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**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING PROCEEDINGS; TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2011**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Reorganizational Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 25 supervisors were present when Chair Steven Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and those otherwise present, excused or absent are noted in the roll call detail:

District Name	Attendance
1 Richmond, Andrea	Excused at 06:29 PM
2 Geary, Ralph	Present
3 Feehan, Bill	Absent
4 Johnson, Jai	Excused
5 Konkell, Bradley	Present at 07:21 PM
6 Billings, Jill	Present at 06:12 PM
7 Plesha, Roger	Present
8 Freedland, Maureen	Present
9 Hampson, Sharon	Present
10 Wood, Margaret	Present
11 Kader, Audrey	Excused at 06:28 PM
12 Flood, Bridget	Present
13 Brockmiller, Bill	Excused
14 Medinger, John	Excused at 07:04 PM
15 Mach, Beverly	Present
16 Sebranek, Gerald	Excused
17 Meyer, Donald	Excused
18 Johnson, Tara	Present
19 Keil, Robert	Present
20 Bina, Donald	Present
21 Manthei, Dennis	Excused at 06:52 PM
22 Ebert, Ray	Excused
23 Gamroth, Tammy	Excused
24 Pfaff, Leon	Present
25 Schroeder, Jeffrey	Present
26 Burke, Vicki	Excused
27 Pedretti, Marilyn	Present
28 Doyle, Steve	Present
29 Kruse, Monica	Present
30 Spiker, Charles	Present
31 Ferries, Dan	Excused at 06:45 PM
32 Benrud, Arlene	Present
33 Berns, Jim	Present
34 Wehrs, Tina	Present
35 Bilskemper, Joe	Present

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was observed for a past supervisor, Tom Rauk, who was the 2nd vice chair before moving out of the area. A memorial celebration will be held on this Saturday at the Rauk Residence in Amherst Junction, WI. A memorial service will be held at a later date in the La Crosse Area.

REDISTRICTING PUBLIC HEARING DATE: Zoning, Planning & Land Information Director Jeff Bluske updated the board on dates for upcoming redistricting meetings. Tuesday, April 26, the Redistricting Committee will be looking at 3 different plans; 27, 29 and 31 supervisor plans. A presentation will be held on May 9th at the Planning Meeting on a plan that the committee will recommend. A public hearing is required by law before the May 19th County Board Meeting where the board will vote on a single plan. Monday May 16th was a date suggested and with no objections, was agreed upon at 6 pm and the location will be determined.

AGENDA ORDER: Chair Doyle asked for unanimous consent to move to appointments due to the weather and other organization meetings going on at the municipal level, several supervisors will be leaving early or not in attendance. There were no objections.

CHAIR CHANGE

Vice Chair T. Johnson took the chair.

APPOINTMENTS

Re-Appoint Mary Bach Filla to the Library Board for a three year term to expire December 31, 2013; Re-Appoint Audrey Kader, Betty Woodruff, and Patricia Boge to the Commission on Aging for a three year term to expire April 30, 2014; Re-Appoint Jim Nesbitt and Mike Desmond to the Criminal Justice Management Council for a term of three years to expire April 20, 2014; Re-Appoint Robert Machotka to the Commission of Equal Opportunities In Housing for a term of five years to expire April 30, 2016; Re-Appoint Ilona Hansen, Don Bina, and Mike Weibel to the Farmland Preservation Committee for a three year term to expire April 30, 2014; Re-Appoint Margaret Wood, David Eddy, and Teresa Walter to the Solid Waste Policy Board for a three year term to expire April 30, 2014.

Motion by S. Doyle/T. Wehrs to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 3 absent - J. Billings, B. Feehan, and B. Konkol, 7 excused - B. Brockmiller, V. Burke, R. Ebert, T. Gamroth, J. Johnson, D. Meyer and G. Sebranek.

CHAIR CHANGE

Chair S. Doyle resumed the chair.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by R. Plesha/A. Benrud to approve the minutes of the County Board of Supervisors Planning meeting held March 7, 2011 and the Monthly Meeting held March 17, 2011 and approval of the claims list for \$15,283,780.44 passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 3 absent - J. Billings, B. Feehan, and B. Konkol, 7 excused - B. Brockmiller, V. Burke, R. Ebert, T. Gamroth, J. Johnson, D. Meyer and G. Sebranek.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-4/11 RE: PROTECT SENIORCARE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, SeniorCare saves Wisconsin seniors money every day with a \$30 annual enrollment fee, copayments ranging from \$5 to \$15 and no gaps in coverage; and, **WHEREAS**, SeniorCare provides more comprehensive and less expensive coverage than Medicare Part D; and, **WHEREAS**, SeniorCare saves Taxpayers money every day since the average annual cost per enrollee was \$588, in 2009, less than half the \$1,690 spent by the federal government to subsidize a Part D in 2009; and, **WHEREAS**, SeniorCare negotiates lower drug prices and saved \$50 million in 2009 alone and SeniorCare has a \$20 million surplus that the State of Wisconsin wants to use to plug the budget deficit; and,

