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Memo To: La Crosse County Board of Supervisors
From: Steve O'Malley, County Administrator
Date: June 4, 2015

Re: June Monthly Report to the County Board

Attached is the June 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”

June 8, 2015 Policy Planning Meeting agenda

The meeting agenda includes a presentation by the County Health Department on considerations under the BRACE program (Building Resilience Against Climate Effects) that are expected to impact the provision of County services.

In addition, I will provide an Update on more details about the Debt Service Plan and goals for the next 3-5 years, in order to prepare the County Board for the full context of the Bond Authorizing Resolutions at the June regular County Board meeting on June 18.

*If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail.
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MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

Planning, Resources & Development Committee June 2015

County Surveyor

MAP REVIEW: 2015 continues to be a very busy year for Certified Survey Map review. We have had 28 maps submitted for review so far (there were only 16 submitted at this time in 2014). In addition, two subdivision plats have been submitted for review, both in the Town of Shelby.

FIELD WORK: We are off to a great start on our Section and Quarter corner maintenance work for 2015. Our department goal is to visit and maintain a minimum of 5% of La Crosse County's 1405 corner monuments. Maintenance allows a chance to check the condition and stability of the monument marking the corner and to check reference ties. So far this year we have maintained 22 corner monuments.

ONGOING RESPONSE: The County Surveyor's Office continually responds to our customers by assisting them with surveying and land ownership questions. These interactions take place via e-mail, telephone and face-to-face visits and can illustrate some very unique situations and raise some interesting and complex land ownership and title questions. For most people, a land transaction is a rare occurrence. Our office can often serve as a resource to help our customers understand how the land transaction process works and we are pleased to be able to assist them in this way.

PETER FOLLANSBEE: It is with great sadness that I report the sudden passing of my colleague and friend Peter Follansbee. Pete died unexpectedly at home on May 20th. He was just 58 years old. Pete was an exceptionally detail oriented worker. He was meticulous, clear and concise. He also had a sharp wit and an amazingly clever sense of humor. He knew La Crosse County intimately due to all of the field work he had done throughout the county. He and previous County Surveyor Bill Jung reestablished the vast majority of the Section and Quarter corners in the 21½ years they worked together. In the six and ½ years I had the opportunity to work with Pete, his knowledge, experience and recollections were invaluable to me as a department head, other County Departments and to the residents of La Crosse County. On a personal note, I want you to know that I am a better land surveyor and a better human being because I had the opportunity to work with Peter Follansbee. Please know too that La Crosse County is a better place because Peter Follansbee worked here.

*Respectfully submitted,
Bryan Meyer, La Crosse County Surveyor*

Metropolitan Planning Organization Department

This month we are continuing to sponsor boundary agreement meetings amongst La Crosse County communities in order to reduce municipal costs and lead to a more orderly process for boundary determination and provision of urban services.

In April and May a number of meetings took place involving the Cities of La Crosse and Onalaska and the Towns of Medary and Shelby.

Some of the points that have been raised at the meetings about challenges and opportunities include:

- *Desire for shared services.*
- *Currently need to hire a consultant for even small projects – there might be opportunity to contract with municipal staff instead.*
- *Stabilize boundaries to enable confident planning and investment (don't want to rebuild infrastructure and then have that infrastructure annexed unexpectedly).*
- *People are anxious about risk of annexation, agreement would provide more certainty and reduce anxiety.*
- *Infrastructure efficiency – an agreement could help enable mutually beneficial utility projects that improve service and cost, such as water looping.*
- *Recreational opportunities – blufflands, trails, shared service options for parks, etc.*
- *Would like to share both the costs and benefits of growth in surrounding communities equitably – improve services and manage affordability.*
- *Frustrations managing law enforcement in town areas, especially in cases where the City owns park land outside the City and wishes to enforce City ordinances. More generally, would like to be able to respond to (nonemergency) calls more easily without regard to jurisdiction, instead of forcing people to wait for the County Sherriff's department on anything that is not life-threatening, even if watching from across the street.*
- *Would like to improve land uses and appearances along Hwy 16 over time, to improve appearance and understanding of where City of La Crosse begins.*
- *There are some convoluted boundary areas that are confusing for everyone in terms of jurisdiction and service provision, an agreement could clean things up.*
- *Hwy 16 traffic is a concern.*
- *Would like to see development across the south side, whether in City or Town.*
- *Emergency service coordination and efficiencies desired.*
- *Would like to coordinate trails and access to recreational lands.*
- *Would like to give people a range of (residential) options.*
- *Coordinated transit and transportation improvements in area.*
- *Would like to coordinate park and recreation resources, including consideration of a park district to regionalize costs and management for efficiency and sustainability. Would need to include County in this.*

