

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

Planning, Resources & Development Committee October 2013

County Surveyor

2013 SECTION AND QUARTER CORNER MAINTENANCE: Our department has completed field evaluations and maintenance work on 75 Section and Quarter corner locations so far this year. This number represents 5.3 % of the 1405 Section and Quarter corner monuments in La Crosse County. Our annual department maintenance goal is 5% of our corners each year. Our efforts this year have been focused in the vicinity of the Mindoro Cut. This area includes the northeast part of T17N, R6W in the Town of Hamilton and the Southeast part of T18N, R6W in the Town of Farmington. As we accomplish this work we are also collecting GPS coordinate values on many of these corners. These GPS values will be provided to our Land Information Office to provide for more accurate GIS mapping which was needed in this area.

2013 CSM REVIEW: A recent flurry of Certified Survey Maps submitted for review has increased our total maps reviewed to 45 for 2013. Thirteen of these maps are in unincorporated areas of La Crosse County and are subject to the \$100 review fee. We find ourselves slightly ahead of the 2012 pace for CSMs submitted (as of the end of September 2012 we had 42 maps submitted). The Certified Survey Maps are reviewed for compliance with Chapter 236.34 of the Wisconsin Statutes, A-E7 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code and Chapter 18 of the La Crosse County Code (Subdivision Control Ordinance).

ONGOING RESPONSE: As always, we continually respond to the public, other County Departments and other governmental agencies to assist them with surveying and land ownership questions. These interactions take place via e-mail, telephone and face-to-face visits. We recently assisted the Facilities Department with a sewer line easement description at Lakeview. We are also in the process of accurately locating the hiking/ski trails at Bice Forest so that a map can be produced which shows the length and configuration of the trails. We are also working with officials from the Town of Washington to hopefully resolve a question on a road that was deemed a "private" road in 1868 but has been maintained by the Township for many years.

PRESENTATION: I have been asked to serve as a presenter at the next Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors annual Institute next January. The conference will be held at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells. The presentation is titled "*The County Surveyor – Hey, what do those people do anyway?*" The presentation provides a history of the County Surveyor position and then goes on to describe what a Wisconsin County Surveyor does in carrying out the responsibilities of the office.

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan Meyer, La Crosse County Surveyor

La Crosse County UW-Extension

- Co-presented with Health Policy Specialists from Kansas State University and the University of Missouri Extension on "Extension's Roles in Health Care Reform: Preparing Families, Businesses, and Communities" to 175 Extension faculty attending the Galaxy IV – Bridging the Centuries: A New Era for Extension conference in Pittsburgh. Participants from across the U.S. learned how national and state-based programming around the Affordable Care Act tie together. (MMS)
- Continued to work with the Human Services Leadership Team in planning and presenting the Leadership Development Institute which focused on "Recognize and Reward Success; Find and Recognize Difference Makers; and, Build Individual Accountability. The trainings are offered to develop supervisor leadership skills, standardize behavior and responses, and align processes with organizational goals and values, ultimately to increase effectiveness. (MMS)
- Congratulations to Karl Green, CNRD Agent, on his selection to receive the UW-Extension Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Community Engagement. (MMS)
- The UW-Extension Team returns to full staff with Tiffany Cornell and Hannah Haggerty filling the Secretary positions. (MMS)
- Collaborating with other Western Wisconsin Ag. Agents, we filmed a new tractor safety video series to be used in on-farm and tractor safety classes for adults and youth. The video focused on 9 topics from starting the tractor to field safety. Once produced the video will be available for local programming and statewide distribution. (SDH)
- The invasive fruit fly, the spotted winged drosophila, was a major concern for fall raspberry producers in the county again this year. Traps were in place to monitor arrival (end of July), numbers, and concentration around the county and research based information was distributed to growers about control and management. Based on earlier detection than last year, it is likely that they are overwintering here which makes this an extremely difficult pest to manage. (SDH)
- Nearly ninety youth attended 4-H camp this summer. Post-camp surveys indicated 100% of those surveyed enjoyed camp and learned things about the history and use of the Wisconsin River and other environmental education during the camp experience. A parent survey indicated the experience was positive and that their children gained skills in self-confidence, group dynamics and teamwork, new friendships, and gained independence. (RM)
- 4-H "Let Inspiration Bloom" at the Pump House Regional Arts Center, brings to the arts the ability to provide youth (grades K-13) with hands-on learning in project areas such as drawing, painting, photography and many more. Being chosen is an honor, as these are indeed the best of the best – all fair arts/photography blue ribbon exhibits are considered for merits, but only 10% will receive merit awards. Those that receive merits are then considered for this exhibit. 4-H and inspiration have helped these talented youth artists bloom. (JH)
- WNEP staff visit the La Crosse Western Regional Adolescent Center and Juvenile Detention Center weekly to share a variety of nutrition-themed information about healthy eating, stretching food dollars and how to make quick and nutritious snacks and meals. After a class, 90% of the teens indicated that they learned something new, including: checking food temperature, washing hands for 20 seconds before handling food, and "when in doubt, throw it out". (SH)
- The nutrition educator taught a "Quick Meals for Busy Families" class at the New Horizon Women's Shelter and used commodity pantry items as a part of the evening MyPlate meals that were prepared with the residents. After class, a survey indicated