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WHEREAS, the State plan to change SeniorCare will boost drug company profits at the expense of Wisconsin's seniors because Medicare Part D does not negotiate drug prices. Most Wisconsin seniors enrolled in SeniorCare would see the cost of their medicines rise, and Wisconsin would no longer receive drug rebates through negotiation, further padding drug company profits. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the La Crosse county Board supports continuation of the SeniorCare program to save the 1,640 seniors enrolled from La Crosse County and the 92,000 seniors enrolled in SeniorCare statewide a minimum savings of \$1102 annually for each enrollee. The La Crosse County Board rejects the idea proposed to use SeniorCare as a wrap around program for Medicare Part D. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Wisconsin Counties Association, area legislators and Governor Scott Walker. **FISCAL NOTE:** The Aging Unit projects that the annual cost savings to County taxpayers would be at least \$1,807,280 and statewide savings would be at least \$101,384,000.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

AGING AND LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE

Motion by R. Plesha/A. Kader to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 3 absent - J. Billings, B. Feehan, and B. Konkel, 7 excused - B. Brockmiller, V. Burke, R. Ebert, T. Gamroth, J. Johnson, D. Meyer and G. Sebranek.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-4/11 RE: SUPPORT TRANSIT

WHEREAS, Transportation is a vital service for La Crosse County and the state of Wisconsin, and enables thousands of citizens with no other means of transportation – seniors, the disabled and those with limited incomes- to live better lives and remain independent; and, **WHEREAS**, Transit boosts economic growth that enables spending in retail, healthcare, education and recreation and on average provides an economic return of \$3.61 for every \$1 invested in public transit and businesses count on public transit to deliver workers to their jobs; and, **WHEREAS**, Transit is a critical component of Wisconsin's transportation infrastructure and it is essential that state transit funds used for shared ride taxi and fixed route buses and complementary paratransit systems should not be moved out of the transportation segregated fund to the general purpose fund; and, **WHEREAS**, Maintaining previously authorized RTAs and encouraging the establishment of additional RTAs where appropriate will ensure the availability of public transportation at a time when the population is aging and the price of gasoline is rising and both may increase the demand for public transit; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse cannot afford to lose federal funding for the MTU, \$2 million, half of the annual budget, \$46.6 million statewide due to the elimination of collective bargaining and the loss of federal funding will inhibit state aids used as match. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the La Crosse County Board supports continuing to find ways to coordinate and adequately fund public transit and human services transportation, keeping it in the segregated Transportation Fund. **FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Wisconsin Counties Association, area legislators and Governor Scott Walker. **FISCAL NOTE:** The Aging Unit projects that the annual loss to La Crosse County would be at least \$7.22 million and statewide losses would be at least \$93.2 million.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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Motion by R. Plesha/M. Kruse to approve. Discussion ensued. Administrator O'Malley responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 2 absent - B. Feehan and B. Konkel, 7 excused - B. Brockmiller, V. Burke, R. Ebert, T. Gamroth, J. Johnson, D. Meyer and G. Sebranek.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-4/11 RE: PRESERVATION OF LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT FOR MEDICAID CHANGES (MEDICAID, BADGERCARE PLUS, SENIORCARE, FAMILY CARE)

WHEREAS, Current Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus enrollment in La Crosse County is

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18,680 and 920,861 statewide; and, **WHEREAS**, Medicaid serves those who are the most medically needy and the most financially needy, the frail, the elderly, the disabled; and, **WHEREAS**, While recognizing that changes to Medicaid are necessary to become more cost effective with taxpayer dollars these changes require a thoughtful process that weighs consequences with anticipated savings, that calculates short-term and long-term savings and weighs the human cost along with the dollars and cents; and, **WHEREAS**, the state plan to change Medicaid programs without oversight from the legislature transfers too much power to the Executive branch without maintaining existing division of power, or legislative oversight, putting 920,861 Wisconsin citizens at risk of not receiving needed healthcare, and putting taxpayers at risk of increased long-term healthcare cost due to lack of the availability of medical services to treat chronic and acute diseases or conditions. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the La Crosse County Board supports continuation of the current procedures which require legislative oversight and public input to make changes to Medicaid programs which serve 18,680 of the most vulnerable citizens of La Crosse County. The La Crosse County Board rejects the proposal to concentrate the power to make unilateral changes to Medicaid programs by the Walker administration and the Secretary of the Department of Health Services. **FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Wisconsin Counties Association, area legislators and Governor Scott Walker. **FISCAL NOTE**: Major changes in Medicaid eligibility without legislative oversight will have a negative financial impact on clients and counties. However, the effect of those costs is impossible to determine at this time.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
AGING AND LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE**