- *Fire service - Fire department would like to see regionalization of administration/management to make training and equipment maintenance more uniform and predictable (want to avoid situations like 2012 Abbotsford fire that resulted in firefighter injuries and one fatality). A full regionalization with taxing authority is desirable but may not be possible; regionalized administration could be accomplished through agreements while retaining municipal taxing method. Would like to see better and more uniform development standards to improve access and safety - fewer dead-end roads and maximum street grades that the trucks can handle.*

- *Housing – would like to address the city's concentration of people in poverty, and the associated higher service costs, by finding a way to require more affordable housing in other jurisdictions.*

Tom Faella

Executive Director, La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC)

La Crosse County UW-Extension

April - May 2015

- Susan Taylor joined the La Crosse County UW-Extension team as a Financial Coach to work with economically vulnerable individuals and families. Funding for the position is provided for 2.5 years through the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. (MMS)
- Hosted "Capitol Connections-La Crosse for key UW-Extension stakeholders to meet and discuss with local state legislators the importance and value that UW-Extension programs bring to La Crosse County, and how the proposed budget reductions to the University of Wisconsin system will and have impacted the La Crosse County staff and programs. (MMS)
- Facilitated discussions between an Aging and Disability Resource Center and Aging Unit team as they review and prepare an analysis of three future organization structure options to further greater integration. (MMS)
- La Crosse County 4-H Spring Trap program ran for 5 consecutive weeks at the Gunslick Trap Club in Holmen. The 39 youth in this program received instruction on safety as well as learning the skills involved in shooting trap. (JH)
- 4-H held Clover College in April at St. Patrick's Parish school in Onalaska. The participants learned a variety of skills from the classes they participated. All classes are taught by volunteer instructors and focused on Art, Horses, Plant Science, Poultry, Recycling, Safety as well as a few others. (JH)
- WNEP provides monthly interactive nutrition lessons to teen moms at Hope Academy. A survey at the end of an 8 session series showed behavior changes in the following areas, 75% of families are going to try to eat more vegetables, fruit, and whole grains each day, 88% are going to eat more meals together as a family and have made at least one of the recipes from the series of classes, 75% said that the lessons were very helpful/helpful and 25% said that the lessons were somewhat helpful. (KJ)

- WNEP is partnering with the Hillview Urban Agriculture Market Baskets Program to provide Slow Cooker demonstrations to area residents at Senior Meal Sites. Thirty-four participants at two meal sites took part in an informational presentation which focused on food safety and preparing healthy low cost meals using local produce. Participants received ingredients to prepare the recipe demonstrated and a complimentary crock pot provided by grant funding secured by the Hillview Urban Agriculture Center from the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA). (KJ)
- Continued working with eight La Crosse County urban municipalities on developing the 2015-2016 two year work plan for public education and outreach. This included establishing a budget for the group, developing a work plan, and appropriating costs out equitably between partners. Each member has joined voluntarily as a means of reaching the public education and outreach requirement by the WDNR storm water general permit. (KG)
- Worked with Mayo Healthcare System's Peter Hughes in developing a strategic approach to the "Synergy Discussions" occurring between the La Crosse Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, Downtown Mainstreet Inc., the La Crosse Area Chamber of Commerce, the 7 Rivers Alliance, and the La Crosse Area Development Corporation. An initial meeting between these partners took place to present developed strategies towards meeting common goals. An additional meeting is scheduled for June to continue this discussion, and illustrate various approaches to collaboration between economic development agencies in similar sized communities within the upper Midwest. (KG)
- Assisted the Data Integration team of the La Crosse Area Family Collaborative in developing data sets to measure the impact and potential gains of the La Crosse Area Family Collaborative Initiative. This initiative is a new program for La Crosse County, and will make an effort to deliver County services to families in some of the County's most dilapidated neighborhoods. (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