- that 100% are going to plan a one dish meal that they will prepare for their family, and they also plan to do more of their planning of their meals ahead of time. (SH)
- Began assisting the Village of West Salem in its Capital Improvement Planning Committee. The purpose of this committee is to develop a five-year capital improvement plan for the Village of West Salem. The CNRED educator has compiled various financial background information related to the Village's tax base, net new construction, and impact analysis for village bonding. (KG)
 - Assisted the City of La Crosse's Single-family rental conversion committee by presenting "Challenging Trends Facing Housing in La Crosse" to this committee. In addition, this educator provided other background housing data for the committee, and reviewed housing statistics/data for the committee's background. (KG)

JH – Jenny Holm, 4-H & Youth Assistant

KG – Karl Green, Assoc. Prof., Dept. of Comm. Resource Dev., Community Resource Dev. Agent

MMS – Mary Meehan-Strub, Prof., Dept. of Family Living, Family Living Agent / Dept. Head

RM – Bob Matysik, Prof., Dept of Youth Dev., 4-H & Youth Agent

SH – Sheila Harding, Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program Coordinator

SDH – Steve Huntzicker, Assoc. Prof., Dept. of Agriculture, Ag Agent

Metropolitan Planning Organization

As you may recall from my last report, the LAPC approved several projects submitted for the Surface Transportation – Urban (STP-U) program at its July meeting. STP-U is a federal program that grants roadway construction, transit capital and/or bike and pedestrian funds to local municipalities. The program is administered by the local Metropolitan Planning Organization, in our case the La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC).

Following the July meeting, we learned that additional funds are available for the La Crosse area, for a total of \$3,846,245. At the September LAPC meeting the committee considered and funded 8 projects, as shown in the following table. What is remarkable is that all of the submitted projects were funded, representing at least one project for each incorporated municipality. This is a testament to the fact that the LAPC has succeeded in bringing the area communities together to work cooperatively toward a common goal. Even more remarkable is that the communities have, for the first time, awarded STP-U funds to transit capital (bus purchases) for the La Crosse Municipal Transit Utility and Onalaska/Holmen/West Salem Public Transit. This is a direct result of, and a beginning of the implementation of the **Coulee Vision 2050** community visioning process that seeks to promote transit use while continuing to support needed roadway improvements.

