contract objectives.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by T. Johnson/M. Kruse to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 31 ayes, 1 absent - J. Berns, 3 excused - D. Ferries, J. Johnson and B. Konkel.

**REGIONAL PRINCIPLES OF COLLABORATION COMPACT**

**Principles**

We as leaders in the 7 Rivers Region, acknowledge that the success of our region is greatly enhanced by a commitment to regional collaboration. Therefore, with this signing, we adopt the following principles to support our regional culture, sustainable growth and prosperity, and the highest quality of life for all residents.

**Equity** - Act without bias or favoritism, focusing on what is best for the region. As part of this, we support economic opportunity and high quality of life for people of all backgrounds and skill levels.

**Collaboration** - Work across jurisdictions and sectors in recognition that our economy and our assets transcend those boundaries. We agree that our ability to compete globally is

dependent on our ability to collaborate locally and as a region. We recognize that quality of life and economic development do not stop at community, county, or state lines.

**Cooperation** – Support and promote cooperative intergovernmental strategies that create and maintain regional economic development initiatives and improve the overall efficiency of municipal services throughout the 7 Rivers Region.

**Stewardship** - Preserve our assets, unique places, infrastructure and natural resources because economic development and quality of life are inextricably linked - that economic prosperity means a high quality of life, and quality of life fosters economic prosperity. We know that our regional assets create economic opportunities for the region, and we will be stewards of those assets.

**Celebration** - Identify, celebrate and market the unique assets of all counties and communities within the region. We recognize that the whole of our regional assets is greater than the sum of its parts, and that this is a competitive advantage for our region. We know that the 7 Rivers Region represents three states, multiple counties, and a myriad of communities – providing a vast array of resources – and conversely, that one state, county, and municipality alone can offer only a fraction of the possible assets.

**Competitiveness** - Position this region, based on its assets, to successfully compete nationally and globally. We embrace competition, but we will refrain from disparaging or selling against other communities within the region. We will work cooperatively to retain, grow, and attract economic growth to our region.

**Focus** - Identify and strengthen specific, targeted economic development and quality of life efforts to greatly impact broader regional prosperity. We will focus our efforts on what are most effective, setting targets and priorities in our work for better results.

**Servant Leadership** - Support, assist and leverage leadership and related work across the region for the betterment of the region. We will demonstrate our leadership by seeking out partnership and support roles that will allow us to move the region forward by enhancing and assisting existing efforts and leaders.

**Innovation** - Seek innovative and creative ways to grow the region's economy in ways that preserve and enhance the quality of life. We acknowledge the competitive edge that innovation brings to this region, and will actively seek out creative solutions in our work.

**Transparency** - Conduct work in a way that is open and accessible. We acknowledge the collaborative benefit and trust that comes from open communication.

**Measurement** - Develop goals and metrics as a region to ensure progress. We will track our performance as a region, and we will use a common set of measurements to determine our progress. We come together annually to move the goals of this compact forward and to report and celebrate our collaborative successes.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion by T. Johnson/M. Wood to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 31 ayes, 1 absent - J. Berns, 3 excused - D. Ferries, J. Johnson and B. Konkel.

**Supervisor Hampson yielded the floor to Supervisor Billings.**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 88-3/11 RE: APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF ART SHOW FUNDS FOR WISCONSIN WELL WOMEN PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, Ann Peterson, owner of Gallery La Crosse, wishes to donate funds to assist breast cancer patients who are in financial need; and, **WHEREAS**, funds will be used to assist Wisconsin Well Women Program (WWWP) qualifying individuals with purchases of breast cancer necessities, or provide other financial assistance as deemed necessary; and, **WHEREAS**, these funds will be raised at the annual art show, which selects different programs to receive donations annually. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the La Crosse County Board does hereby accept the art show donation of approximately \$50 to \$300 for the period July – December 2011. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Health Department is authorized to distribute these funds as determined by the standards of the WWWP program. **FISCAL NOTE:** The total amount raised will be deposited in Account #8517-59030 Cash Contributions, with expenditures being paid out of Account #8517-79037 Donation Expense Money.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Motion by J. Billings/B. Brockmiller to approve. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 31 ayes, 1 absent - J. Berns, 3 excused - D. Ferries, J. Johnson and B. Konkel.

**RESOLUTION NO. 89-3/11 RE: APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF HORSE SHOW FUNDS FOR WISCONSIN WELL WOMEN PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, Julie Harter, owner of Bits 'N Bridle Horse Stables, wishes to donate funds to assist breast cancer patients who are in financial need; and, **WHEREAS**, funds will be used to assist Wisconsin Well Women Program (WWWP) qualifying individuals with purchases of breast cancer necessities, or provide other financial assistance as deemed necessary; and, **WHEREAS**, these funds will be raised at the annual horse show honoring Ms. Harter's family and friends who have gone through breast cancer. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the La Crosse County Board does hereby accept the horse show donation of approximately \$2,500 for the period January – December 2011. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Health Department is authorized to distribute these funds as determined by the standards of the WWWP program. **FISCAL NOTE:** The total amount raised will be deposited in Account #8517-59030 Cash Contributions, with expenditures being paid out of Account #8517-79037 Donation Expense Money.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Motion by J. Billings/T. Wehrs to approve. Discussion ensued. Finance Director Gary Ingvalson responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 31 ayes, 1 absent - J. Berns, 3 excused - D. Ferries, J. Johnson and B. Konkel.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

Supervisor Schroeder wanted to also thank the Highway department for their help in the Town of Campbell.

Supervisor Ebert inquired as to what legal authority the Chairman has to compel attendance at meetings and how much force the Sheriff is allowed to bring them in.

Supervisor Mach asked for an agenda item on Mass Transit.

Supervisor Spiker asked for an update on the Lakeview Business Park.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by G. Sebranek/B. Brockmiller to adjourn at 8:26 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 31 ayes, 1 absent - J. Berns, 3 excused - D. Ferries, J. Johnson, and, B. Konkel.

**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, March 17, 2011 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 23 OF MARCH 2011.**