KJ – Karie Johnson, Nutrition Coordinator

Department of Land Conservation

La Crosse County's Hoeth Forest is currently undergoing a timber harvest of mature Red and White Pine. There is an estimated 760 cords of Red Pine and 25 cords of White Pine to be harvested from 54 acres of managed timber. Bell Timber from Barron, Wi. is conducting the harvest and bid the timber at \$59,919.05. The revenue from this harvest is used for the department's Environmental Fund. This fund provides cost share assistance to county residents who need help installing conservation measures that preserve and protect the county's soil and water resources. Hoeth Forest is located in the north-central part of the county. It is a 439 acre parcel that was obtained through property tax delinquency and purchase beginning in 1930 for the purpose of;

1. Providing a well managed, continuous flow of forest products from La Crosse County
2. Providing an educational opportunity for persons interested in forest lands and their management
3. Providing areas for compatible forms of forest recreation

4. Providing revenues for soil conservation, water quality and forestry projects through the Department of Land Conservation's Environmental Fund

The County Forest system also has an additional 524 acres of timber and recreational land in the northeast part of La Crosse County. The Raymond C. Bice Forest Preserve is 462 acres of forested recreational land. It has a mixed hardwood/conifer vegetative cover type and is managed primarily for recreational purposes and has occasional timber harvests.

The Department of Land Conservation has been active with reviewing and permitting storm water management and erosion control plans for new subdivisions that are proposed for development this year. The Willow Heights Subdivision is a proposed 24 lot development in the Town of Shelby located at the old Irish Hills Golf Course on Knobloch Road. There is a 45 lot development also proposed for Knobloch Road in the Town of Shelby called The Quarry at Irish Hills. These developments are currently being debated between the Town of Shelby and City of La Crosse for possible tax revenue sharing. There are two ongoing subdivision developments that require Department of Land Conservation staff to conduct regular inspections to insure that the standards and specifications for storm water management and erosion control are being implemented and performing to expectations. These developments include Wildwood Valley Subdivision in the Town of Onalaska and Barrewood Subdivision in the Town of Barre.

Gregg Stangl
Director of Land Conservation

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

Public Works & Infrastructure June 2015

Solid Waste

Xcel Operations

Operations in the second quarter of 2015 continue in a normal fashion. Monthly reports on the Contract Extension are being submitted to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee. The market price for ferrous recovery is down 29% over 2014 while the market price for aluminum is down 10% over 2014. The receipt of Ag Bag material is becoming a problem at the facility and is being rejected to the Landfill.

Landfill Operations

The landfill is in excellent condition after the winter of 2014/2015. All roads and unloading areas are in excellent shape. To improve the management of citizens utilizing the landfill site a separate trailer unloading area has been established. The annual Stakeholders meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 19th at the landfill. All supervisors are urged to attend with the meeting starting at 8:30am and ending at noon with lunch.

End of Year Reviews

End of Year Reviews have been completed for the Host Agreement with the Cities of La Crosse and Onalaska, the Waste Water Permit, Annual DNR Meeting, Gas-to-Energy Project with Gundersen, Environmental Management System and Highway/Solid Waste Department Memorandum of Understanding. No outstanding issues for 2014 were identified. Customer Rebates in 2014 totaled slightly over \$594,000 or the equivalent of approximately \$5 per ton.

New Landfill Site Entrance

Work has commenced on a concept design for a new site entrance to the landfill. The purpose of this design is to improve safety, prevent backup of trucks on public streets and to better segregate citizens and commercial haulers. The conceptual design is anticipated to be complete by July 1st and will be submitted to the City of La Crosse who will design the proposed frontage road. After the City of La Crosse has completed the frontage road design the site entrance design will be completed.

HHM

Utilization of HHM by County residents continues to increase. Year-to-date, the number of users is up 15% and the weight of waste collected is up 22%.

The number of incidents where users bring in poorly packaged or leaking chemicals has increased lately. HHM staff is using radio advertising, Facebook, handouts to inform participants of the dangers that improperly packaged chemicals can present, and ways that they can safely transport wastes to HHM.

Special Waste

Over the past several months, the Solid Waste Department has been reviewing wastes that are being used as alternate daily cover (ADC). Wastes from three manufacturers were identified as being too dusty to be acceptable as ADC. One local user has been successful in

controlling the excess dust. The Department is working with the others to do the same. If they are unable to generate a material acceptable as ADC, it will be reclassified as a waste, at a higher cost for disposal.

Important Upcoming Dates

Friday 6/19/2015 8:30 am to 1:00 pm Annual Stakeholders Meeting at the Landfill.

Friday 6/19/2015 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm Citizen Informational Meeting on Landfill Master Plan at the Landfill.

