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Memo To: La Crosse County Board of Supervisors
From: Steve O'Malley, County Administrator
Date: June 1, 2017

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 should 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
Veterans, Aging & Long Term Care
County Clerk, Finance, IT,
Personnel, Treasurer

"OF INTEREST"

County Board Planning Meeting Monday June 5, 2017

The June 5, 2017 Planning meeting of the County Board including:

- United Way Presentation: Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed in La Crosse County
- West Salem Tax Increment District status and Update Rockland Meadow Parks Estates
- Bug Tussel wireless presentation to PRD committee
- Update on the downtown parking situation

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MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

Planning, Resources & Development Committee June 2017

Zoning, Planning & Land Information



Meet our staff: Our Department will introduce you to members of our staff in the following bi-monthly reports. In this report you will meet:

Corey Hughes: Assistant County Surveyor

Corey grew up on a 60 acre beef farm in Boyceville WI, 10 miles north of Menomonie. He graduated from Boyceville high school in 2008. After, he attended Nicolet Area Technical College in Rhinelander WI where he earned an associate's degree in Land Survey Technician in 2010. He then went to St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud MN and earned a Bachelor's degree in Land surveying/ Mapping Science in Dec. 2012. On May 2, 2017 he became a Professional Land Surveyor. Corey has a girlfriend, Annie. They both recently moved to La Crosse. Some of Corey's hobbies include kickboxing, MMA, restoring a 1968 Pontiac Catalina, hunting, fishing, camping, and 4 wheeling. He has worked in the Land Survey Profession since May of 2011. Corey's early work experience includes Fleet Farm, and Menards.

Update from Zoning: Zoning Permits Issued Jan 1st through April 30th 2017

2016-Jan 1st –Apr. 30th Permits Issued- 81 **Value 2016- \$10,183,236**

2017-Jan 1st –Apr. 30th Permits Issued- 103 **Value 2017- \$12,010,732**
Up 27.16 % **Up 17.95%**

Zoning Permits Issued Apr. 1st through Apr 30th 2017

2016-Apr. 1st – Apr. 30th – 39 permits **Value 2016- \$4,305,482**

2017-Apr. 1st – Apr. 30th – 49 permits Up 25.64% **Value 2017- \$5,507,768 Up 27.92%**

*Charlie Handy, County Planner
Zoning, Planning & Land Information*

Metropolitan Planning Organization Department

As a follow up on Transportation Demand Management discussions at the LAPC, the members of the Policy Board are discussing viable Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies that will reduce the need for new and expanded highways as growth continues across the region, consistent with *Coulee Vision*, the LAPC long-range transportation plan.

In early 2017, the Board asked its members to report back on current conditions, policies, programs and improvement opportunities and scheduled a series of three discussions on topics that affect demand for highway capacity:

- Land use, development regulation, bike and pedestrian facilities (February)
- Parking (March)
- Transit and carpooling (April)

Member jurisdictions were provided worksheets for each and they were asked to present at the corresponding meeting of the Board with responses to the worksheet questions. Some of the presenters brought materials or offered slide presentations – these are available for review on the LAPC website.

The most important component of the discussions was the identification of things that each jurisdiction can do themselves, locally, that could help manage demand for highway capacity, especially during peak AM and PM commuting hours. Those “opportunities to support TDM in the next few years” are included here.

A general takeaway from these presentations is the observation that the resources, level of effort, user demand and political will to manage transportation demand is heavily concentrated within the City of La Crosse, including not just the City and its departments and agencies but also major employers and institutions. Collaborations between the City of La Crosse and high travel demand destinations within the City likely hold the most promise for substantive progress. However, there are things that every member jurisdiction can do to contribute to this effort, and collaborations among the members are important to the long-term success of this effort, especially to get more people using transit in the most congested travel corridors.

