

**LA CROSSE COUNTY NOTICE OF MEETING**

<b>COMMITTEE OR BOARD:</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020</b>
<b>MEETING PLACE:</b>	<b>In person meeting in County Board room with Distancing and masks. No need for Teams</b>
<b>TIME OF MEETING:</b>	<b>7:30 A.M.</b>
<b>PURPOSE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
1.	Call to order
2.	Public Comment
3.	Approval of Minutes of July 8, 2020 Executive Committee Meetings
4.	Consent Agenda: Monthly Account Transfers, Check Requisitions, Investment Report
5.	Resolution Re: Adopting Sustainability Goals of Improved Efficiency to Reduce Energy Consumption, Achieving Carbon Neutrality and Transitioning to 100% Renewable Energy by 2050
6.	Resolution Re: Authorizing Position and Purchases Related to the Wisconsin Department of Justice JAG EBDM Pretrial Pilot Sites Project Grant Funding
7.	Resolution: Approving Video Conferencing Equipment for Courtrooms to enable improved secure remote proceedings due to the pandemic
8.	Discussion about committee meeting processes for public comment for meetings conducted remotely and meetings including in-person attendance
9.	Consideration of the date for the County Board advance, now set for August 26
10.	Future Agenda Items
11.	Next Meeting: September 9, 2020 at 7:30 a.m.
12.	Adjournment

**NOTICES FAXED/MAILED TO:**

**NEWS MEDIA**

La Crosse Tribune  
Other Media

**OTHERS**

J. Rombalski, J. Witt, J. Wolf  
J. Klekamp, R. Geary, M. Freedland

**DEPARTMENTS**

County Administrator  
Corporation Counsel  
County Clerk  
Finance Director  
IT Director  
Human Resources Director  
County Treasurer  
Facilities/J. Speropulos

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Monica Kruse, Chair  
Kim Cable  
Andrea Richmond  
Randy Erickson  
Peg Isola  
Margaret Larson  
Tina Tryggstad  
Roger Plesha  
Maureen Freedland

**MEMBERS:** If unable to attend, call the County Clerk’s Office at 785-9581.

**\*PUBLIC COMMENT:** The Committee may receive information from the public, but the Committee reserves the right to limit the time that the public may comment and the degree to which members of the public may participate in the meeting.

**PERSONS WITH DISABILITY:** If you need accommodation to attend this meeting, please contact the County Clerk’s Office at (608)785-9581 as soon as possible.

**DATE NOTICE FAXED/MAILED/POSTED: August 7, 2020**

**This meeting may be recorded and any such recording is subject to Disclosure under the Wisconsin Open Records Law**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
JULY 8, 2020  
HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Monica Kruse, Kim Cable, Andrea Richmond, Randy Erickson, Peg Isola, Margaret Larson, Tina Tryggestad, Roger Plesha, Maureen Freedland
<b>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</b>	None
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Steve O'Malley, Jane Klekamp, Megan DeVore, Sharon Davidson, John Parshall, Stephen Conrad, Amy Twitchell, Ginny Dankmeyer, Carissa Pagel Smith, Christin Skolnik, Lorie Graff, Terri Pavlic

**CALL TO ORDER**

County Board Chair Kruse called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – John O’Neil, resident of La Crosse County, spoke in support of the resolution for Universal Healthcare.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 10, 2020 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**MOTION** by Isola/Cable to approve the above meeting minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**CONSENT AGENDA: MONTHLY ACCOUNT TRANSFERS, CHECK REQUISITIONS, INVESTMENT REPORT**

**MOTION** by Plesha/Erickson to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION RE: LA CROSSE COUNTY SUPPORT OF UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE**