Wednesday 7/15/2015 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Solid Waste Policy Board Meeting at Landfill.

Sustainability **June, 2015**

Earth Fair Marsh Clean up

The Marsh Cleanup took place on Saturday April 25th from 9 AM to 1 PM over 70 volunteers combed the marsh and surrounding areas and picked up over 2200 pounds of trash and garbage. The Solid waste Department supplied a container to collect and dispose of the material, along with garbage bags and single use rubber gloves. Wiscorps supplied a lunch for the volunteers and the Civil Air Patrol cleaned up Red Cloud Park and cooked the meal.

Earth Fair

Over 2,000 people turned out to enjoy the many children's activities, workshops, first-of-the-season farmers market, music, food, vendors, including a newly added healing arts room, demonstrations and guided tours. We also held a very successful Recycling Fair, hosted by the Firefighters Credit Union and co-sponsored by the La Crosse Public Library that was held at nearby Emerson Elementary School with collections taken by Dynamic Recycling, Confidential Records and WAFER. The fair collected 20,062 pounds of electronic waste, 5,000 pounds of paper, \$405 in donations and 427 pounds of food donations for WAFER!

Viterbo University Sustainability Club

The Viterbo University Sustainability Club hosted an Earth Day celebration on the 22nd of April (Earth Day) and invited staff to have a booth in the Reinhart Center from 11 AM to 3 PM. Nick and Randy hosted the booth and handed out information about sustainability and HHM disposal along with copies of the NRMP (Natural Resources Management Plan) to all who stopped by the booth.

Mississippi River Cleanup

The Solid Waste Department supplies containers and free disposal for this annual event resulting in over 4.5 tons of material being removed from the River including 40 tires and over 80 plastic barrels.

Dumpster Diversion Day for UWL

The fourth annual Dumpster Diversion Day was held Tuesday May 19th at the former Jade Coffee House on the corner of Vine and West Ave. several organizations were present to try and reduce the amount of material that ends up in the landfill. Seven Rivers Recycling was taking mattresses, Dynamic Recycling was collecting electronic waste, The Habitat For Humanity ReStore truck was available for useable furniture and Harter's Quick Cleanup had a packer truck on hand to take in any waste left over. Actual diversion numbers will be available for the next report.

Sustainable La Crosse Commission

The Sustainable La Crosse Commission Met Tuesday May 19th with the focus of the meeting a presentation on indicators report for La Crosse County. Nick presented information that showed progress towards sustainability by several departments including I.T., Highway, Facilities, the Health Dept and Solid Waste. The next meeting of the SLC will be the 16th of June.

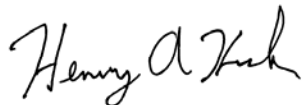
Cub Scout Camporee Dirty Jobs

Seventeen Cub Scouts and 13 Adults and leaders spent Friday night and all day Saturday experiencing "Dirty Jobs" at the landfill. The day started off with a bit of drizzle but soon turned into partly sunny skies and the scouts were awakened by the sound of equipment grinding wood and recycled asphalt shingle waste. Hank led off the educational portion of the day with a presentation on top of one of the smaller closed C&D (Construction and Demolition) sites that faced that active area. Then the scouts were off to learn about fire extinguishers. What types of fires they could be used on etc and actually got a chance to put one into action. Randy gave a tour of the hazardous materials site and how to properly dispose of this type of waste. A visit to the maintenance shop for a job cleaning up several rows of chairs with scrub brushes, then a brief respite for lunch, afterwards training in one of the sedimentation basins on archery and BB gun safety, with a final program of learning how to change a bike tire. Great fun and another example of community outreach at the landfill.

Supervisor Day at the Landfill Dirty Jobs

In honor of the Cub Scouts and their Dirty Job event it's only fitting to invite La Crosse County Supervisors to the landfill and experience what it's like to spend a few hours doing what the Solid Waste Department staff does every day. Come on out to the landfill on Tuesday, September 15th from 8 AM to 1 PM. Light breakfast and Lunch provided and spend a day in a "Dirty Job".

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry A. Koch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Henry A. Koch, P.E.



DIRTY JOBS™

La Crosse
County
Landfill



TAKE YOUR SUPERVISOR TO WORK DAY



At the La Crosse County Landfill
6500 State Road 16 La Crosse, WI 54601
Tuesday, September 15, 2015
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Come out to the La Crosse Landfill for an opportunity like no other! Learn all about some of the dirtiest jobs around, and have a blast with your colleagues on an amazing landfill adventure!