Some of the opportunities to support TDM in the next few years include:

- Amend plans - reduce capacity for low density development/ and “single occupancy vehicles”
- Promote dense transit oriented development
- Continue collaborative planning
- Traditional Neighborhood Revitalization
- Promote interconnected trail systems for recreation and commuting
- Promote Regional Transit e.g. SMRT (reduce downtown parking)
- Update comprehensive plan and revisit minimum lot size requirements to discuss allowing or encouraging smaller lots
- Work on ped and bike safety along County Road FA atop the bluff
- Work on boundary agreements
- Work on a trail to Goose Island
- Interest in a trail through the Hwy 14 and HWY 35 corridors

- Complete Sand Lake Road trail, Hwy 35 trail
- Revise zoning ordinance to further encourage mixed use development
- Facilitate the Great River Landing project to spur further development in that area
- Renew Bike Friendly Community designation to highlight facility needs
- Work on connecting paths, e.g. to Holmen and north of Eagle Bluff Elementary
- Explore use of TID in a linear fashion to promote investment along transit routes
- Amend the zoning ordinance to allow density bonuses as a reward for successful land assembly in certain more challenging areas
- Traffic signal synchronization with DOT funding
- Support the completion of bike/ped facilities as part of larger DOT projects.
- Implement the bike/ped plan
- Be clear about public subsidy for all types of transportation, including the subsidy of parking
- Charge people the actual cost of parking (consider the cost of the new downtown ramp, estimated at \$317 per spot per month)
- Restore pay stations downtown to get more revenue from prime parking spots
- Direct parking revenue from pay stations to support the downtown through a parking benefit district
- Become a true utility and close the gap between revenues and expenses
- Improving enforcement with license plate recognition technology
- Downtown businesses are willing to put everything on the table for discussion, including the management of parking demand with pricing, and using technology to improve efficient use.
- Downtown Mainstreet, Inc. (DMI) wants to serve as a conduit to business owners for purposes of this discussion.
- Work to develop a Regional Transit Authority [as a means to fund transit]
- Require developments to be transit-ready, including greater concentrations of units/space and reservation of site space and public right-of-way for bus stops and dedicated transit lanes (this isn't happening now)
- Extend SMRT Bus to Tomah and Arcadia (working on this now)
- Develop or designate park and rides along the major corridors (33, 14/61) and offer transit service to downtown La Crosse
- Extend MTU service one mile further in Shelby
- Designate a site for SMRT Bus to pick up/drop off, possibly near Holmen Village Hall and/or on north side
- Increase the frequency of MTU service in Onalaska to improve its attraction
- Extend MTU service to Riders Club Road
- Review again the Main Street route to identify opportunities to improve it
- Work on getting to the national average 5% of commuter trips using transit, up from 2% today
- Look for opportunities to revise contracted routes (8, 9, 10) so that MTU resources can better serve City residents
- Work toward 15-minute service during the AM/PM commutes
- Expand employment-focused service subsidized by employers

County Surveyor

NEW HIRE: I am pleased to report that La Crosse County has a new Assistant County Surveyor. His name is Corey Hughes. Corey grew up on a farm in rural Boyceville, Wisconsin. He has an Associate's Degree in Land Surveying from Nicolet Area Technical College in Rhinelander, Wisconsin and he has a Bachelor's Degree in Land Surveying/Mapping Science from St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Corey worked for Buffalo County Surveyor Joe Nelson and D. J. Fedderly Management Consultant, LLC in Menomonie, Wisconsin. Corey started with us on April 17th and he is off to a wonderful start. After 6 weeks on the job, I can see that Corey appears to have the tools to be a wonderful asset to the County Surveyor Department and to the Land Conservation Department and the Zoning, Planning and Land Information Departments. When we interviewed Corey, he indicated that he had passed all the requirements to become a licensed Professional Land Surveyor and that he had submitted all the necessary paperwork to the Department of Regulation and Licensing. On May 2, 2017, Corey was informed that he received his license. When you see Corey, be sure to congratulate him and welcome him to La Crosse County.

CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP REVIEW: We are again busy checking Certified Survey Maps (CSM). To date, we have reviewed 27 maps which is slightly behind the pace of last year's 29 maps reviewed as of the end of May. Corey Hughes is in charge of this aspect of our work and is doing a great job.

FIELD WORK: We are off to a solid start in our field work for 2017. We recently completed three projects for the Facilities Department. We also assisted the Land Conservation Department in surveying a property to correct a faulty deed in the Town of Farmington. In addition, we are off to a nice start on our Public Land Survey System (PLSS) maintenance work for 2017. Our department goal is to perform maintenance visits on 5% of La Crosse County's 1405 Public Land Survey System (PLSS) corners. So far we have made maintenance visits to 15 PLSS corners including three corners which were completely destroyed in 2016 in the traveled portions of Highway 16 between Onalaska and West Salem.

