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Memo To: La Crosse County Board of Supervisors
From: Steve O'Malley, County Administrator
Date: February 13, 2014

Re: February Monthly Report to the County Board

Attached is the February Monthly Report to the County Board, providing monitoring information about department activities to the full County Board instead of reporting only to governing committees.

REMINDER Monthly Reporting by roughly half the organization every other month. While you will receive this report each month, the reports do not cover every department each time.

February, April, June, August, Oct. & Dec.

Planning, Resources & Development
Public Works & Infrastructure
Judiciary & Law Enforcement
Corp Counsel & Child Support

January, March, May, July, September, November

Health & Human Services
Aging & Long Term Care
County Clerk, Finance, IT,
Printing, Personnel, Treasurer

“OF INTEREST”

Radio Study Presentation at February 10th Policy Planning Meeting We've had a lot of good feedback on the presentation by Jay Loeffler and Keith Butler regarding the upgrade of the La Crosse County public safety radio system in conjunction with the City of La Crosse upgrade. You should have received a copy of the actual presentation slides. Staff will provide updates to the County Board on this important project in the next several months. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact Jay @ 785-9634.

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MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

Planning, Resources & Development Committee February 2014

County Surveyor

WISCONSIN SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYOR'S PRESENTATION: I had the honor and privilege of serving as a presenter at the 2014 Annual Institute at the Kalahari Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells, January 22-24. I reworked the presentation titled "*The County Surveyor – Hey, what do those people do anyway?*" to make it more in depth and thought provoking for my fellow surveyors. The presentation appeared to be very well received and appreciated by those in attendance. I have been attending this conference for well over 20 years and this was my first opportunity to serve as a presenter. Apparently it won't be my last. Mick Heberlein from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Madison Office has asked if I would work with him on a presentation at next year's conference regarding Wisconsin's State line issues.

VERNON COUNTY UPDATE: Last July, I was asked to address the Vernon County Land Records committee hoping to encourage them to consider re-establishing the position of County Surveyor. Vernon County is one of 10 counties in Wisconsin which does not have a County Surveyor. Adams Engineering and Surveying has been hired to serve as the firm that will review Certified Survey maps and to oversee their remonumentation program. While an individual has not been officially named to the position of County Surveyor, I see this as a positive step toward filling that position eventually.

2014 SECTION AND QUARTER CORNER MAINTENANCE: The network of corners known as the Public Lands Survey System (PLSS) is a vital component of land ownership in La Crosse County. Basically, these corners were established at half mile intervals in the mid 1840s. These corner locations were lost over time and La Crosse County invested heavily in re-establishing these corners over the past three decades. We now have a responsibility to maintain and preserve these corner locations. Our department goal is to maintain and preserve a minimum of 5% of these corner locations each year (5% = 71 corner locations). For 2014, we are targeting an area comprised of the South half of T18N, R7W. This area includes portions of the Towns of Onalaska, Holland and Farmington. This area is being targeted because, in addition to maintenance work, this area is an area of need of GPS coordinate values. Once our maintenance/preservation work is complete, we will collect accurate GPS values on many of these same corners. These GPS values will be provided to our Land Information Office to provide for more accurate Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping.

MAP REVIEW: So far this year, we have had just one Certified Survey Map (CSM) submitted for review. This is typically a slow time of year for surveyors, so a single CSM is not an unusual number. I expect CSM activity to increase as we move toward spring. We also had a preliminary plat submitted for review - Wildwood Valley II located in Section 16, T17N, R7W in the Town of Onalaska. This plat is basically an extension of the original Wildwood Valley plat which was approved in 2011. We did not have a plat submitted for review in 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan Meyer, La Crosse County Surveyor