Individuals are encouraged to dress for the weather and getting your hands dirty! The landfill will provide a light breakfast and lunch afterwards so no need to pack your own.



←
A snapshot of
The beautiful
350 acres
owned by
The Landfill!
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Please RSVP to Linda Bettin at lbettin@lacrossecounty.org or call our office at 608-785-9572.



All planned activities at the Landfill are 100% safe, educational, and fun! If you have any questions or concerns, contact Hank at 608-785-9769 or hkoch@lacrossecounty.org

WORKING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 15th

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:30-8:00 AM	Check-In	Landfill Office
8:00-9:00 AM	Shift one	HHM
8:00-9:00 AM	Shift two	Citizens Area
8:00-9:00 AM	Shift Three	Landfill
9:00-9:15	Switch!	1 to 2,2 to 3.3to1
9:15-10:00	Work	
10:00-10:15	Switch	
10:15-11:00	Work	
11:00	Lunch	Landfill Office



Highway Department

- Currently our operations for the County system are focused on maintenance activities such as erosion repair, pothole patching, brushing, crack filling, etc.
- On the State side of our operation we are working on similar maintenance activities, in addition to which we just completed a Performance Based Maintenance crack filling project on STH 16. This project was completed during the week between the hours of 8:00 pm and 6:00 am, and our crews performed exceptionally completing the project with two days less than originally planned. Other work on the state system includes bridge deck washing and sealing, concrete slab replacement, and culvert replacements.
- As you are aware the jurisdictional transfer for CTH C and STH 108 is progressing, as of today we have started lining up the required materials for the guardrail and culvert work to be completed this year. I expect the final documents for the transfer from WisDOT any day now and the \$4.7 million will be provided to the County either in the later part of June or the first part of July. Along those lines the PW&I Committee and County Board will be taking up the issue of the road name for the old alignment of 108 this month.
- We are also starting our first mowing on the County Highway system as well as the single mowing on the rural areas of State Trunk Highways. The State Urban Mowing program has been underway and we are on the second round of that in those areas that WisDOT permits urban mowing.
- In the design arena we are currently working on bridges located on CTH M, CTH XX, CTH B and Drogseth Road. In addition to which we have design projects underway on CTH M (CTH B to CTH O), CTH SN (CTH S to Alpine Lane) for reconstruction projects. We also have the pavement replacement design for CTH HD and CTH DH in Holmen in preparation for the upcoming jurisdictional transfer of those roads to the Village of Holmen. Finally in efforts to open more doors for improvement funding opportunities we are working on a High Risk Rural Road design on CTH T, a County Wide Safety analysis.
- The last project I would like to bring to your attention is the CTH B (STH 16 to River Valley Drive) freight project, which has been let through the WisDOT. This project is scheduled to commence on June 15, 2015 and be complete by August 15, 2015. The road will be closed to through traffic and there will be a posted detour.

Thank you for your continued support for Highway operations, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronald Chamberlain

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

Judiciary & Law June 2015

Emergency Services

On May 14, Emergency Management Coordinator Keith Butler had just picked up the Communications & Command Vehicle from the County Highway shop after some maintenance. As he was leaving, he monitored a dispatch for the West Salem Emergency Medical Team to respond to Vet's Park for a person who was experiencing a seizure. Keith responded and witnessed a vehicle near the bridge, and a male lying on his back on the roadway. He checked the male and discovered he was not breathing, nor had a pulse. He notified 9-1-1 Dispatch of the male's condition, then began Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

John Revels, a driver for Access Medical Transport, also was at the scene and indicated he was trained in CPR. He relieved Keith and the two took turns in performing chest compressions until a West Salem First Responder arrived. An Automated External Defibrillation (AED) was used, a shock administered, and then more compressions by Keith and John until the paramedic ambulance crew arrived. The patient was transported to a La Crosse hospital, survived and is recovering at home.

It was very fortunate that Keith, who was an Emergency Medical Technician prior to working at La Crosse County, happened to be in the area when this call occurred. This incident also shows the importance of bystander CPR in the critical early minutes of a medical emergency.