**MOTION** by Tryggestad/Isola to approve. This resolution passed unanimously at the Health & Human Services Board meeting. Despite gains made since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, the number of Americans without health insurance remains nearly 30 million, with another 40 million Americans being under-insured to the degree that they cannot afford to see a doctor or seek preventive medical care. Research has long shown that the current private provider-based system in the United States is fraught with inefficiencies, with significantly higher administrative costs than other developed countries that use single payer systems. The coronavirus pandemic has exposed gaps in America’s healthcare system and has made reform all the more urgent, with an estimated 5.7 million Americans at high risk for severe COVID-19 being uninsured and large numbers of Americans losing their employer-based coverage due to the pandemic-caused economic downturn. There is a recognized need for a healthcare system that would provide national health insurance for every person in the United States for all necessary medical care including prescription drugs, hospital surgical and outpatient services, primary and preventive care, emergency services, reproductive care, dental and vision care and long-term care. A universal healthcare system could provide coverage without copays, deductibles or other out-of-pocket costs, and would reduce bureaucracy, protect the doctor-patient relationship and assure patients a free choice of doctors. The County Board of Supervisors supports universal healthcare and calls on our federal legislators to work toward its immediate creation and implementation, assuring appropriate and efficient health care for all residents of the United States. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL FEDERAL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (MHBG) FUNDING FROM WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES (DHS)**

**MOTION** by Tryggestad/Cable to approve. This resolution passed unanimously at the Health & Human Services Board. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has made available additional funds to be utilized to supplement current community mental health services and address unmet needs or gaps in services arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. La Crosse County is receiving additional funding totaling \$130,609 to be used immediately through September 30, 2020 and anticipates using the funds to:

- Support the delivery of telehealth services including E-Prescribing
- Support reassignment of Human Services staff to assist in homeless shelter needs
- Purchase technology to a) build individual telehealth spaces within Human Services to assist consumers in accessing mental health services b) purchase equipment to support continued delivery of services for staff stationed at home due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING REMOTE APPEARANCE AT MEETINGS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**MOTION** by Plesha/Larson to approve. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, on March 19, 2020 La Crosse County declared a county-wide emergency. One of the provisions in the emergency declaration was a resolution that the "General Code of La Crosse County Ordinances are hereby modified during the period of emergency and the County Supervisors are authorized to attend meetings of the Board remotely, and the Board shall take all actions necessary to effectuate the same in compliance with all other applicable laws". Given the uncertainty with regards to the progression of the pandemic on multiple metrics being monitored by the County's health department as well as the fact that the current status of risk in La Crosse County is considered "severe" and in-person gatherings of groups is contraindicated, it may be necessary to continue to allow remote attendance at County Board and committee meetings for the foreseeable future. This resolution will allow for County Board Supervisors to attend meetings remotely through December 31, 2020.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF FUNDING TO SUPPORT NON-PARTISAN GET OUT THE VOTE CAMPAIGN IN LA CROSSE COUNTY**

**MOTION** by Cable/Freedland to approve. On March 19, 2020, La Crosse County declared a county-wide emergency due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. COVID-19 may still be active for the November election cycle, making it more difficult for La Crosse County voters to feel safe to participate in in-person voting. Given the uncertainty with regards to the progression of the pandemic on multiple metrics being monitored by the County's health department, it is imperative La Crosse County voters understand the process to vote by absentee ballot. The La Crosse Area League of Women Voters in partnership with the Driftless Voter Coalition have proposed to lead a public relations campaign to encourage all eligible voters to register to vote and seek absentee ballots by using promotional materials, videos, website, billboards and public service radio and television announcements to be developed by Elevate Media Group. This resolution approves \$10,500 to the La Crosse Area League of Women Voters to conduct a voter Education campaign for the 2020 election to encourage all eligible voters to register and seek absentee ballots. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **DISCUSSION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TIME**

This is a follow up from last month's meeting. One of the Executive Committee members had asked Chair Kruse to put this on this month's agenda, but then rescinded it. **MOTION** by Freedland/Larson to take off the table. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** – none noted.

**NEXT MEETING:** August 12 at 7:30 a.m.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Richmond/Erickson to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 a.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next Committee meeting.

Recorded by Terri Pavlic

ACCOUNT TRANSFERS/BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS  
August 2020 Account Transfers