La Crosse County UW-Extension

- Presented a brief overview on the Affordable Care Act and the essential benefits required in a qualified health plan for the Criminal Justice Management Council. The focus was on what is needed to insure those who are incarcerated have access to health care when they leave jail. Resources on how County jails, the Court systems, Corrections, and Probation and Parole, can make connections with the new health insurance options was shared. (MMS)
- Convened representatives from 25 agencies/organizations and businesses to explore the need for establishing a Financial Education Network and/or a Financial Resource Center in La Crosse County. This Committee is creating an inventory of what is available in the greater La Crosse Area, and will explore needs and gaps in service before defining long-term plans. (MMS)
- The weekly news segment "Hands on Gardening" is now into its eighth year of providing timely information to the general public regarding a host of horticulture related topics. To date 324 non-duplicated, horticulture related, educational segments for WKBT's "Hands-On Gardening" have aired. Past programs are also archived for viewing on La Crosse County UW Extension's website, WKBT and You Tube. (SDH)
- A dairy modernization program was held January 28th in Bangor where more than 40 local farmers learned about the latest in robotic milking, automated calf feeding and energy efficiencies on the farm. (SDH)
- In 2013, 42 new adult 4-H leaders were added to the nearly 350 leaders that have completed the orientation and certification process required of volunteers. Leaders learn about child development principles, experiential learning, the basics of 4-H and watching for signs of child abuse/neglect. As a UW-Extension program, 4-H Volunteers are now mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect in Wisconsin as a result of Executive Order 54. (RM)
- Over 65 youth ages 5-19 participated in the 4-H Communication Arts Festival involving individual speeches and group drama performances. Participants meet with the judges to receive verbal as well as written feedback to help them improve their skills. Communication skills are among the most frequently mentioned skills learned and strengthened in 4-H. (RM)
- WNEP staff continued to educate individuals throughout La Crosse County on nutrition topics including food safety, diet quality, physical activity and how to purchase/prepare economical healthy foods. Thirty-four percent of WNEP participants were youth age 6 to 11, 14% were senior adults, 6% were youth age 4 to 5, 11% were youth age 12-17, and 30 % parents of infants/children. (SH)
- Nutrition Educator shared information with adolescents at the Western Regional Adolescent Center and Juvenile Detention Facility about safe food handling techniques. At the end of the class, 100% of participants said that they planned to use at least one of the food safety tips in the near future. (SH)
- Facilitated a City of La Crosse sponsored listening session garnering potential housing program ideas for Community Development Block Grant and Housing & Urban Development HOME program dollars. The morning program revolved around homeless issues in La Crosse County, and was attended by over 40 housing related professionals and non-profit organizations that deal with housing/homeless issues. (KG)
- Presented the Challenging Trends in Housing in La Crosse program to over 25 attendees invited by the Mayor of La Crosse to discuss the issue of neighborhood revitalization in the City of La Crosse. Business leaders of Gundersen Lutheran, Mayo Health Systems, Western Technical College, Mathy Construction, Festival Foods and Kwik Trip were in attendance and spent the morning working on learning about the issues facing La Crosse's Neighborhoods, as well as strategizing solutions to this significant issue. (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

Zoning, Planning and Land Information:

Projects currently underway in the Zoning Department:

1. Telecomm Ordinance repeal & recreate due to amended legislation at the state level.
2. Shoreland Ordinance re-write
3. Working directly with a vendor to provide a new land records mapping website with GIS
4. Department Staff has recently scanned and indexed all recorded Zoning Petitions
5. Working with IT, we have updated the permit system for long term record storage and enforcement.
6. We have significant feedback on the new tax system and feel that it has worked great so far this property tax season.

A few major items planned for 2014:

1. Update of Comprehensive Plan
2. Update of Sub-division Ordinance
3. Begin the Purchase of Aerial Photos, for a 2015 flight
4. Assist with the implementation of the Coulee Visions 2050 project

Permits: - Zoning Permits Issued - La Crosse County Unincorporated

Total 2012 – 356

Value 2012 - \$ 33,566,454

Total 2013 – 294 **Down 17%**

Value 2013 - \$ 30,284,613 **Down 10%**

Metropolitan Planning Organization

In 2013, the La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) adopted Coulee Vision 2050, a long-range vision for land use and transportation planning in the La Crosse and La Crescent area. Committee members (including representatives from cities, villages, and towns as well as La Crosse County) agreed that boundary agreements will be a key component to achieving the vision. Boundary agreements between incorporated and adjacent communities could help define mutually beneficial annexation areas and municipal service arrangements. We are conducting an online survey of local elected officials and planning commission members to gather specific opinions regarding the benefits and pitfalls to forming cooperative boundary agreements. County Board Supervisor representing a district which either includes or abuts town and village/city areas, will be included in the survey.