Public-Safety Communications

March

Telephone Calls

9-1-1 Calls 2,122 (average of 68 per day)
Answered within 10 seconds: 96.98%
Answered within 20 seconds: 99.90%
Average Answer Time: 4 seconds
**0 calls more than 30 seconds*

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

Total Telephone Calls 22,111 (average of 713 per day)

Calls for Service

Law Enforcement	10,870
Fire Fighting	200
Emergency Medical	624

April

Telephone Calls

9-1-1 Calls 2,353 (average of 78 per day)
Answered within 10 seconds: 96.90%
Answered within 20 seconds: 99.66%
Average Answer Time: 4 seconds
** 2 calls more than 30 seconds*

79% of 9-1-1 calls were from wireless phones.

Total Telephone Calls 23,070 (average of 769 per day)

Calls for Service

Law Enforcement	10,567
Fire Fighting	244
Emergency Medical	675

**National Emergency Number Association Standards:*

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

April 12-18 was National Telecommunicators Week, a time where we recognize and honor those public safety personnel that answer the calls and dispatch the responders to both emergency and non-emergency calls for service. La Crosse County celebrated this week with multiple events, including a Monday social gathering with our peers at Gundersen Lutheran Medical Communications, cupcake Tuesday, door prize Wednesday, a special jeans day on Thursday and our traditional root beer float Friday. In addition, three staff attended the awarding of Wisconsin's Telecommunicator of the Year and training program in Stevens Point that week.

On April 8th, the Emergency Services Administrator participated in "9-1-1 Lobby Day" at the State Capital. 9-1-1 professionals from throughout the state spent the day in Madison to meet with Wisconsin State Senate and Assembly leadership, plus members of the Joint Finance Committee, to work towards improving 9-1-1 in Wisconsin. With assistance from the American Heart Association, Wisconsin National Emergency Number Association and Wisconsin Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, our goal was to work towards 9-1-1 legislation that would create a 9-1-1 Council in Wisconsin. This council would conduct a statewide 9-1-1 telecommunications system assessment, develop recommendations for service standards for PSAPs (Public Safety Answering Points), establish criteria for grants under the Public Service Commission rules, promote interoperability and seek additional funding sources for 9-1-1 telecommunications purposes. Although our voices were heard, any consideration for such a council was excluded from the budget. Further discussion of 9-1-1 legislation is expected to come forward during the fall session.

Emergency Management (Keith Butler, Coordinator)

Events of note during this period

- County EM and Emergency Services Administrator met with the County Administrator on April 1 to discuss the process of obtaining a countywide alert and notification system.
- County EM received information and photographs from the Galena crude oil incident and discussed local and regional response planning with the HazMat Team leadership
- County EM participated in a public information campaign for the statewide severe weather and tornado awareness week – April 5-11 and participated in the annual storm spotter (SkyWarn) training on April 15.
- County EM presentation railroad safety information to the local railroad retirees group in Onalaska on April 14.
- Numerous briefings and email exchanges occurred in April and May regarding the Avian Influenza outbreak. It was determined that little impact to local poultry operations was expected.
- Numerous briefings and other activities were required during mid-April due to enhanced wildfire risk.

- County EM met with the County Mass Casualty Team in West Salem on Sunday, April 19 and provided a briefing regarding the expected summer activities and road projects that may impact the Team.
- County EM has been working with Viterbo officials to prepare an exercise to examine campus emergency plans. The exercise will be conducted in June.
- County EM and the Mass Casualty Team assisted with the Fitness Festival Marathon on Saturday, May 2.
- County EM participated in a STEP (Students Tools for Emergency Planning) presentation with Representative Doyle at Bangor Elementary on May 4.
- County EM has been participating in a WisDOT Coulee Region Transportation Study Technical Advisory Group which has met several times during this reporting period.
- County EM continues the work for a grant-funded railroad incident evacuation plan project as well as emergency responder training assessment and a commodity flow study to determine the types of hazardous materials that are transported through La Crosse County.
- The County Highway Department was able to complete some repairs to the Communication & Command Vehicle.
- County EM participated in a regional Emergency Management meeting in Clark County on May 19 and a regional Hospital Preparedness Program Coalition Workshop in La Crosse on May 20.

*Jay Loeffler, Administrator
Emergency Services*

Clerk of Courts

The Court system is pleased to report the next enhancement to our courtroom technology project. In 2014, all five of the courtrooms were equipped with courtroom presentation equipment. The project included installing a large screen that at a touch on the monitor comes out of the ceiling, a projector mounted to the ceiling, an elmo or document reader, plus attorneys can bring their laptops to hook up to show videos, use power point or show other evidence. This update brought the courtrooms into the technology age and better serves the cause of justice.