| Municipality | Project | Project Year | Total Project Cost | Federal Eligible Costs | LAPC Approved Federal Share | Federal Percent of Eligible Costs | Local Share of Total Project Cost | Local Percent of Total Project |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| City of La Crosse | 6th Street North - Pavement Replacement | 2016 | \$1,250,000 | \$1,250,000 | \$1,000,000 | 80% | \$250,000 | 20% |
| City of La Crosse | Market Street - Pavement Replacement | 2016 | 330,000 | 330,000 | 264,000 | 80% | 66,000 | 20% |
| City of La Crosse | Purchase 1 CNG Bus | 2016 | 450,000 | 450,000 | 360,000 | 80% | 90,000 | 20% |
| City of Onalaska | Riders Club Road (STH 35 to Sand Lake Rd) - Reconstruction (Combines 2 STP-U applications.) | 2018 | 1,484,557 | 1,474,557 | 1,179,646 | 80% | 304,911 | 21% |
| City of Onalaska | Braund Street and CTH PH - Reconstruction (Combines 2 STP-U applications.) | 2018 | 638,083 | 628,083 | 356,652 | 57% | 281,431 | 44% |
| City of Onalaska | Purchase 9 Shared Ride Vans | 2015 - 2017 | 306,000 | 306,000 | 244,800 | 80% | 61,200 | 20% |
| Village of West Salem | North Mark Street - Reconstruction | 2016 | 391,157 | 331,634 | 265,307 | 80% | 125,850 | 32% |
| Village of Holmen | Sunset Drive - Reconstruction | 2018 | 224,800 | 219,800 | 175,840 | 80% | 48,960 | 22% |
| Total (\$3,846,245 Available): | | | \$5,074,597 | \$4,990,074 | \$3,846,245 | 77% | \$1,228,352 | 24% |

Tom Faella, LAPC Executive Director

Zoning, Planning and Land Information:

Ordinance Updates: Working on updating our telecommunications ordinance to comply with very new state statutes. The Department plans to Update the Shoreland Ordinance and Sub-Division ordinance starting early in 2014. County staff is working with a number of towns to consider town wide zoning map amendments due to some changes in state statute regarding farmland preservation issues. You may hear about public informational meetings at various towns in the coming months.

Land Information: We are currently working on an Aerial Photo update for 2015 of all of the aerials in La Crosse County. LIO staff is working with the IT department and a consultant to do a major overhaul of one of the most highly utilized pages on the County web-site, the mapping page.

Training Activities: The department is working with the La Crosse Area Realtors Association to produce an on-site training session on County Zoning for Realtors. This will also be a Webinar. We will also be giving presentations to the La Crosse Area Builders Association.

Permits: - Zoning Permits Issued - La Crosse County Unincorporated
Total through July 2012 - 297 Value 2012 - \$27,354,935
Total through July 2013 - 235 Total Down 26.4% Value 2013 - \$24,051,938 Value Down 13.7%

Nate Sampson, Director
Zoning, Planning & Land Information

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Public Works & Infrastructure October 2013

Solid Waste

HHM (Household Hazardous Materials) – The HHM program began, for a fee, accepting appliances containing refrigerants in May. This has become a popular addition to HHM's services.

Update on HHM's Priorities for 2013:

- Increase recycling or beneficial reuse of wastes brought to the facility. By the end of August, more usable materials have been made available to local residents in the Reuse Room than during the entirety of 2012. A conservative estimate of the value to the public is over \$40,000.
- Continuously improve HHM procedures and operations. With the assistance of the County's safety consultant, HHM staff has completed revisions to the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Lock Out Tag Out, and Hazard Communication programs.
- As of the middle of September, revenue from small businesses users of HHM has surpassed the total for all of 2012.

Usage of HHM by household users remains ahead of the record pace of 2012. The next quarterly medication collection is scheduled for October 26th from 10:00 - 2:00. A fifth site, the Holmen Village Hall, is being added. Participation has increased to the point that the Onalaska and Viterbo sites are finding it difficult to handle the large numbers of people using the service.

Gas to Energy (G2e) - No major mechanical issues with compressor or gas collection system since last report.