<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u> <u>(Increase/Decrease)</u>		<u>DEPARTMENT</u> <u>(Increase/Decrease)</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b>General</b>	<b><u>Contingency</u></b>		<b><u>Facilities</u></b>	
	Operating contingency	(dec-exp)	Parks Capital Projects (Emergency repair of the culvert on Tilson Street )	(inc-exp) 30,150
	<b><u>Information Technology</u></b>		<b><u>County Clerk - Elections</u></b>	
	Voip Expense	(inc-exp)	Computer Software Maintenance (3 new Mitel 6930 desk phones and handsets for County Clerk office )	(dec-exp) 1,265
<b>General/Human Services</b>	<b><u>Human Services ADRC/Aging Administration</u></b>		<b><u>General Fund Non-Departmental Indirect Costs</u></b>	
	Indirect Cost Expense	(dec-exp)	Indirect Cost Revenue (Correction of indirect cost amount for ADRC )	(dec-rev) 45,871
<b>Land Records</b>	<b><u>Land Records Fund</u></b>		<b><u>Land Records Fund</u></b>	
	State Aid	(inc-rev)	General Earnings	(inc-exp) 9,289
	State Aid	(inc-rev)	Fringes - FICA	(inc-exp) 576
	State Aid	(inc-rev)	Fringes - Medicare	(inc-exp) 135
	State Aid	(inc-rev)	Gen Prof Services - Aerial Imagery	(inc-exp) 25,000
	State Aid	(inc-rev)	Employee Training	(inc-exp) 4,000
	State Aid	(inc-rev)	Internal Chargeback GIS	(inc-exp) 500
	State Aid	(inc-rev)	Internal Chargeback IT (Wisconsin Land Information Program Grant)	(inc-exp) 500

# INVESTMENT REPORT

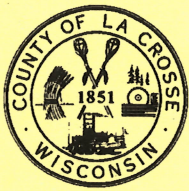
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Balances shown are through June 2020.

<b>BANK</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>ANNUALIZED YIELD RATE (NET OF FEES)</b>
<b>GENERAL INVESTMENTS</b>		
<b>State of WI Investment Pool</b>	31,997,967.71	0.14%
<b>Dana Investment Advisors</b>	33,735,682.21	2.28%
<b>TOTALS</b>	65,733,649.92	

	<b>BANK</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>ANNUALIZED YIELD RATE (NET OF FEES)</b>
<b>SOLID WASTE</b>			
<b>US BANK</b>			
Old Landfill Sanitary LTC	1050989287	488,540.09	1.64%
Sanitary Landfill LTC	1050989285	3,789,518.84	1.76%
Sanitary Landfill Closure	1050989286	3,900,986.93	1.57%
Demolition Landfill	1050989284	384,654.85	1.23%
Ash Monofill Closure	1050989281	987,590.41	1.49%
Ash Monofill LTC	1050989283	647,782.07	1.35%
	<b>TOTALS</b>	10,199,073.19	

**La Crosse County Treasurer**



**RESOLUTION #** \_\_\_\_\_

**TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**ITEM #** \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD ACTION**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_  
 For: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Against: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Abs/Excd: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vote Req: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Action: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLANNING RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ACTION**

Adopted:  \_\_\_\_\_  
 For: 6 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Against: 0 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Abstain: 0 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Abs/Excd: 1 \_\_\_\_\_

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_  
 For: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Against: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Abs/Excd: \_\_\_\_\_

**RE: ADOPTING SUSTAINABILITY GOALS OF IMPROVED EFFICIENCY TO REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION, ACHIEVING CARBON NEUTRALITY AND TRANSITIONING TO 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY BY 2050.**

**WHEREAS**, the Paris Climate Agreement is an international treaty that seeks to stabilize the global climate system by pursuing efforts to limit the global average temperature increase to 1.5°C (2.7°F) above pre-industrial levels, which requires improved efficiency to reduce energy consumption, while pursuing carbon neutrality and 100% of energy coming from renewable sources by 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, the French Island waste-to-energy plant operated by Xcel Energy burns refuse derived fuel provided by the regional solid waste system, producing less carbon emissions than landfilling of waste, which has saved over 300,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions over the past 32 years and provided electrical power to more than 10,000 homes, while extending the life of the landfill as part of a comprehensive waste disposal system seeking to encourage reduction, reuse or recycling to minimize landfilling to the extent possible.