LA CROSSE COUNTY PRESENTATION: I had the honor of doing a presentation as part of La Crosse County's **Supervisory Training** focusing on the book *"The Supervisor's Companion"*, a book by Jeanne Thomas Hugg. My presentation was on Chapter 2 – Communication. The presentation went well and seemed to be well received by those in attendance. These training sessions will continue to take place monthly and focus on many aspects of supervision. I also presented the Communication session to Front Line staff earlier in May when the scheduled speaker was unable to present due to a family emergency.

STATE PRESENTATION: I will be doing a presentation at the upcoming Wisconsin Land Information Association (WLIA) spring regional conference in Fond du Lac on June 2. I will be doing the presentation along with State Cartographer Howard Veregin and Data Services Analyst Brenda Hemstead. Our session is titled: *"The Public Land Survey System and its Role in Parcel Mapping"*.

HIGHWAY MAP SCANNING PROJECT: We are working in cooperation with IT Production to have our highway right-of-way maps scanned. The maps, some of which date back to the 1940s, show valuable information related to right-of-way locations and widths. This information is important to land surveyors, engineers, title people, attorneys, County and Township officials. Creating digital images of these maps is critical on two fronts. Number

one – we want to archive these important maps in the event that the originals are ever damaged or lost in a disaster. Secondly, we want to make them available to the public on the County Surveyor website. We are nearing the halfway point of this effort.

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan Meyer, La Crosse County Surveyor

La Crosse County UW-Extension

- Thirty-three percent of the Financial Coach client caseload has documented progress towards the goals they established and an additional 58% have established goals and are awaiting progress. Fifty-one (51) percent have improved their financial capability, 30% have improved their confidence in their ability to meet their financial goals, 26% have improved by having more income than expenses, and 44% currently have a budget. Outreach efforts include regular office hours twice a month at the Department of Workforce Development, and every week at the La Crosse Area Family Collaborative offices. (MMS)
- Department Director was one of eight County UW-Extension Directors interviewed for the USDA-NIFA Civil Rights Compliance Review. The focus of the review was the 4-H Youth Development program and employment practices. The review is a process for determining how well benefits and services are delivered by NIFA's recipients in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act which prohibits discrimination in federal employment practices. (MMS)
- nEXT Generation reorganization will have 18 new Area Extension Directors in place by July 1. The current 4 Academic Department structure is planned to become two Departments including 7 Institutes and numerous Center Systems. The timeline for County budget discussions includes MOU's and agreements on 2018 budgets, programs, and staffing levels completed in September. All nEXT Generation communications can be found at the project website <http://blogs.ces.uwex.edu/nextgeneration/> (MMS)
- The process of transitioning fair related organizational responsibilities: securing judges, recruiting award sponsors, and seeking volunteer superintendents, to the Agricultural Society is underway. (MMS)
- Requests for Agriculture related subject matter information and assistance continues. During the past two months, there were 145 Ag contacts—128 telephone requests/responses and 17 walk-in requests. (MMS)
- The La Crosse County 4-H Shooting Sports held an Archery Invitational. Over 50 youth from around the Coulee Region participated in this two day event. The 4-H Archery program provides youth a safe place to learn and practice their skills. Five local 4-H adult leaders were trained in various shooting sports disciplines; including pistol, as the 4-H Shooting Sports program continues to grow and the area youth continue to participate in the programs offered. (JH)
- The 4-H Horse Project held its annual Camp in May, with 28 youth participants and numerous adult volunteers making this 3 day event a success. At Horse Camp, youth take classes in a variety of horse subjects; breed recognition, caring, fitting, grooming, safety and many others. Safety certification tests are an important component of the event. All youth are required to safety certify with the horse(s) they plan to show in exhibition, this is required to ensure the safety of both rider and horse. (JH)
- The FoodWise program recently initiated a FitWise exercise program twice a week at Becker Plaza in La Crosse. Any fitness level is accepted and educators encourage

gradual advancement to build strength. Research shows a program of strength training improves bone density, reduces falls, improves arthritis symptoms, increases flexibility, and increases strength. Participants rave about the class stating "LOVE that I am feeling stronger, I sleep better and getting positive feedback from doctors and PT!". (KJ)