The next enhancement is the implementation of video conferencing equipment. The equipment will be installed the first week of July in Branch 1 courtroom. Initially, the judges budgeted for two courtrooms. However, only one courtroom will be implemented and then usage will be tracked to show justify further installation.

This three year project was done with the coordination of a committee which included members of the District Attorney office, IT, Facilities, Finance, private attorneys, judges and clerk of court. The committee researched and determined what kind of equipment to be requested to accommodate our needs but still be within budget.

The Courts would like to thank all involved in the coordination and implementation.

*Pam Radtke
Clerk of Courts*

Corporation Counsel Office

1. Claims Update.

- Liza Collins v. County of La Crosse, ERD Case No. CR201400387. Liza Collins has filed an appeal of the initial determination of no probable cause. This means that a hearing will be set before an administrative law judge. Our office is working with the attorney assigned to the case by WMMIC to prepare for the hearing. No date has been set at this time.
- Lueck v. La Crosse County and Labor and Industry Review Commission, Case No. 14-CV-799. On August 26, 2011, Lueck filed a discrimination complaint with the state regarding his termination of employment. An administrative law judge found a lack of probable cause for Lueck's complaint on March 24, 2014. On November 13, 2014, the Labor and Industry Review Commission issued a decision affirming the decision of the administrative law judge. Lueck appealed the matter to the La Crosse County Circuit Court. The Honorable Ramona A. Gonzalez granted a motion to dismiss Lueck's petition on January 30, 2015 based upon Lueck's failure to comply with the statutory filing and service deadlines. Lueck has filed an appeal to the Wisconsin Court of Appeals regarding this decision. Our office will continue to keep the County Board informed regarding the status of this case. If Lueck is not successful on this appeal, and no successful appeal is made to the Wisconsin Supreme Court, the case would then be closed.
- Jacquelyn Rieck v. County of La Crosse, ERD Case No. CR201500960. On April 27, 2015, Rieck has filed a discrimination complaint under the Wisconsin Fair Employment law alleging that she has been discriminated against by La Crosse County. Rieck alleges that her eventual termination from employment is due to discrimination based on her conviction and arrest record. The County is in the process of filing a response, which denies the allegations. Our office will continue to keep the County Board informed of any developments in this case.

2. Ordinance Updates. Our office is working on the following ordinance updates:

- a. Amendment to Chapter 17 Zoning ordinance required by Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP).
- b. Continue to work on updates to Chapter 5 Records Management, Chapter 7 Traffic Code, and Chapter 15 Solid Waste Management Code.

3. Department Assistance. Our office continues to work and assist various County departments regarding legal issues as they arise, which include the following:

- Child Support Department – Our office has worked on several contractual issues, such as use of a call center and financial work assistance from Grant County.
- Solid Waste Dept. – Continue to work on various issues including Xcel contract negotiations regarding extension of contract and ash disposal, miscellaneous contractual matters, Chapter 15 ordinance re-write, and resolution of issue regarding claim of contamination of wells in the vicinity of the La Crosse County Landfill.
- Personnel Dept. – Have worked on several disciplinary matters involving employees from Human Services Department and other County Departments and other miscellaneous issues as they arise.

- Highway Dept. – Assist with personnel issues, work on several contractual issues, including a contract for storm water management, acquiring right-of-way property and other miscellaneous contractual issues.
4. Court Activities. Our office continues to do the normal ongoing work in Human Service matters. Amy Flottmeyer is working on a termination of parental rights case which will likely result in a jury trial. Our office will continue to work on child protection cases, mental commitment cases, and guardianship and protective placement cases, as they arise. Our office also continues to represent the Child Support office at least twice a week in hearings before the Family Court Commissioner regarding establishment or modification of support orders and contempt and other enforcement actions.
 5. Child Support Agency Report to the Board, June 2015.

The Agency case numbers remain steady at about 5500 cases. The agency is once again fully staffed since retirements in January and March. The new staff have been assigned caseloads and training is progressing nicely.

We will be going live with the customer service call center on June 1, 2015. We had budgeted for the call center beginning on January 1st, 2015, but due to Milwaukee County starting with the call center in February, it was determined that we should wait until later in the year due to the increase in volume generated by Milwaukee County Child Support.

Respectfully submitted,

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