- Semi-annual system maintenance was performed on September 17th, 2013 with the system having 14,500 operating hours. Unison Solutions; builder of compressor skid, was very impressed with the operation/condition of the gas collection system.
- Heat exchanger has been working properly since program changes were made.
- The PSC has requested to do an inspection of our pipeline OM and Public Awareness plans in 2013. Right now this inspection is scheduled to take place in the first week of December 2013.
- Annual inspection and maintenance was completed of the landfill gas collection wells during the month of September.
- An additional Supplemental Temporary Odor Control (STOC), with connection into a vertical clean out, was added to the landfill gas collection system. This brings the total number of STOC's added to the gas collection system to 6.

July - 91.08% runtime

August - 82.60 % runtime

September - 96.2 % runtime (month to date)

Landfill Operations Contract – The current landfill operations contractor, St. Joseph Construction Company, sent the Solid Waste Department a request to negotiate a contract extension. This was discussed at the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee meeting,

and permission was obtained to discuss the development of such an extension. Any proposed extension would be brought back to the Policy Board and Public Works and Infrastructure Committee for review and approval before implementation. A request has also been received to review internalizing landfill operations and compare those to rebidding the contract extension, rebidding the contract, or extending the contract. This is being done independently by the Finance Department and will be presented to the Policy Board and Public Works and Infrastructure Committee for input and discussion. The current landfill contract ends in December 2014, but since a rebidding process would take approximately one year, recommendation and decision on contract extension or internalization will try to be completed by the end of the fourth quarter, 2013.

Xcel Contract Amendment – After meeting with the Strategic Oversight Committee (administration, finance, legal), the Solid Waste Department is focusing on resolving yield issues at the Xcel facility. A proposed contract amendment is being developed and will be presented to the Policy Board, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee, and County Board for final approval in the fourth quarter of 2013. Increasing yield at the Xcel facility will enhance revenue generation for the County and minimize waste disposed of at the landfill. The proposed contract amendment would develop a sharing of cost and revenues similar to the ferrous and non ferrous amendments which have benefited the County.

Sustainability - Timber Harvest – The logging company has finished all cutting and removal of the trees identified within the harvesting contract. All repairs have been accomplished and water bars installed in the logging roadways. All seeding has taken place and new grass has been observed coming up on all trails. A forest harvest management plan has been completed by Jim Dalton from Bigfoot Forestry and a final invoice has been submitted. This project is now complete and focus will now shift to trail construction.

Living Green Expo – This year's Living Green Expo has been cancelled due to medical conditions of two key members of the planning committee. Effort will continue in trying to bring this local green event to fruition for next year.

Tours – Two significant tours took place over the last two months, one with Dave Clements of the La Crosse Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. The landfill might be able to host some type of run or other event on the landfill complex. The other tour was with Representative Chris Danou who was very impressed with the efforts going on within the landfill complex and the diversion programs.

Harter's Quick Clean Up Groundbreaking – This inaugural event was held August 22nd at Harter's Industrial Park location. Randy Nedrelo, Orin Wiseman, and Nick Nichols attended and welcomed this new addition to the Solid Waste System of La Crosse. This new facility is a direct result of the new Solid Waste and Recycling program instituted by the City of La Crosse as a result of the evaluation that took place over the last few years. The City of Onalaska has made similar changes to their program which will result in substantially more material being recycled and kept out of the landfill.

CPS Recognition – Hank and the Solid Waste Department were recognized for their outstanding sustainability efforts by Coulee Partners for Sustainability (CPS). The recognition dinner was held at Nell's City Grill on the 16th of September. CPS is a local nonprofit organization that works on efforts to expand, educate, and facilitate sustainability efforts throughout the Coulee Region.

Customer Appreciation Event – The landfill’s annual Customer Appreciation event was held on September 20th, with over 100 people attending. Famous Dave’s pork sandwiches and Wilbur beans drew a big crowd of haulers, contractors, and special guests.