Motion by R. Plesha/B. Mach to approve. Discussion ensued. Motion by M. Wood/B. Mach to amend the 4th Whereas to read; **WHEREAS**, the state plan to change Medicaid programs without oversight from the legislature transfers too much power to the Executive branch without maintaining division of power or legislative oversight, putting Wisconsin citizens at risk of not receiving needed healthcare, and putting taxpayers at risk of increased long-term healthcare cost due to lack of the availability of medical services to treat chronic and acute diseases or conditions. The motion to amend passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 2 absent - B. Feehan and B. Konkol, 7 excused - B. Brockmiller, V. Burke, R. Ebert, T. Gamroth, J. Johnson, D. Meyer and G. Sebranek. The motion to approve as amended passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 2 absent - B. Feehan and B. Konkol, 7 excused - B. Brockmiller, V. Burke, R. Ebert, T. Gamroth, J. Johnson, D. Meyer and G. Sebranek.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-4/11 RE: ACKNOWLEDGE "THE BEST OF PUBLIC SERVICE"
WHEREAS, the following employees have been a faithful part in providing "The Best of Public Service" to La Crosse County:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Sue E. Otten	Veterans Service	30+
Lois A. Groeschel	Clerk of Courts Department	30+
Ann A. Johnson	Highway Department	30+
Barbara A. Doering	Hillview Health Care Center	30+

WHEREAS, it is the wish of the County Board of Supervisors to acknowledge long and faithful service on behalf of the citizens of La Crosse County; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that a resolution extending our congratulations be recorded in La Crosse County Board Proceedings and a certificate of our actions be presented as an expression of our gratitude.

**STEVEN P. DOYLE
GINNY DANKMEYER**

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by T. Johnson/R. Keil to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 2 absent - B. Feehan and B. Konkel, 7 excused - B. Brockmiller, V. Burke, R. Ebert, T. Gamroth, J. Johnson, D. Meyer and G. Sebranek.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-4/11 RE: TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE INDIAN RESERVATION ROADS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, La Crosse County and all counties in the State of Wisconsin are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of roads, to serve our communities, businesses and visitors; and, **WHEREAS**, Some roadways are eligible for funding for tribal transportation projects including cooperative projects involving State, county and Township routes on the IRR Inventory; and, **WHEREAS**, Several Wisconsin Counties have entered into cooperative agreements with Wisconsin Tribes to repair County Trunk Highways that make travel safer for both the travelling public and Native American Tribal members; and, **WHEREAS**, The present funding formula for the IRR program is in jeopardy of being changed, which could reduce or possibly eliminate funds available for cooperative projects; and, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Reservation Roads Program as established under SAFETEA-LU. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the County Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin County Highway Association, and La Crosse County's U.S. Congressional Representatives. **FISCAL NOTE**: No immediate fiscal impact, however, there are 50 miles of Indian Reservation roads in La Crosse County that may be eligible for funding under the IRR program.

PUBLIC WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by T. Johnson/L. Pfaff to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 26 ayes, 2 absent - B. Feehan and B. Konkel, 7 excused - B. Brockmiller, V. Burke, R. Ebert, T. Gamroth, J. Johnson, D. Meyer and G. Sebranek.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-4/11 RE: OPPOSITION TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S 2012-13 PROPOSED BUDGET WHICH CUT SHARED REVENUE TO COUNTIES WITHOUT PROVIDING ANY SIGNIFICANT MANDATE RELIEF OR REFORM

WHEREAS, the 2011-13 Governors' Budget reduces Shared Revenue payments to Counties by \$36.5 million beginning in 2012, estimated by the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to equal a cut of \$1,006,010 to La Crosse County, reducing the allocation to roughly the amount received in 1992; and, **WHEREAS**, the Shared Revenue Program (County and Municipal Aid) provides unrestricted aid as one of the fundamental elements of Wisconsin's approach to property tax control, to partially address variances in property wealth, to compensate for property tax exemptions, to provide mandate relief and 100% of the funding received by La Crosse County is used to reduce property taxes; and, **WHEREAS**, while Counties, including La Crosse County, are prepared to do our share, after three decades of zero increase in State funding for most County services required by the State, the Governor's 2011-13 Budget doesn't provide any significant mandate relief or reform of funding inequity in any particular program or service area with the exception that Act 10 shifts 50% of pension costs to employees and essentially eliminates collective bargaining. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board opposes the cut in County Shared Revenue in the Governor's proposed 2012-13 budget, without providing any significant mandate relief or reform, and urges the Governor and Legislature to take the following steps to address the issue of unfunded and underfunded mandates on Wisconsin Counties:

- Repeal changes in 2009 Act 28, Public Safety Maintenance of Effort Requirements
- Repeal changes in 2009 Act 28, Prevailing Wage Laws
- Provide an equitable share of Court surcharges to Counties to pay for State court operations
- Repeal language in Wis. Stats. 893.83 placing greater Pothole liability on Counties than State

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- Reduce and streamline Health & Human Service State reporting requirements, including common templates for assessment, allowing client contact by video to satisfy contact standards and continue to work with Counties for greater local flexibility in meeting State mandates
- Revive and enable the County Mandate Waiver program to permit more local decision making to implement cost effective efficiencies and shared services

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Wisconsin Counties Association, area legislators and Governor Scott Walker. **FISCAL NOTE:** La Crosse County is estimated to lose \$1,006,010 of Shared Revenue in 2012.