**WHEREAS**, the County has a demonstrated history of action on sustainability and innovative energy conservation projects including but not limited to roof top solar, the gas-to-energy project with Gundersen Health systems producing electricity and heat recovery and implementation and conversion to light emitting diode (LED) technology; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2019 Sustainability Indicators Report, the County, in conjunction with Xcel Energy initiatives, has achieved a 39% reduction in CO2 emissions associated with energy consumption since 2007, including fuel use by County vehicles, natural gas and electricity use at county facilities, while saving more than \$2 million dollars within County operating budgets by implementing sustainable practices; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin pays an estimated \$14 billion dollars to states with fossil fuel resources and is last in per capita workforce in the clean energy economy in midwestern states, and pursuing these goals will reduce cash flows out of state, spur local economic development and create jobs; and,

**WHEREAS**, without achievement of these goals, local climate change impacts will continue to include extreme weather events that threaten infrastructure, excessive flooding, worsening heat waves, increasingly severe and more frequent droughts, diebacks of native tree species, increased presence of algal blooms on area lakes and ponds, and loss of suitable trout stream habitat in Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, the February 4, 2019 Center on Wisconsin Strategies report, Wisconsin Opportunity in Domestic Energy Production: The Economic and Health Benefits of 100% In-State Energy Production by renewable resources would result in a statewide economic benefit of more than \$28 billion, plus the addition of more than 160,000 jobs and social and health benefits of decreased pollution and carbon emissions; and



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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse County Board adopts the goals of improved energy efficiency to reduce energy consumption, achieving carbon neutrality and transitioning to 100% clean, renewable energy by 2050 for County operations, and leads the pursuit of these goals community-wide when considering land use planning, public transit, job creation, energy conservation, housing, economic development decisions and facilitation of public private partnerships.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County will seek to collaborate across local governments, area institutions and community organizations in pursuit of these goals, including prioritizing equity, affordability and access, particularly for low-income and marginalized communities, while encouraging the engagement of local businesses, residents and environmental advocacy groups, to exchange ideas and implement action steps to address the challenges of reducing energy use, addressing climate change and pursuing sustainable development.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County will undertake planning and action initiatives to assist in achieving these sustainability goals for County operations, and County staff will provide a status report to the County Board as part of the annual update of the Sustainability Indicators report.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that La Crosse County will continue to educate, evaluate and incorporate emerging sustainable technologies and practices into future management decisions, purchases and construction projects.

**BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County must show positive effects on any of the key sustainability measures, when considering the adoption of such carbon reducing energy measures or projects. Those key measures being economical, environmental and social sustainability

**FISCAL NOTE:** The direct fiscal impact is unknown without analysis of individual actions, however, the history of initiatives to date demonstrates significant budget savings over time.

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**COMMITTEE CHAIR**

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Co. Admin.	_____	_____	_____
Fin. Director	_____	_____	_____
Corp. Counsel	_____	_____	_____
Board Chair	_____	_____	_____

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Requested By: Monica Kruse  
Date Requested: July 29, 2020  
Drafted By: County Administrator

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020



**RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_**

**TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_**  
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For: \_\_\_\_\_  
Against: \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_  
Abs/Excd: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote Req: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Action: \_\_\_\_\_

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD ACTION**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_  
For: \_\_\_\_\_  
Against: \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_  
Abs/Excd: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION**

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Abs/Excd: \_\_\_\_\_

**RE: AUTHORIZING POSITION AND PURCHASES RELATED TO THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE JAG EBDM PRETRIAL PILOT SITES PROJECT GRANT FUNDING**

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Justice has awarded a JAG EBDM Pretrial Pilot Sites Project grant in the amount of \$106,373, with no match requirements, to La Crosse County effective July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. Such funding is to be utilized to develop and enhance a pretrial program designed to maximize public safety and court appearance while maximizing pretrial release; and,

**WHEREAS**, La Crosse County Justice Support Services is an active participant in the Wisconsin Pretrial Pilot Project along with six other Wisconsin Counties, and is well positioned to perform the expectations and standards of a pretrial agency as required by the pilot project; and,

**WHEREAS**, the need to continue the position of pretrial screening social worker is required to take on the additional tasks of assessing those charged with a crime that are not in custody to provide the courts with necessary information to assist in making bond decisions, as well as the additional requirements of quality assurance and training as outlined by the pilot project.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby accepts the JAG EBDM Pretrial Pilot Sites Project grant in the amount of \$106,373 and the County Administrator is authorized to execute any documents to effectuate this resolution, after approval of Corporation Counsel; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board of Supervisors authorize the continuation of 1.0 FTE Justice Support Services Social Worker position, to fulfill the proposed programming outlined in the DOJ Pretrial Pilot grant proposal; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair is authorized to execute any contracts or documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution, after approval by Corporation Counsel; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the additional staff authorized under this resolution will be retained only so long as they can be supported by State dollars related to the DOJ Pretrial Pilot grant or from directly related program savings; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Finance Department is authorized to make any necessary and appropriate account transfers related to accepting this additional funding.