Upcoming Meetings – Policy Board, Wednesday, October 23rd 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,



Henry A. Koch, P.E.

Highway Department

- CTH OA from CTH O to CTH F is wrapping up for this season and should be open to traffic by 10/4/2013. Due to the unstable sub-base materials we have elected not to pave the surface course of asphalt on the north and south segments until spring, thus ensuring that we will have good stability prior to the last lift of asphalt in those sections. The WisDOT has control of the center portion and they have opted to finish up everything this fall. Any defects in the entire roadway that show up during the winter will be corrected in the spring prior to the surface course of black top being laid.
- Design on CTH SN from CTH S to Alpine Drive has started and we had our first Public Information Meeting on the project. The meeting was well attended and the project well received. There will be a second meeting sometime during 2014 when we have more of a finished plan to show the residents and I will ensure that you each receive an invitation.
- The additional seal coating has been completed on CTH Q, CTH C (from 16 to City Loop), and CTH E (from McCrae Road to STH 16) was completed with the additional funding that the Board transferred in August.
- The structure replacement project on CTH DE is nearing completion and CTH DE will be open to traffic on 9/30/2013
- We are currently working a night work project on STH 16 in Onalaska exterior to the area of the project earlier this year, this project involves pavement repair exterior to the project completed earlier this year.

Respectfully Submitted

Ron Chamberlain

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Judiciary & Law October 2013

Clerk Of Courts

In the 2013 courts' budget, the county board approved updating the courtrooms with courtroom presentation equipment. Currently, our courtroom equipment includes a portable TV w/DVD player and a prehistoric screen. This system is hard to see by all people in the courtrooms. Many of the squad videos presented in the courtroom cannot be played on the DVD player. The District attorney and private attorneys must bring a laptop and projector and try to set up the archaic screen. To update the courtrooms, a committee was formed including members of the District Attorney office, IT, Facilities, Finance, private attorneys, judges and me. The committee determined what kind of equipment to be minimally requested – such as screens, monitors, elmo, laptop with projector. The committee met with two vendors on September 11th. Questions and input were given to the vendors for possible ideas they have. The vendors have until October 1st to submit their ideas and bids. The vendor presentation of their RFP will be done on November 19th. We are ultimately hoping all five courtrooms can be accommodated with the money budgeted for this year and hope to add video conferencing in at least one courtroom in 2014. This update will bring the La Crosse County courtrooms in sync with the rest of the state.

Pam Radtke
Clerk of Court

Emergency Services

When a major emergency or disaster strikes a community, volunteers will come forward ready to help. The organization and management of the volunteers becomes integral, even before a disaster hits a community. It is fitting that the volunteer coordinator for La Crosse County would be a volunteer herself. These duties have been taken on by former Public Safety Communications Supervisor Karen Hoel, who has been working with Health Department Educator Brenda Lutz-Hanson to form the La Crosse Area chapter of VOAD - Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster.

In September, a Board of Directors was formed for this group as well as a Memorandum of Understanding with La Crosse County being signed. The Board consists of chair Ellen Rasmussen, Wesley United Methodist Church; Ben Hein, American Red Cross; Jason Larson, Untied Way; Quentin Fisher, Coulee Bank; Heather Hankins, Coulee Region Humane Society; Joe Duncan, Salvation Army; Mary Fitzpatrick, Catholic Charities; Audrey Quanrud, Franciscan Spirituality Center; and Dan Schreiter, Kwik Trip.

VOAD's mission is to provide services to refer volunteers to government and non-governmental organizations during the response and recovery periods of a major emergency. This group works with the organized volunteers, but another facet is the spontaneous, unaffiliated volunteers. This group of neighbors and ordinary citizens would be coordinated at a Volunteer Reception Center to best utilize this resource. There will be Volunteer Reception Center Training on October 25 & 26th and a Reception Center Simulation to follow on a yet-to-be determined date in November.