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Motion by T. Johnson/M. Kruse to approve. Discussion ensued. Administrator O'Malley and Finance Director Gary Ingvalson responded to questions from the Board. Discussion continued. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 2 absent - B. Feehan and B. Konkel, 8 excused - B. Brockmiller, V. Burke, R. Ebert, T. Gamroth, J. Johnson, D. Meyer, A. Kader and G. Sebranek.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-4/11 RE: OPPOSITION TO FUNDING CUTS FOR CHILD SUPPORT IN 2011-13 EXECUTIVE BUDGET

WHEREAS, Governor Walker's 2011-13 Executive Budget cuts General Purpose Revenue (GPR) funding for Child Support by one-half beginning in July 2012 (July 2012-June 2013); and, **WHEREAS**, currently La Crosse County's share of GPR funding for child support in 2011 is \$142,112 and a funding cut of one-half would reduce that amount to \$71,056/year; and, **WHEREAS**, the funding cut of \$71,056/year would have a greater impact upon the La Crosse County Child Support Agency because of the additional loss of Federal Funds that are received at the rate of 66% for every \$1 spent on allowable costs including salary, fringe benefits and other operating expenses; and, **WHEREAS**, if the Child Support Agency experiences a cut of \$71,056/year in the GPR funding in the State Budget and this amount is not made up through the tax levy or some other revenue source, then the Agency will experience a total annual loss of \$208,988 resulting from the reduction in GPR funding plus the loss of Federal Funds (\$137,932); and, **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Child Support Agency already has one of the highest case loads per Support Specialist in the State of Wisconsin based on a review of case loads of our comparable counties (See Attachment A) and a decrease in funding in the amount of \$208,988/year would result in significant staff layoffs that would make the timely collection of child support for custodial parents and their dependent children much more difficult. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board opposes the cut in General Purpose Revenue for Child Support in the 2011-13 Budget and urges Governor Scott Walker and the Wisconsin Legislature to restore the General Purpose Revenue funding for Child Support activities in the State of Wisconsin at the 2011 funding levels of \$8.5 million. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Wisconsin Counties Association, area legislators and Governor Scott Walker. **FISCAL NOTE:** The Child Support Agency loses approximately \$2 in Federal Funding for every \$1 cut from GPR funding by the State of Wisconsin. Thus a cut \$71,056/year in State funding results in a loss of \$208,988 annually for the Child Support budget because of the additional loss of Federal Funds.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by T. Johnson/J. Billings to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 2 absent - B. Feehan and B. Konkel, 10 excused – J. Bilskemper, B. Brockmiller, V. Burke, R. Ebert, T. Gamroth, J. Johnson, D. Meyer, A. Kader, A. Richmond and G. Sebranek.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-4/11 RE: HONORING PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND CALLING FOR REPEAL OF PORTIONS OF ACT 10

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WHEREAS, the work of public employees provides vital services with professionalism and integrity, making our communities better and safer places to live, work and raise our families; and, **WHEREAS**, skilled public employees and proactive employee unions are intrinsic to the Wisconsin tradition of innovative and progressive public service and good faith public sector collective bargaining is critical for the long term delivery of innovative and cost effective public services; and, **WHEREAS**, the labor movement has been central to Wisconsin's history, since 1959 when the nation's first comprehensive public employee bargaining law, (Section 111.70) was adopted, which provided the right of collective bargaining to public employees, and required municipalities, school districts, the university system, and other public entities to bargain with unionized employees; and, **WHEREAS**, labor unions and employees around the country have stepped forward to assist in managing the impacts of the recession on governmental budgets, and developing creative ways to reduce costs, preserve jobs and improve efficiencies through voluntarily participation in wage and benefit reductions, furloughs, and other cost saving measures. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse County Board honors and respects the work of public employees and thanks them for their invaluable contribution to our quality of life through: plowing our roads, keeping our families safe, maintaining our water services, staffing our libraries, maintaining our parks, preventing and putting out fires, maintaining our schools, and educating our children as well as many other public services which strengthen our public structures. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the La Crosse County Board affirms our support for public employees to organize and to bargain collectively and calls upon the legislature to repeal the portions of Wisconsin Act 10, the "Budget Repair Bill" that eliminate public sector collective bargaining and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Wisconsin Counties Association, area legislators and Governor Scott Walker. **FISCAL NOTE:** there are no direct costs related to the passage of this resolution. However, establishing fair compensation of public employees within a respectful collective bargaining setting is critical to providing efficient services and the lowest cost to taxpayers.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Motion by T. Johnson/J. Berns to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 2 absent - B. Feehan and B. Konkol, 9 excused - B. Brockmiller, V. Burke, R. Ebert, T. Gamroth, J. Johnson, D. Meyer, A. Kader, A. Richmond and G. Sebranek.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-4/11 RE: OPPOSING CHANGES TO SAME DAY VOTER REGISTRATION AND OPPOSING VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS IN WISCONSIN AND SPECIFICALLY EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 6