- The Partnership for a Healthier America has united every type of fruit and veggie under one awesome brand: FNV. FNV is harnessing the power of marketing to promote fruits and veggies, a coalition of partners has now brought the campaign to La Crosse County. Catch FNV in your social media feeds, around your neighborhood, or along your commute. Snap a picture, send to social media, and tag @TeamFNV and use hashtag #FNVinWI to see how much Wisconsin really loves fruits and veggies. (KJ)
- Worked with the Town of Farmington to develop and implement a broadband demand survey for town residents. The purpose of the survey was to gauge interest/need in improved broadband services. Over 23% of the approximate 720 property owners have responded at this point. (KG)
- Worked with La Crosse Promise organization as they planned and performed a strategic planning event for the 501c3 neighborhood focused organization. This included the development and creation of numerous data sets and analysis illustrating the current "changing" conditions in the two specific neighborhoods La Crosse Promise has focused on: Powell-Poage-Hamilton and Washburn neighborhoods. (KG)
- Continued working with the Synergy Group economic development coordination efforts. This group has begun to develop three strategic plans regarding regional economic development, workforce development and marketing/branding efforts. (KG)

JH – Jenny Holm, 4-H Youth Development Program Advisor

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

KJ – Karie Johnson, Nutrition Coordinator

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

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

Public Works & Infrastructure June 2017

Solid Waste Department

Landfill

Construction on the liner for Phase VIIB continues. The clay liner has been completed and installation of the synthetic liner is underway. Liner construction is expected to be completed and approved by WDNR by July 3 with filling to commence soon after that.

Xcel Waste-to-Energy

Above average amounts of solid waste are being received at Xcel throughout the first quarter. The renewal of the Stakeholder Agreement is proceeding at a slower than anticipated rate. No down time or bypass of materials has occurred in the first four months of 2017.

Gas-to-Energy

During the first four months of 2017 Gas to Energy has operated above budget targets producing an average of 5629 MMBTU's (5500) per month while averaging 92.07% (91%) runtime. Two additional temporary horizontal wells were added into the collection system in May and another was trenched and will be prepared for connection this fall.

Landfill Site Entrance

Work has been completed on the design for the landfill site entrance. Bids have been received and a contract awarded. Construction of the new scale house, installation of the scales and related facilities is expected to commence in the month of June. Work is proceeding with the City of La Crosse and their contractor to build a new frontage road to the landfill entrance and work associated with leveling the property for future industrial development is well underway. With the heavy rains, problems with erosion and sedimentation have occurred but corrective actions are being taken.

Annual Meeting

On June 23, the Annual Meeting will occur at the landfill between 8:30 am and 12:00 pm with lunch provided. A tour of the construction areas will follow. WDNR will be providing a guest speaker.

Household Hazardous Materials (HHM)

- **General Program**

Year-to-date utilization of HHM is slightly below 2016 at this time.

2017 La Crosse HHM Household Users YTD

Percent Change in users vs. 2016	-5%
Percent Change in waste received (lbs.) vs. 2016	-1%

The new residential walk-in hours from Noon – 4:00 PM on Mondays has been very popular. While overall utilization of the program has not changed much, the additional hours have helped to smooth out the peak busy times.

- **Household Hazardous Materials Program Contract Extension Update**

At the 4/10/2017 meeting the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee directed the Solid Waste Department to pursue a contract extension with the 18 municipalities in the county based on the following terms:

1. Per capita funding will increase by \$0.05/capita each year for the first five years of the contract. Once per capita funding reaches \$1.50 there will be an annual 2% adjustment for inflation. La Crosse County would continue to match the municipalities per capita funding.
2. The Solid Waste Department will contribute up to \$50,000 per year from its ferrous and non-ferrous metal recycling revenue at the Xcel WTE facility.
3. HHM staff will manage expenses and monitor financial performance. This includes not expanding HHM Programs or services unless a clear accessible funding source is associated with the Program or Service and will manage fees to obtain maximum revenue from VSQG's, farm operations, outside users, recycling revenues, etc.

Since receiving this direction from Public Works & Infrastructure Committee, HHM staff have reached out to stakeholders and municipalities in several ways. So far the reception from municipal officials has been positive. Several agreed that the County's plan is reasonable and have said that they are willing to support it.

The next step in the process is the preparation of a draft contract. Once reviewed by Corporate Council, municipalities will be asked for their input. Following that the Sustainable Funding Plan will be included in the 2018 budget process for approval by the Administrator, the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee and finally the County Board.