Another event related to disaster preparedness was held in August when County officials participated in Emergency Operations Center training at the EOC in the basement of County Administration Building. In addition, Emergency Services assisted in a table-top exercise of the City of Onalaska's EOC in September. This learning experience helped prepare Onalaska officials with the activation and operations of their EOC as it pertained to a train derailment that included a hazardous material release and evacuation.

Public-Safety Communications

July

Telephone Calls

9-1-1 Calls 2,506 (average of 81 per day)
Answered within 10 seconds: 95.73%
Answered within 20 seconds: 99.56%
* 1 call more than 30 seconds

76% of 9-1-1 calls were from wireless phones.

Total Telephone Calls 23,989 (average of 774 per day)

Calls for Service

| | |
|-------------------|-------|
| Law Enforcement | 9,162 |
| Fire Fighting | 233 |
| Emergency Medical | 577 |

August

Telephone Calls

9-1-1 Calls 2,377 (average of 77 per day)
Answered within 10 seconds: 95.58%
Answered within 20 seconds: 99.41%
* 5 calls more than 30 seconds

75 % of 9-1-1 calls were from wireless phones.

Total Telephone Calls 23,768 (average of 767 per day)

Calls for Service

| | |
|-------------------|-------|
| Law Enforcement | 9,276 |
| Fire Fighting | 225 |
| Emergency Medical | 593 |

**National Emergency Number Association Standards:*

- 90% within 10 seconds (during the busy hour)
- 95% within 20 seconds.

Emergency Management (Keith Butler, Coordinator)

Events of Note

- County EM attended the County Fire Officers Association meeting on August 12 at the Holmen Fire Dept. and participated in the School District of La Crosse Crisis Assistance committee meeting on Aug. 13.
- County EM coordinated a coffer dam safety briefing at the I-90 bridge project with area public safety responder organizations on Aug. 15. No significant traffic issues or incidents, but the project is being closely monitored by several emergency response agencies.

- County EM and Health Dept coordinator excessive heat warning issues during the week of Aug. 26-30.
- County EM facilitated a county radio users group meeting on Aug. 27 in conjunction with the Elert radio system study.
- County EM and Dispatch Supervisor Thompson provided Command Post and Communications support during the Great River Block Party event in Onalaska on Saturday, Aug. 31.
- County EM presented emergency management program information to the Great Rivers 2-1-1 Advisory Board on September 3.
- County EM provided briefing to Judiciary & Law on Sept.10
- County EM provided logistical support to La Crosse Fire during the Trane Company fire on 9/11/13.
- County EM attended Functional Assessment Team training on Sept. 12.
- The La Crosse Area VOAD became an official organization on Sept. 16. This effort was coordinated with the EM Volunteer Coordinator, Karen Hoel, and Brenda Hanson – Health Dept.
- County EM attended Wisconsin Emergency Management West Central Regional meeting on Sept. 17.
- The Local Emergency Planning Committee met on 9/18 and received information regarding changes to Hazardous Materials Response Team structure and funding.
- County EM provided cots to La Crosse PD for use during Oktoberfest on Sept. 20.
- County EM and representative from Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission met with Village of Bangor officials on Sept. 24 to review updates to Mitigation Plan.
- County EM participated in a tabletop exercise conducted by XCEL Energy on Sept. 25.
- Health, Human Services and County EM met on Sept. 30 to review changes to the County Emergency Operations Plan.