WHEREAS, same day voter registration in the State of Wisconsin contributes to record participation in democracy with high levels of voting and civic participation, increases voter turnout without compromising the integrity of elections or increasing their costs, reduces the need for costly and oftentimes uncounted provisional ballots, and maintains voters' confidence in the electoral system; and, **WHEREAS**, same day voter registration does not increase the incidence of voter fraud. Voter fraud committed during same day voter registration, or otherwise, is virtually non-existent in the State of Wisconsin. An investigation into statewide voter fraud in the 2008 general election by Wisconsin Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen found a fraud rate of roughly .00066 percent of the approximately three million votes cast in Wisconsin; and, **WHEREAS**, the proposed legislation implements changes that would negatively impact Wisconsin's high rate of voter participation and threaten to disenfranchise eligible voters by:

- Requiring government-issued "proof of identification" in order to vote, but not accepting college or university ID
- Requiring absentee voters to submit photo ID to receive an absentee ballot, and submit copies of approved photo ID with completed ballots or the ballot will not be counted
- Increasing the residency requirement from 10 days to 28 days
- Eliminating the use of corroboration as an alternative to providing initial proof of residence

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- Placing numerous new burdens on poll workers, many of whom are already working long election days due to the lack of available poll workers

WHEREAS, the restrictions of the proposed legislation stand to potentially disenfranchise hundreds of thousands Wisconsin residents, with minorities, the elderly, the disabled, and college students being the most negatively impacted. According to a study dated January 2011 by the University of Wisconsin – Madison, approximately 180,000 Wisconsin residents aged 65 and older are without a driver's license or state photo ID. The same UWM study found exit polling to show that Wisconsin is frequently first in the nation in the percentage of voters who are under 30, many of whom are students. Between 80% and 90% of Wisconsin college students do not have a driver's license that matches their campus residence. Senate Bill 6, as drafted, would create additional and unnecessary transportation, witnessing, and financial barriers for Wisconsin's 600,000 residents with disabilities, a population which already votes 10 to 15% less than other voters according to Disability Rights Wisconsin; and, **WHEREAS**, in a fiscal note attached to the legislation, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has estimated Voter ID would result in implementation costs to taxpayers of approximately \$1.7 million and annual net loss of \$2.7 million in revenue, further hindering that agency's already strained fiscal position. Furthermore, there would be additional costs to the GAB and clerks to educate the public, train election inspectors, and provide IDs that are truly free; and, **WHEREAS**, Article III, Section I of the Wisconsin State Constitution guarantees the right to vote to all Wisconsin residents age 18 and over. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors hereby opposes changes to same day voter registration and opposes voter ID requirements in Wisconsin and specifically expresses opposition to Senate Bill 6. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Scott Walker, local legislators and all Wisconsin County Clerks. **FISCAL NOTE:** The financial impact is difficult to estimate. The Governmental Accountability Board (GAB) estimates the change will cost approximately \$2 million for education, training and ad campaign. While there will be additional municipal costs for more copies, training election inspectors, educating the public, and perhaps additional temporary clerks, perhaps \$500 per municipality. The impact on the County Clerk's budget would be for provisional ballot paperwork and a countywide training session, approximately \$1,000. Also, there is a potential impact on individuals to obtain copies of birth certificate to verify identity to apply for state issued identification cards, if the person doesn't hold a drivers license, which would perhaps increase revenue in the Register of Deeds office

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by T. Johnson/B. Flood to approve. Discussion ensued. County Clerk Ginny Dankmeyer spoke to the resolution and responded to questions from the board. The motion to approve passed on a voice vote with 23 ayes, 1 nay - J. Schroeder, 2 absent - B. Feehan and B. Konkel, 9 excused - B. Brockmiller, V. Burke, R. Ebert, T. Gamroth, J. Johnson, D. Meyer, A. Kader, A. Richmond and G. Sebranek.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-4/11 RE: IMPLEMENTING COUNTY PICK-UP OF EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS PURSUANT TO 26 U.S. CODE SECTION 414(H)(2)

WHEREAS, the adoption of 2011 Wisconsin Act 10 (State Budget Repair Bill) when it is published and effective will require that employees contribute 50% of Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) contributions which would be 5.8% for 2011, unless the employees are covered under a valid agreement under Wis. Stat. s. 111.70; and, **WHEREAS**, the adopted 2011-2013 collective bargaining agreements with La Crosse County unions indicate agreement to pay for the cost of 50% of the WRS contribution effective January 1, 2012; and, **WHEREAS**, until the adoption of Act 10, the WRS contributions are not subject to income tax and in most cases 100% are paid for by the employer; and, **WHEREAS**, under 26 U.S. Code § 414(h)(2), employee contributions to a public employer pension plan may be picked up, *i.e.*, paid for, on a pre-tax basis by the public employer and excluded from an employee's yearly gross income (until distributed or made available to the employee) if the employer specifies that the contributions, although designated as employee contributions to

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the plan, are being paid by the employer in lieu of contributions by the employee, and the employee cannot choose to receive the amounts directly instead of having them paid by the employer; and, **WHEREAS**, the La Crosse County Board has determined that, even though such implementation is not required by law, the tax benefit of Section 414(h)(2) in reducing taxable employee gross income should be provided to all County employees contributing to the Wisconsin Retirement System ("WRS"). **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS,**