Sustainability

Tours/Events/other

Tours this spring have been hot and heavy with the end of winter and the spring semester in full swing. Over 230 young people had the chance to take a tour of the Household Hazardous Materials site and the landfill. These included organizations like science students from Logan and Central High Schools, the Montessori school, Luther Middle, the Town and Country Garden Club, and Onalaska Middle School. The biggest single group was over 300 kids from Summit Environmental School, all the kids from Kindergarten to fifth grade were bused around the site to see the workings of the landfill. They also had a chance to have lunch by the closed Construction and Demolition site and run up the hill afterwards to enjoy the view.

There has been movement on the Ag plastic recycling front. Revolution Plastics brought over 200 containers to the landfill for distribution to local farmers on the 10th of April. The distribution took place on the processing pad and Channel 19 and 8 were both on site. This should have a significant impact on the amount of Ag bag material showing up at the Xcel Energy plant.

Earth Fair event and Cleanup of the Marsh and Trails event was another great success in spite of the weather on April 29th over 300 volunteers collected over 5,000 Lbs. of refuse from around the marsh and other public lands. On the 30th the earth fair hosted over 1,400

kids and adults at Myrick Park, with the recycling fair collecting over 11,000 Lbs. of electronics from the public.

Eagle Scouts

A ribbon cutting event is being held on June 3rd from noon to 1 PM to open the newly paved trail on the western side of the landfill. We will also be recognizing three Eagle Scouts and their projects that day. Please RSVP the Solid Waste Department if you'd like to attend.

Hands Helping Lands

Several volunteers from UWL's Students for Sustainability group descended on the landfill on the 15th of April and helped clean up quite a bit of litter that had accumulated over the winter months. This 2nd annual event helps the landfill get ready for spring and put a shiny face on the facility. All the volunteers were treated to pizza and soda afterwards and all left feeling fat and happy.

Sustainable La Crosse Commission

The City/County annual Indicators Report has been completed and an initial presentation was made to the SLC at their 18 May meeting. This report will also be made available to the City Council and the County Board of Supervisors.

Respectfully Submitted,



Henry A. Koch, P.E.

Highway Department

- The County Crew has been performing a great deal of crack filling maintenance on various roads within the County. These efforts seal out water which in turn extends the life of the pavement.
- Other County maintenance that is ongoing includes pot hole patching, deer pick-up, shoulder maintenance, spraying for invasives (primarily wild parsnip) and sign maintenance. Very shortly we will begin mowing in order to get our first round of mowing completed in a timely manner.
- We are also getting close to completing our first major project of the season, CTH SN (Sand Lake Road) from CTH S to East Ave. This was a pavement replacement with repairs to the storm water facilities. If the weather holds we should see it wrapped up the week of June 12th.
- We are also currently adjusting our schedule to meet the Village of Holmen's schedule with the Holmen Dr, Gaarder Road project so that we are ready to go when they are ready to pave.
- On the State Highway front we have been engaged in various maintenance efforts including patching, crack filling, urban mowing, and shoulder maintenance. We have also wrapped up our first major STH maintenance project of the year, a crack sealing project on I90.
- Bi-annual bridge inspections are in progress on the County and local system. This year we are working with the City of La Crosse to complete their inspections as well, this is a change from previous years as the City has been taking care of this requirement themselves.

- The Town of Holland has decided to once again utilize our crack filling and seal coating services for their projects this year. We also anticipate that we will be performing those services for the City of Onalaska as well. We have been providing those services to both of those municipalities for years and so we built that work into our schedule.
- Last, but certainly not least, pavement inspections and PASER rating is currently being performed on all of our County Highways. The result of those ratings and inspections will be reflected in the 2018 Capital Improvement Plan for the Highways.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronald Chamberlain
Highway Commissioner

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

Judiciary & Law June 2017

Emergency Services

Public Safety Communications

The State of Wisconsin is taking steps towards modernizing Wisconsin's 9-1-1 infrastructure to use today's digital technology. In May, the state's Joint Committee on Finance voted unanimously on a biennial budget motion (50) to create a statewide 9-1-1 Emergency Services IP network (ESInet) that would help bring the next generation of 9-1-1 to public safety answering points. This technology allows callers to send text messages, pictures or videos to 9-1-1, while ensuring improved security and reliability of the 9-1-1 system.

The motion passed unanimously in the Joint Finance Committee and will head for approval from both legislative houses and the governor. This endeavor comes at a time when La Crosse County, as is with almost all other Wisconsin Counties, needs to replace the antiquated technology that was originally set up for analog, land-based telephones. The equipment currently used for 9-1-1 call delivery is shared by four counties. These selective routers are housed in Black River Falls and are owned by CenturyLink.