Following a discussion of the survey at the March LAPC meeting, we will hold an area-wide boundary agreement summit and workshop in April. We will present the survey findings and discuss the process and possible outcomes for cooperative boundary agreements. We will ask each community to send three or four representatives to this summit.

Our longer term objective is to facilitate discussions between adjacent local governments. In the fall of 2014 we will ask specific pairs or groups of communities to engage in more formal discussions that may lead to a mutually beneficial boundary agreement. Please note that it is not our intent to compel municipalities into forming cooperative boundary agreements. The purpose of this process is to help inform municipal decisions to proceed with further discussion and to provide a mechanism facilitated by unbiased professionals.

Tom Faella
Executive Director, La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC)

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

Public Works & Infrastructure February 2014

Solid Waste

Adverse Weather Affects Landfill Operations:

The unusually cold weather this winter is having an adverse impact on Landfill Operations. This is being noted in increased heave of road pavements, increased sanding and salting of roads and interference with the Gas to Energy System. In January, the Gas to Energy System automatically shut down when extreme cold conditions and the Arctic high pressure resulted in air intrusion into the Landfill, in excess of regulatory limits. The cold weather has also decreased microbial activity, which is the source of gas generation. Both the quality and quantity of gas has been significantly diminished this winter. All other operations at the Landfill continue and customers are able to access the unloading areas without problems.

2013 Financial Results:

A preliminary review of the metrics and waste tonnages received in 2013 indicates that revenues in excess of a budget have been achieved and that effective cost controls have minimized capital expenditures. Increased waste quantities are being received as a result of Waste Management, Inc., signing a rebate agreement and bringing approximately 10,000 tons of additional waste to the facility. This has also beneficially affected operations at Xcel. The increased customer usage and increased tonnage received at the site have had minor impacts on additional overtime and operational costs.

Xcel Operations:

Throughout 2013, operations at Xcel ran very smoothly. Negotiations were successful on a contract amendment, which was approved in January 2014 by the County Board. In 2014, the waste processed into fuel (RDF) is expected to increase as a result of the amendment. Market prices on recycled steel and aluminum extracted from the waste stream have held at a high level throughout 2013 and continues to produce strong revenue for the Solid Waste Department. In January 2014, the primary 1,000 horsepower motor for the main shredder failed and resulted in the Xcel plant being down for approximately 7 days. Xcel immediately authorized expedited repairs to the motor at their expense. No problems were encountered at the Landfill while handling the additional waste for those 7 days.

Proposed Construction Activities 2014:

2014 will have two major construction projects, including the development of a new landfill cell and the placement of final cover or closure of approximately 6 acres on the west slope of the landfill. Other minor construction projects include improvements to roads and the processing area, construction of a small pedestrian walking bridge associated with extension of the walking trails under the Master Plan, a controlled burn of vegetation, etc.

Public Relations and Community Outreach:

2013 was a very successful year in that over 1,500 people were educated through tours or presentations by the Solid Waste Department. The Solid Waste Department is now represented on Facebook and social media is being employed as a method of enhancing the department's communications. In January 2014, the Boy Scouts of America Klondike event was held at the Landfill, in which a number of boy scouts built sleds and competed in races. Snow huts were also made and the scouts slept out overnight on the Landfill property. This event was highly successful in demonstrating the value of the Landfill property and supporting community recreational needs and goals. In 2014, a number of events, including a Bio-Blitz to identify ecological plant species and wildlife on the Landfill property, along with the Customer Appreciation

Day and a Dedication of the Pedestrian Bridge are being planned. To enhance community outreach, a live feed of the construction activities, similar to what was recently done for a local elementary school, will be hosted on the Solid Waste Department's website. 2014 is expected to be an exciting year with many community outreach events, highlighting the value of the Solid Waste System in La Crosse County.