1. Pursuant to Section 414(h)(2), the La Crosse County Board hereby elects to implement an employer pick-up of employee retirement contributions as to all County employees.
2. Pursuant to this resolution, picked-up contributions, though designated as employee contributions to WRS, will be picked up on a pre-tax basis by the County in lieu of contributions by the affected employees, and the wages of such employees shall be reduced by a corresponding amount for current federal and Wisconsin income tax purposes, but not FICA purposes.
3. Amounts picked-up by the County shall be paid from the same source of funds as used in paying the wages of the affected employees.
4. Amounts picked-up by the County shall be treated for all purposes, other than taxation on gross income, in the same manner and to the same extent as employee contributions made prior to the effective date of this resolution.
5. The affected employees shall not have the option of receiving the picked-up amounts directly instead of having them paid by the County.
6. The terms of this resolution shall be operative only so long as public employer pick-ups of employee retirement contributions continue to be excludable from employee gross income under the Internal Revenue Code.
7. The La Crosse County Board makes no representations or guarantees regarding the tax or financial consequences of employer pick-ups to any particular employee contributing to WRS and hereby notifies all such employees to seek, at their own expense, appropriate financial, legal or tax advice with respect to their particular financial questions or situation.
8. The terms of this Resolution shall become effective on the effective date of 2011 Wisconsin Act 10 and will only be "triggered" if employees are required to make a mandatory employee contribution by salary reduction to WRS.

FISCAL NOTE: The WRS mandatory employee contributions under Wisconsin Act 10 will be deducted from the employees' salary or wages, but will be considered "picked-up" by the employer in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code and thereby treated as pre-tax contributions rather than after-tax contributions for income tax purposes. However, the employee contributions will be subject to Social Security and Medicare taxes.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by T. Johnson/R. Keil to approve. Discussion ensued. Corporation Counsel William Shepherd further explained the resolution to the Board. Administrator O'Malley responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 2 absent - B. Feehan and B. Konkel, 9 excused - B. Brockmiller, V. Burke, R. Ebert, T. Gamroth, J. Johnson, D. Meyer, A. Kader, A. Richmond and G. Sebranek.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-4/11 RE: ADOPTION OF COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR LA CROSSE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users of our roads of all ages and abilities: pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, transit users, commercial and emergency vehicles; and, **WHEREAS**, Complete Streets have positive public health benefits, such as encouraging physical activity, by providing the opportunity for more people to bike and walk safely as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and National Institute of Health and promoted by the La Crosse County Health Department to make healthy choices and combat obesity; and **WHEREAS**, Complete Streets enhance safe walking and bicycling options for school age children, in recognition of the objectives of the national Safe Routes to School program; and, **WHEREAS**, Complete Streets support

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economic growth and community stability by providing accessible and efficient connections between home, school, work, recreation and retail destinations by improving pedestrian and vehicular environments throughout the County; and, **WHEREAS**, Complete Streets reduce congestion and traffic, while improving air quality, overall quality of life and enhancing public safety by helping to reduce crashes and injuries; and, **WHEREAS**, Complete Streets have been adopted by the Metropolitan Planning Organization of La Crosse County and is referenced in the City County Strategic Plan for Sustainability and may aid in transportation funding opportunities. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby adopts the Complete Streets Policy (attached) as a guideline for considering and evaluating County road projects to serve all means of transportation in a safe manner.

FISCAL NOTE: It is difficult to precisely identify the increased cost of Complete Streets since this will be determined on a project-by-project basis, and many of the project improvements will qualify for State and Federal funding.

**PUBLIC WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
PLANNING, RESOURCES & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
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Motion by S. Hampson/B. Mach to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 2 absent - B. Feehan and B. Konkel, 10 excused - B. Brockmiller, V. Burke, R. Ebert, D. Ferries, T. Gamroth, J. Johnson, D. Meyer, A. Kader, A. Richmond and G. Sebranek.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-4/11 RE: OPPOSING THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED STATE TAKEOVER AND PRIVATIZATION OF INCOME MAINTENANCE ADMINISTRATION NEGATIVELY IMPACTING THE ELDERLY, POOR, DISABLED AND HUNGRY FAMILIES

WHEREAS, La Crosse and other Wisconsin counties have a long history of effectively administering the FoodShare, Medicaid, and BadgerCare income maintenance (IM) programs, with La Crosse County staff receiving numerous awards and recognition for the quality of their work and La Crosse County being a leader in piloting regional, county-delivered "hub-based" approaches to making IM administration more efficient and less costly; and, **WHEREAS**, approximately 19,000 La Crosse County citizens (1 in every 6 residents), many who are elderly, disabled and / or poor, rely on timely and accurate IM eligibility determinations for resources to feed their families and for resources to access healthcare, with these individuals relying on face to face visits with County IM workers and co-located workers from other service areas to assist them in completing and processing their applications; and, **WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin administers particular income maintenance benefits through a centralized Enrollment Services Center (ESC), which utilizes a combination of State and private staff, which largely eliminates face-to-face contact by more heavily relying on applications being submitted via computer and telephone, and which has performed so poorly that it is currently under a federal corrective action plan from the Federal Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) with regards to FoodShare administration; and, **WHEREAS**, the Governor's 2011-13 Biennial Budget includes a State takeover of county IM administration, abruptly replacing the current county-delivered model with an expanded version of the failed public / private ERC model, which results in the loss of approximately 26 positions within La Crosse County and approximately \$143,000 annually in revenue from indirect cost claiming, which adds approximately 1,300 new mostly Madison-based outsourced positions through expansion of a contract with HP Enterprise Services without a bidding process, which includes a role for private workers in the IM administration process that is not federally allowable and which the federal FNS has said cannot go forward, and which ends the potential for bringing additional jobs and revenue into the County by moving forward with a "hub-based" regional approach to IM administration; and, **WHEREAS**, An analysis by the Wisconsin Counties Association shows that, compared with the State ESC, counties process cases more timely, more accurately, and at less cost to taxpayers, and that the increased cost of administration through the ESC would be \$4.3 million. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors opposes the Governor's proposed abrupt and poorly planned changes to IM administration, and would oppose alternative proposals that would implement a redesign of IM administration without time for appropriate planning, analysis, input and pilot