Motion 50 also calls for a creation of a Director of Emergency Communications within Wisconsin Emergency Management that will also advise on public safety radio interoperability and the national public safety broadband network called FirstNet.

This legislative initiative and 9-1-1 funding is a top priority by the Wisconsin Counties Association, The Badger State Sheriff's Association, The Wisconsin Police Association, Wisconsin's Broadband Association and the Wisconsin Chapters of the Association of Public-safety Communications Officials (WI-APCO) and National Emergency Number Association (WI-NENA).

In addition, La Crosse County's on-premise, call processing equipment is nearing end of life and needs to be replaced. This equipment has been included as part of the 2017 budget.

March

Telephone Calls

9-1-1 Calls 2,140 (average of 69 per day)
Answered within 10 seconds: 97.01%
Answered within 20 seconds: 99.30%
Average Answer Time: 4 seconds
**5 calls more than 30 seconds*

74% of 9-1-1 calls were from wireless phones.

Total Telephone Calls 21,817 (average of 704 per day)

Calls for Service

Law Enforcement	10,051
Fire Fighting	242
Emergency Medical	660

April

Telephone Calls

9-1-1 Calls	2,465 (average of 82 per day)
Answered within 10 seconds:	96.71%
Answered within 20 seconds:	99.68%
Average Answer Time:	4 seconds
* 2 calls of more than 30 seconds	

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

Total Telephone Calls 22,489 (average of 750 per day)

Calls for Service

Law Enforcement	10,245
Fire Fighting	219
Emergency Medical	637

*National Emergency Number Association Standards:

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

Telecommunicator Supervisor Nancy Heimke is the first vice-president of the Wisconsin Chapter of NENA. She will become the president of the organization in 2018. Nancy has been with Public Safety Communications for 26 years and currently is the day-shift supervisor.

Supervisor Cory Lynch has accepted a position as the second vice-president of the Wisconsin Chapter of APCO. Cory had been the chapter secretary and is slated to be president in 2019. Cory began service with our Center in 2004 and works as a relief supervisor.

Emergency Management (Keith Butler, Coordinator)

- The County Solid Waste Department completed a disaster debris management attachment for the County Emergency Response Plan. This attachment outlines County capabilities and functions to receive and manage tree and building debris following devastating storms and floods.
- The annual severe weather and tornado awareness week activities included several media interviews and the monitoring of tornado response at a local school (Blessed Sacrament).
- La Crosse County hosted an Incident Command System level 400 course on April 5 – 6.
- Severe weather SkyWarn (storm spotting) training was held in La Crosse on April 6 with over 100 people in attendance. Local SkyWarn activation was recommended by the National Weather Service when a series of strong storms moved through the area on May 17. Storm spotters reported damages on Brice Prairie, hail reports in the Holmen area, and were alerted to a radar-indicated storm rotation in the North Bend area.
- County EM attended the La Crosse Fire Officers Association meeting held at the West Salem Fire Department on April 10. La Crosse County Emergency Services will be hosting the next meeting on June 12 in the new Administrative Center building.

- County EM attended a regional interoperability council meeting and regional Emergency Management meeting in Eau Claire on April 18 and received information regarding State budget proposals that may affect 9-1-1 Dispatch Center and public safety radio communication programs.
- County EM participated in a Student Tools for Emergency Preparedness (STEP) program presentation at Emerson Elementary on April 21.
- County EM co-facilitated a regional disaster Family Assistance/Information Center exercise held in the Catholic Diocese Center on May 4.
- County EM assisted with the Fitness Festival Half-Marathon on Saturday, May 6 and coordinated the Amateur Radio volunteer and Mass Casualty Team support for that large special event.
- County EM participated in a community Heroin/Opioid forum at Stoney Creek on May 15.
- County EM participated in a regional Emergency Management training program and tour of the Lock & Dam #6 facility in the Village of Trempealeau on May 16.
- County EM provided damage assessment mutual aid support for Jackson County on May 17 and returned in time to conduct storm spotting services and damage assessment in La Crosse County during the evening.
- County EM and Senior Clerk observed the WARM program active shooter exercise at the Airport on May 23.
- La Crosse County is hosting a Public Information Officer course on May 31 and June 1.

*Jay Loeffler, Administrator
Emergency Services*