Compliance:

No notices of violation, non-conformance, or lapses in regulations has occurred in the Solid Waste Department. An environmental management system and compliance tracking system is being utilized to ensure adherence to regulatory requirements. All DNR inspections were satisfactory. An inspection by the Land Conservation Department indicated that no significant problems with erosion or surface water management exist. Two audits by the Public Service Commission indicated that the Gas to Energy System is running in compliance with all Public Service Commission requirements. Discussions are continuing with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources regarding the Solid Waste Department achieving the highest level of certification under the Green Tier Program. All contracts are reviewed on an annual basis, as is the Host Agreement and if outstanding items were identified, they have been addressed and corrected. Improvements in the contract with Xcel and St. Joseph Construction Company are being made on a continuous basis. Performance for our three largest contracts with Xcel, St. Joseph Construction Company and SEH Consultants, respectively, is at a high level.

Personnel:

Increased waste materials and increased customer usage of both the HHM Facility and Landfill have resulted in increased overtime and associated labor needs. The Department Secretary was successfully replaced and the Solid Waste Technician came back after seeking another job. The high turnover occurring on a regular basis at HHM has paused. Increasing work responsibilities and workload will require some changes in personnel management, to be addressed in the 2015 budget.

HHM (Household Hazardous Materials):

In 2013, participation by household users exceeded the totals of the previous record year of 2012; reaching the 10,000 mark for the first time in program history, ending the year with 10,265.

Some of the other highlights:

- E-waste – almost 350,000 pounds collected; twice the amount collected in 2010
- Reuse room – over 37,000 pounds of usable material made available; a 73% increase

The "La Crosse County Household Hazardous Materials Program – 2013 Annual Report to Stakeholders" has been completed and will be distributed.

One of the primary points of emphasis for 2014 will be the safe handling and transportation of hazardous wastes being delivered to HHM. This year's recycler had an expanded discussion regarding this. The theme of the Earth Month advertising blitz will also be safe handling. Throughout the year HHM staff will look for other opportunities to spread the word about the importance of handling household hazardous materials safely.

With an increase in flammable waste being received, HHM is investigating adding a second flammable storage shed.

Sustainability – 2013 in Review:

- **Timber Harvest** – This project begun in the fall of 2012 was completed in the spring of 2013 with over 60,000 board feet of lumber being harvested and over \$36,000.00 of income which will be used for the construction of trails within the community.
- **Solid Waste Evaluation Ad Hoc Committee** – the committee had agreed to disband after completing its task of evaluating the Solid waste and recycling efforts within the cities of Onalaska and La Crosse. Their hard work resulted in a complete transformation of the solid waste and recycling system in both cities and implementation of a single stream system with automated collection is currently underway. All of these efforts led by the

Solid Waste Department have resulted in a program that will recycle more material and make a better more efficient system that will save tax payers money.

- **Harter's Quick Clean up groundbreaking** – This inaugural event was held August 22nd at Harter's Industrial Park location. 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.
- **Controlled Burn** – Over 20 acres were involved in the controlled burn that took place in April. This annual project is used to improve wildlife habitat, minimize invasive species and noxious weeds along with minimizing maintenance associated with grass cutting. Grass cutting was also reduced this year by employing a local farmer to bale the grass instead of just cutting it.

Respectfully submitted,



Henry A. Koch, P.E.

Highway Department

- Winter has been the majority of the focus of our operations. We are in good shape from a materials perspective at this point. While we believe that we have sufficient salt and sand to get us through the remainder of the winter, which cannot be said elsewhere in the State. Shortly I believe you will start seeing a salt "shortage" in the news. That will likely drive prices up for the 2014/2015 winter, therefore we have ordered the remainder of our reserve in an effort to obtain some of next winter's material at a lower cost.
- In other operations the Department has been conducting brushing along CTH OA (CTH FO to 33) and CTH A (STH 162 to CTH C) operations in preparation for the upcoming construction season. And repairing damage from crashes along guardrail and roadsides.
- We have recently filled 4 vacancies, 1 Patrol Worker, 2 Utility Workers and our Engineer. All of these personnel will be starting no later than March 10th.
- From a design perspective, work continues on the CTH SN project (CTH S to Alpine Ln) and on CTH B (STH 16 to River Valley Drive). CTH B (STH 16 to River Valley Drive) will require a complete closure and detour because of the nature of the construction, shortly we will begin outreach to those business's and concerns that will be affected by the closure and detour in order to minimize the impact as much as possible.
- With regards to the STH 108/CTH C jurisdictional transfer discussion, the WisDOT has sent their counter back for our consideration. AT this point I believe we will be discussing that offer at the February 10th meeting of the PW&I Committee.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns, and thank you for your continued support of County Highway operations.