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testing. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the County Clerk shall mail a copy of this resolution to Governor Scott Walker, State Senator Dan Kapanke, Representative Jennifer Shilling, the Representative for the 94th Assembly district and Department of Administration Secretary Michael Huebsch. **FISCAL NOTE:** There are numerous negative economic impacts that could jeopardize access to Foodshare benefits of over \$1 million per month, Badger Care benefits of \$10 million per month, plus the loss of 26 positions and \$143,000/year in federal revenue.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
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Motion by S. Hampson/J. Billings to approve. Discussion ensued. Finance Director Gary Ingvalson responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 23 ayes, 2 absent - B. Feehan and B. Konkel, 10 excused - B. Brockmiller, V. Burke, R. Ebert, D. Ferries, T. Gamroth, J. Johnson, D. Meyer, A. Kader, A. Richmond and G. Sebranek.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-4/11 RE: OPPOSING THE PROPOSED 10% CUT TO YOUTH AIDS AND INCREASED JUVENILE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION (JCI) RATE

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin provides "Youth Aids," funding which helps support the cost of juvenile justice services and incentivizes counties to serve troubled youth locally through community-based programs as opposed to higher-cost and less effective institutional alternatives; and, **WHEREAS**, the services that Youth Aids fund are "state mandates", with state law requiring counties to provide juvenile justice services, and has failed to keep Youth Aids allocations in pace with inflation and community needs; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County receives approximately \$1.47 Million in youth aids funding, with these dollars supporting core juvenile justice functions, the cost of La Crosse county youth in state run juvenile correctional facilities and vital community-based programs such as cognitive behavioral therapy, community monitoring, family therapy and other interventions which pay dividends by keeping youth in the community, increasing the chance they will break free from a criminal lifestyle and avoiding more costly incarceration and institutional costs; and, **WHEREAS**, decreasing funding for community-based juvenile justice programs hurts troubled youth by taking away resources most likely to lead to their rehabilitation and hurts taxpayers by increasing the likelihood youth will end up in higher cost correctional or institutional placements. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors opposes the Governor's proposed 10% Youth Aids cut and JCI rate increases and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Wisconsin Counties Association, area legislators and Governor Scott Walker. **FISCAL NOTE:** The proposed 2011-13 budget cuts county Youth Aids allocations by 10% and increases the daily rate for juvenile corrections \$284 per day July 1, 2011, and to \$289 July 1, 2012, with a combined estimated impact for La Crosse County of \$156,000/year.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Motion by S. Hampson/T. Johnson to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 2 absent - B. Feehan and B. Konkel, 11 excused - B. Brockmiller, V. Burke, R. Ebert, D. Ferries, T. Gamroth, J. Johnson, D. Meyer, A. Kader, D. Manthei, A. Richmond and G. Sebranek.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-4/11 RE: OPPOSING THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED FAMILY CARE ENROLLMENT CAPS NEGATIVELY IMPACTING THE ELDERLY, DISABLED AND DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

WHEREAS, under the Family Care program, long term care services are provided to adults who are elderly, physically disabled or developmentally disabled, administered through Western Wisconsin Cares (WWC) for La Crosse County and seven surrounding counties, serving over 3,300 persons from an 8 county area, with 59% of those served being La Crosse County residents, with La Crosse County being at full entitlement (meaning no waiting lists) since April 2002; and, **WHEREAS**, the Governor's proposed 2011-13 budget would cap Family Care enrollment as of June 20th, meaning no new persons could be