Jay Loeffler, Administrator
Emergency Services

Corporation Counsel Office

1. Claims.

- Theresa Helgeson v. La Crosse County. On or about April 23, 2012 Theresa Helgeson filed a discrimination complaint under the Wisconsin Fair Employment Law alleging discrimination based upon disability. She alleged that the discrimination occurred on April 2, 2012. On August 27, 2013 the State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development issued an initial determination finding no probable cause for discrimination by La Crosse County based upon disability. The investigator determined that Theresa Helgeson had exhausted all leave for which she was entitled and determined that continued absence from work would cause an undue hardship to the County's operations. Ms. Helgeson has the right to file a written appeal within 30 days from the date of the initial determination.
- Ralph Jurjens III v La Crosse County. On September 6, 2013 a summons was issued from the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin in a civil action filed by Ralph A. Jurjens III against La Crosse County, Sheriff Steve Helgeson, Deputy Lee Schmitz, and Health Professional, LTD. The complaint arises from allegations from Ralph Jurjens that while an inmate in the La Crosse County Jail, he was denied access to adequate medical treatment and pain medications and his federal rights were violated. The claim has been

submitted to WMMIC and counsel has been assigned to defend La Crosse County in this case. I will keep the County Board updated regarding the progress in defending this matter.

2. Open Records. Our office has been involved in a number of open records requests during the last several months. We have had several requests involving medical examiner records and we have also assisted other departments with open records requests.
3. Child Support Supervisor. Our office has been involved in acting as the Child Support Supervisor in the absence of filling the position since Meg Torgerud resigned her position. Complaints that go beyond the level of the case worker are handled by our office. I'm pleased to announce that Debra Barnes has commenced work at the County on September 16, 2013. Ms. Barnes was the Child Support Director in Adams County for approximately 10 years before coming to La Crosse County.
4. Park Plaza. Our office continues to work on a number of issues involving the Park Plaza Property, including details of the Development Agreement, amendments to the Offer to Purchase, and any other work that needs to be accomplished regarding the sale of this property.
5. Ordinance Updates. Our office continues to work with the County Departments in updating County ordinances as follows:
 - Work on Chapter 3 "Personnel Administrative Rules" including several amendments to come before the County Board and Chapter 3 has now been updated and adopted by the Board.
 - Work on Chapter 1 "General Government" and Chapter 2 "Governing Body" continues and will be brought before the County Board before the end of the year.
 - Work has started on Chapter 5 "Records Management"
 - Starting to work on the Living Wage Ordinance which is part of Chapter 4 "Finance".
 - Starting to work on new amendments to Chapters 11 and 13.
 - Work on Chapter 30 "Navigable Waters, Harbors and Navigation" and amendments which were adopted at the September County Board meeting.
6. Department Assistance. Our office continues to assist various County Departments regarding legal issues as they arise. Some specific issues are as follows:
 - Facilities Department
 - Goose Island Campground Issues - Amy Flottmeyer obtained a judgment against Ida Jenson in the amount of \$75,146.
 - Amy Flottmeyer has been processing a tax foreclosure action and will be obtaining a judgment in favor of La Crosse County for title to delinquent properties. Our office is also processing a second tax foreclosure action before the end of the year.
 - Solid Waste Department
 - Continue to work on various issues such as discussions regarding the Walz and Sjolander wells, extension agreement with Xcel Energy, hauler rebate agreements, ash disposal and the Xcel Agreement, and complaints regarding certain haulers at the landfill.
 - Highway Department
 - Our office is working with the Highway Department regarding several appeals which have been filed regarding condemnation awards for the County Trunk Highway OA Construction Project. Our office will be

retaining Attorney Benjamin Southwick to assist with the appeals. Mr. Southwick has experience with condemnation awards and has given presentations to counties and to the Corporation Counsel Association regarding condemnation proceedings. Each property that files a notice of appeal has a right to a jury trial in the condemnation award. Our office will continue to keep the County Board updated on these cases.

7. Miscellaneous. Court Work: Megan continues to work on Child In Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) and Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) cases. She recently finished a lengthy trial on a guardianship case which involved a significant amount of time and preparation. Our office also has now hired a legal secretary to assist the Human Services Department in preparing CHIPS and TPR cases so that these cases can be handled more efficiently. Amy Flottmeyer continued to work on Chapter 51 mental health cases and Chapter 54/55 guardianship and protective placement cases along with assisting on County health matters and County tax foreclosure proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Lange
Corporation Counsel