Respectfully Submitted

Ronald Chamberlain

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

Judiciary & Law February 2014

Corporation Counsel Office

1. Claims Update.
 - Lueck v. La Crosse County. This is a discrimination claim filed by Alan Lueck. The Administrative Law Judge has already heard testimony in this case and will issue a decision in late March, 2014. Our office will continue to update the County Board regarding the status of this case. The discrimination claim is based upon alleged discrimination due to the termination of Alan Lueck's employment.
 - King v. La Crosse County, Case No. 10-CV-123. Oral argument has now occurred before the United States Court of Appeals. A decision will be issued within the next six months.
2. Open Records. Our office has been involved in a number of open records requests during the last several months. We had assisted with requests to the Emergency Dispatch office as well as request to other La Crosse County departments.
3. County Property Matters. Our office continues to work on a number of issues involving various County properties, which include the following:
 - Administrative Center – our office has worked on the agreement to purchase the La Crosse County Administrative Center and a lease of the La Crosse County Administrative Center to STIZO Development, LLC as part of that offer to purchase. In addition, our office has been involved with discussions with Associated Bank regarding the purchase of an Associated Bank property and will continue to be involved in an offer to purchase the Associated Bank building, which also includes potential development on Lot C.
 - La Crosse County Lot C – our office will become more involved with La Crosse County activities involving the development of Lot C, including the possibility of reserving part of Lot C for a future Associated Bank site.
 - Park Plaza – our office continues to work on an amendment to the Offer to Purchase with West Coast Development, LLC and also a Development Agreement between West Coast, the City of La Crosse and La Crosse County.
 - Lakeview Properties – our office continues to work with issues involving the sale of land near Lakeview Health Center and the possible sale of the Lakeview building.
4. Ordinance Updates. Our office continues to work with the County Departments in updating County ordinances, including the following:
 - Continue to work on Chapter 1 entitled "General Government".
 - Continue to work on Chapter 28 entitled "Mobile Tower Television or Radio Broadcast Service Facility Siting."
 - Will continue to work on the remaining ordinances that require attention, including work on Chapter 5 entitled "Record Retention" and Chapter 7 entitled "Traffic Code."

5. Department Assistance. Our office continues to assist various County departments regarding legal issues as they arise. Specific issues include the following:
- Solid Waste Department – have worked with Solid Waste department on several issues including an extension agreement to the La Crosse County Operations Agreement with St. Joseph Construction and also work on an amendment to the agreement with Xcel Energy. In addition, our office also works on issues involving negotiations regarding the Walz and Sjolander wells and possible resolutions to the water issue regarding their wells.
 - Highway Department - our office continues to work with the Highway Department regarding appeals filed regarding financial awards for the County Trunk Highway OA Construction project. A number of additional appraisals have been ordered on behalf of La Crosse County. Attorney Ben Southwick is retained to represent the County in three of the pending court cases. The La Crosse County Corporation Counsel office will represent the County in two of the pending court cases.
 - Personnel Dept. – Continue to work with the Personnel department and the appropriate departments regarding issues involving employee complaints.
6. Court Activities. Our office continues to work on Child In Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) and Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) cases, which often can be time consuming. Our office also represents the County Human Services Department in Chapter 51 mental health cases and Chapter 54/55 Guardianship and Protective Placement cases to serve clients in need of services in La Crosse County.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Lange
Corporation Counsel

Emergency Services

Both the County and City of La Crosse are working with radio consultant Elert and Associates to develop a combined Request For Proposals for their respective public safety radio systems. By having these two projects working together, both systems can be updated and improved while working towards interoperability. The merge can also provide for shared resources and provide cost savings.

