

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, June 11, 2012 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 25 supervisors were present when Chair Tara Johnson 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	Present
3 Veenstra, Joe	Excused
4 Freedland, Maureen	Present
5 Johnson, Karin	Present
6 Plesha, Roger	Excused
7 Hampson, Sharon	Present
8 Jerome, Peg	Present
9 Londre, Andrew	Present
10 Becker, Richard	Present
11 Brockmiller, Bill	Present
12 Holtze, Dave	Present
13 Meyer, Donald	Present
14 Schroeder, Jeffrey	Present
15 Kruse, Monica	Present
16 Ferries, Dan	Present
17 Berns, Jim	Present
18 Berg, Laurence	Present
19 Downer, Thomas	Present
20 Doyle, Steve	Present
21 Burke, Vicki	Present
22 Spiker, Charles	Present
23 Pedretti, Marilyn	Present
24 Pfaff, Leon	Excused
25 Ebert, Ray	Present
26 Gamroth, Tammy	Present
27 Wehrs, Tina	Present
28 Keil, Robert	Absent
29 Johnson, Tara	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Tara Johnson

- County Board Picnic Update – Bob Keil
 - Supervisor Keil was not in attendance so this report will be held over until the monthly board meeting.
- Supervisor Conference Reports

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- o Supervisor Berns attended the WCHA (Wisconsin County Highway Association) conference in Wisconsin Dells. He attended a meeting on asphalt maintenance and learned it is 5 times more costly to replace a road than to maintain. WCHA protects the interest of WI Counties on road issues. Supervisor Berns complimented the La Crosse County Highway Commissioner for taking a leadership role with the WCHA.
- o Supervisor Burke announced a resource fair that will take place June 14 in rooms 1615 and 1617 in the Justice Center related to the transition from jail to community initiative that La Crosse County has been involved in. A summary was provided to each supervisor on the Arts & Economic Prosperity IV study conducted by Americans for the Arts. Supervisor Burke has the full report if any supervisor is interested.
- o Supervisor Pedretti attended a WI Association of County Extension Committees presentation in Eau Claire. The morning portion was a business meeting and the afternoon was a tour of a Frac Sand Mine. She gave compliments to Karl Green who gave the presentation; his work and presentation are being used statewide. She complimented the County Clerk on keeping Municipal clerks informed on all the election changes.
- o Supervisor Freedland attended a sustainability conference at Western Technical College. Western is positioning itself to be a regional resource in sustainability issues.
- o Supervisor Doyle commented on WCA folders and information that was sent to supervisors as unnecessary and a waste of money. He also congratulated Supervisor Pedretti on her article in the La Crosse Tribune on her sustainability work. She truly does walk the walk.
- o Supervisor Schroeder also attended the WCHA conference and co-chair the WCA Transportation Steering Committee and the WCHA Legislative Committee. They reviewed the legislative priorities and considered any additional priorities.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

PROCLAMATION JUNE 2012 - PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES MONTH

WHEREAS, the County Parks system and our Natural Resources are an integral part of the La Crosse County Community; and, **WHEREAS**, the quality of our Parks and Natural Resources provides safe and healthy places for residents and visitors to recreate and enjoy; and, **WHEREAS**, residents and visitors are encouraged to educate themselves and adopt responsible lifestyles that preserve the beauty and value of our Parks and Natural Resources; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County employees from the Facilities Department and the Department of Land Conservation serve to educate, protect, maintain and enhance the quality of our Parks and Natural Resources; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the Month of June 2012 as La Crosse County Parks and Natural Resources Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution made by County employees dedicated to the welfare of our Parks and Natural Resources for the benefit of our residents and visitors of La Crosse County.

Motion by B. Brockmiller/J. Berns to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 1 absent - R. Keil, 3 excused - L. Pfaff, R. Plesha and J. Veenstra.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by M. Pedretti/A. Londre to appoint Nathan Sampson as the Planning & Zoning Administrator. Administrator O'Malley recommended and asked for approval. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 1 absent - R. Keil, 3 excused - L. Pfaff, R. Plesha and J. Veenstra.

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- Annual Couleecap Report – Grace Jones
 - Couleecap is a private, not for profit organization that covers La Crosse, Vernon, Crawford, and Monroe Counties. They have approximately a \$9 million annual budget and help 37,000 people per year. In 2011 they celebrated their 45th anniversary. Some of their programs are: transitional housing, new hope permanent housing, tenant based rental assistance, S.O.A.R. (Social Security, Outreach, Access, and Recovery), recently secured funding for Housing First Program, home weatherization, home rehabilitation, homeownership programs, housing development – creating permanently affordable homes, Rockland housing development, and People Helping People – client needs fund. Couleecap employs 12 residents of La Crosse County and Couleecap programs total \$3,649,772 in services to La Crosse County residents.
- Report by members of the Diversity Workgroup – Maureen Freedland and Sharon Hampson
 - Supervisor Freedland and Supervisor Hampson gave a presentation on diversity. Their mission is to create, promote and sustain an inclusive environment where every member of the community is treated with respect and dignity. La Crosse County provides increased handicap parking spaces, handicap automatic doors, Training and Learning Center, TTY Phone system in ADRC-WW, Diversity Workgroup, Computer Programs to accommodate staff and clients, Interpreter Phone Service, EEO Employer – Race, Color, National Origin, Religion, Sex, Age, or Disability, and Domestic Partner Benefits. Future Diversity Workgroup projects include collaborate with staff at UW-L to develop Inclusivity Training Program for staff, inclusive language, LGBT training, develop a resource list for the different cultures, and special training for Front Line staff.
- Orientation to the Facilities and Parks Department, including capital improvement needs of the County Administrative Center
 - Facilities is broken down into Buildings & Grounds, Property Management, and Parks. Their responsibilities include operations, maintenance, door security, cleaning, capital improvement and budgets. Buildings and Property include the Administrative Center, Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center, Health & Human Services Building, 4+ parking lot areas, and other county property not supervised by another county department. The Parks include Goose Island Park & Campground, Veteran's Memorial Park & Campground, Neshonoc Swarthout Park, Neshonoc South Park, and Mindoro Park. Additional responsibilities include parking permits, provide metal detections/scanning services to Courthouse, coordinate building and capital improvement projects, oversee and maintain tax delinquent properties, office space/building rents, land leases, park shelter rentals, coordinate snowmobile trail maintenance grants, and maintain cross country ski/hiking trails. Total expenses for 2012 are \$3,255,504 and total revenue is \$764,466.
 - Administrative Center Deficiencies:
 - Asbestos
 - Inadequate electrical
 - Plumbing piping deteriorating
 - HVAC equipment past end of life
 - Printing floor deteriorating
 - Built-up roofing and rubber roof at end of life

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Supervisor Richmond requested an update on Skipperliner, Park Plaza marketing, and tax dollars being used for La Crosse Promise.

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ADJOURN

Motion by B. Brockmiller/M. Kruse to adjourn at 7:47 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 1 absent - R. Keil, 3 excused - L. Pfaff, R. Plesha and J. Veenstra.

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 Planning Meeting held Monday, June 11, 2012 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 20 OF JUNE 2012.