**RE: AUTHORIZING POSITION AND PURCHASES RELATED TO THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE JAG EBDM PRETRIAL PILOT SITES PROJECT GRANT FUNDING**

**FISCAL NOTE:** Total grant award is \$106,373 currently ending December 31, 2021. There is no local match requirement. Wisconsin Department of Justice has indicated available funding to support these pretrial needs over a period of 4 years in total (with funding beginning 5/1/19). A division has already been established within the County financial system under the Justice Support Services section to account for the personnel and operating costs of this continued grant funding.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMMITTEE CHAIR**

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**COMMITTEE CHAIR**

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**RECORDING CLERK**

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Co. Admin.	_____	_____	_____
Fin. Director	<u>SWD</u>	<u>SO</u>	_____
Corp. Counsel	_____	_____	_____
Board Chair	<u>JKK</u>	_____	_____

Requested By: Jason Witt  
Date Requested: July 31, 2020  
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020



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**RE: APPROVING VIDEO CONFERENCING EQUIPMENT FOR COURTROOMS TO ENABLE IMPROVED SECURE REMOTE PROCEEDINGS DUE TO THE PANDEMIC**

**WHEREAS**, due to the COVID-19 pandemic most La Crosse County Circuit Court proceedings have been conducted remotely by video conferencing since mid-March of 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, it is likely that video appearances may continue to be necessary on an on-going or intermittent basis into the future; and

**WHEREAS**, although current technology has allowed adequate video conference proceedings to this point, there are improvements to be made as well as additional barriers that will need to be addressed when some of the participants are present in the courtroom and some are not able to be present in the courtroom due to COVID19-related concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, video appearances in court proceedings are significantly different than video conferencing in other settings and must replicate the "in-court" experience as closely as possible by providing all participants the ability to clearly see and hear everything that is occurring in the courtroom; by providing attorneys and clients the ability to privately confer and by ensuring that the Judge and other court personnel are able to efficiently manage their dockets; and

**WHEREAS**, only one of the five Circuit Court branches is currently equipped with video conference equipment and that equipment is nearing time for replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, new video conferencing equipment in all five of the Circuit Court branch courtrooms as well as in the Circuit Court Family Court Commissioner's courtroom will provide consistency of equipment between courtrooms and will provide a secure system that will protect the privacy of litigants while also providing due process; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of equipping each of the six courtrooms is estimated to be around \$35,000 per courtroom for a total of approximately \$210,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor has allocated \$1.9 million from the Federal CARES act as part of the Routes to Recovery grant program to La Crosse County and a review of eligible costs indicates the cost of the video conferencing equipment would be reimbursable; and

**WHEREAS**, the CARES/Routes to Recovery grant program requires that money be expended by end of year in order to be submitted for reimbursement for COVID-19 response costs to protect public health and safety;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Board authorizes the expenditure of up to \$210,000 for the purpose of equipping the six courtrooms (five Circuit Court branches and Family Court Commissioner) with video conferencing equipment; and

**RE: APPROVING VIDEO CONFERENCING EQUIPMENT FOR COURTROOMS TO ENABLE IMPROVED SECURE REMOTE PROCEEDINGS DUE TO THE PANDEMIC**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these expenses will be submitted for reimbursement through the Routes To Recovery grant but in the event that the expenses are deemed ineligible will be paid for by the general fund.

**FISCAL NOTE:** The cost of the equipment will be submitted for reimbursement through the Routes to Recovery grant program. If the expense is not reimbursed by Routes to Recovery grant, the expense would be paid out of the general fund (requires 2/3 vote as an unbudgeted expenditure).

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMITTEE CHAIR**

**RECORDING CLERK**

	Reviewed Only	Recommended
Co. Admin.	_____	_____
Fin. Director	<u>SD</u>	<u>SO</u>
Corp. Counsel	_____	_____
Board Chair	<u>MSK</u>	_____

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Requested By: Steve O'Malley  
Date Requested: August 5, 2020  
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020