On December 10th, Emergency Management Coordinator Keith Butler facilitated a presentation and input-gathering session with representatives from La Crosse County public safety radio users. Such meetings will continue throughout the process.

Public-Safety Communications

November

Telephone Calls

9-1-1 Calls 3,053 (average of 102 per day)
Answered within 10 seconds: 97.35%
Answered within 20 seconds: 99.97%
*0 calls more than 30 seconds

72% of 9-1-1 calls were from wireless phones.

Total Telephone Calls 21,527 (average of 718 per day)

Calls for Service

Law Enforcement	7,901
Fire Fighting	203
Emergency Medical	512

December

Telephone Calls

9-1-1 Calls 2,219 (average of 72 per day)
Answered within 10 seconds: 98.11%
Answered within 20 seconds: 99.86%
* 2 calls more than 30 seconds

77 % of 9-1-1 calls were from wireless phones.

Total Telephone Calls 20,341 (average of 656 per day)

Calls for Service

Law Enforcement	7,786
Fire Fighting	230
Emergency Medical	545

**National Emergency Number Association Standards:*

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

Guerra Peterson is our newest Telecommunicator. Guerra comes to the department from Logistics Health, Inc. Previous to that he worked as an adult caregiver. Guerra originally is from Black River Falls and now lives in La Crescent. He will be starting his training program on the fast-paced second shift.

Emergency Management (Keith Butler, Coordinator)

Events of Note

- Emergency Management disaster-related expenses were lower than usual during 2013 resulting in some un-spent budget funds. The 2013 EM budget balances were carefully reviewed and some items were obtained for volunteer organizations that provide support or service to the EM program: Community Emergency Response Team, Mass Casualty Team and the Disaster/Damage Assessment Team.
- EM facilitated a meeting of the I-90 Bridge Project planners and responders at the La Crescent Fire Station on December 16. Officials from Wisconsin Emergency Management provided cross-state border mutual aid guidance. EM was directed to prepare a tabletop and functional exercises for early 2014.
- EM and the Mass Casualty Team provided support and equipment during a vehicle and body recovery operation on January 1. It was determined that the thin tent shelters and trailer electric heaters were inadequate for severe cold weather responses. EM ordered a durable cold-weather shelter tent and is researching propane tent/shelter heaters.
- EM and Public Health helped coordinate the efforts of the Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) to provide emergency community warming shelters during the severe cold emergency during the first week of the New Year. At least one Mass Casualty Team member provided over-night shelter assistance.
- EM and the Mass Casualty Team provided REHAB support to Onalaska responders following a house explosion and fire during the early morning hours of January 4. The Salvation Army canteen was not available. This response further demonstrated the need for severe cold weather response equipment. One of the Mass Casualty Team trailers was damaged during this response when it struck a parked truck while being maneuvered to allow access to the incident scene for other response vehicles.

- Local media have contacted the EM office seeking information regarding community preparedness for train derailments involving a spill or fire of crude oil. The Metropolitan Planning Organization provided GIS mapping and demographic research information for EM. (EM does not currently have any GIS Intern support.) EM will continue to research rail road emergency response plans and community protection and evacuation plans.

Jay Loeffler, Administrator
Emergency Services

La Crosse County Medical Examiner

40 Total Cases Investigated

12 Scene Investigations (2 pending death determination, 2 suicides, 1 accident, 3 autopsies)
22 Natural Deaths

73 Cremation permits signed
18 Death Certificates Signed

Total Revenue for January \$12,480.00

I attended the second meeting of the County's Mass Fatality group. Things are proceeding well and we are identifying our County needs in a mass fatality disaster.

I also met with Clark, Jackson and Trempealeau County Coroners on January 24th to discuss mutual aid in case of a mass fatality in our area or region and am working on putting a plan together. Each County expressed the need for the other Counties help for making such a plan. La Crosse County will take the lead in implementing this plan.

On January 29th I spend a couple of hours in Marathon, Portage and Columbia County Medical Examiner's offices. I was able to see how their operations work and came away with some great ideas to implement in our office. These offices are similar in size to our case load.

Tim Candahl
Medical Examiner