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enrolled except via attrition of current clients; and, **WHEREAS**, denying elderly, disabled and developmentally disabled individuals access to Family Care abruptly breaks the promise of no waitlists that the State of Wisconsin made to these vulnerable populations when seeking to convince counties and stakeholders in the long-term care system to abandon the old waiver system and adopt the Family Care model; and, **WHEREAS**, several elderly, disabled and developmentally disabled individuals seeking long term care services who will now need to be put on waitlists will likely receive services regardless, either due to an emergency resulting from a lack of ongoing stabilizing services or as a result of loved ones petitioning the court for court-ordered services, both which would be at La Crosse County's (as opposed to WWC's) expense and likely at an overall expense greater than if those individuals were served up front through Family Care, making the enrollment caps short-sighted and bad for taxpayers; and, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors opposes the Governor's proposed enrollment caps on Family Care and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Wisconsin Counties Association, area legislators and Governor Scott Walker. **FISCAL NOTE:** The precise impact of this change is difficult to estimate but is likely to result in the cost of unserved clients to go back to the Counties.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Motion by S. Hampson/M. Wood to approve. Discussion ensued. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 2 absent - B. Feehan and B. Konkel, 11 excused - B. Brockmiller, V. Burke, R. Ebert, D. Ferries, T. Gamroth, J. Johnson, D. Meyer, A. Kader, D. Manthei, A. Richmond and G. Sebranek.

ZONING ORDINANCE NO. Z258-4/11 RE: PETITION NO. 1865 FILED BY SCOTT A & CHRISTINE J KAINZ, TO REZONE FROM TRANSITIONAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO AGRICULTURE DISTRICT "A" IN THE TOWN OF HAMILTON

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered Petition No. 1865 to amend the La Crosse County Zoning Ordinance filed by: Scott A & Christine J Kainz, N5589 Gray Horse Rd, West Salem, WI 54669 and having held a public hearing on the 4th day of APRIL, 2011 to rezone from Transitional Agriculture District to Agriculture District "A" the following described land in the Town(s) of Hamilton. Part of the SE-NE of Section 30, T17N, R6W, commencing at the East ¼ corner of Section 30, N34°28'47"W 1401.34' to the Northeast corner of Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map No. 62, Volume 5 and the POB, S86°5'6"W 586.02' to the Northwest corner of said Lot 1 and the West line of the SE-NE, along said West line N3°0'7"W 98.7' to the Northwest corner of the SE-NE, along the North line of said SE-NE N86°7'24"E 584.51', S3°52'38"E 98.29' to the POB. Town of Hamilton. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats.: the Committee did publish and receive proof of a Class II notice of the hearing; did receive receipts of mailing of the notices to the affected Town Clerk(s); did hold a public hearing to hear testimony and official correspondence; and, did receive and consider action from the affected Town Board(s). The Committee, under s. 59.69(5)(e)4, and under s. 91.48(1), Wis. Stats., has the authority to approve the petition as submitted; to disapprove of the petition; or, to modify and approve the petition. Having considered the entire record the Committee's recommendation is to: **Approve**. By a vote of six (6) in favor, one (1) excused – Meyer, the Committee recommended approval as Conditional Agriculture District "A" subject to the recording of deed restrictions indicating this parcel is for one (1) single family residence with no further subdividing of the parcel. (If this petition is approved as a conditional zoning, deed restrictions must be recorded before zoning takes effect.)

The County Board, under s.59.69(5)(e)5 Wis. Stats., has the authority to effectuate the petition by ordinance or to disapprove it. **The County Board** took the following action this 19th day of APRIL, 2011. Approved the petition with conditions, becomes an ordinance, after recording conditions.

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Motion by M. Pedretti/D. Bina to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 2 absent - B. Feehan and B. Konkel, 11 excused - B. Brockmiller, V. Burke, R. Ebert, D. Ferries, T. Gamroth, J. Johnson, D. Meyer, A. Kader, D. Manthei, A. Richmond and G. Sebranek.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 826 FILED BY EDWARD & DIANE ROHMEYER, TO OPERATE A COMPUTER REPAIR BUSINESS FROM THEIR HOME AND IN AN OFFICE IN A DETACHED ACCESSORY BUILDING ON LAND ZONED AGRICULTURE DISTRICT "A" IN THE TOWN OF ONALASKA

Motion by M. Pedretti to hold over for 30 days. There was no objection.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 827 FILED BY TOM DUMMER; ACTING ON BEHALF OF GREEN EARTH COMPOST PRODUCTS, TO AMEND EXISTING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 690 ON LAND ZONED EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN(S) OF HOLLAND AND ONALASKA

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered to application filed by: Tom Dummer; Acting On Behalf Of Green Earth Compost Products, N6631 County Road XX, Holmen, WI 54636 and having held a public hearing on the 4th day of APRIL, 2011 for a Conditional Use Permit to amend existing Conditional Use Permit No. 690 to include composting of vegetable waste products, compostable paper products and utensils, sheetrock/gypsum board and to include a scale, scale house and a new access road to County Road XX, on land zoned Exclusive Agriculture District in the Town(s) of Holland and Onalaska on land described as follows: Part of the SE-SE of Section 11, T17N, R8W in the Town of Holland; and part of the NE-NE of Section 14, T17N, R8W in the Town of Onalaska, Commencing at the Northeast corner of the NE-NE, East along the North line 120' to POB, Southerly 550', Southeasterly 870', North 540', Northwesterly 570', Southwesterly 620' to the south line of the SE-SE and the POB. Town of Holland & Town of Onalaska. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats. and s. 17.36 Zoning Code: the Committee did publish and receive proof of a Class II notice of the hearing; did receive receipts of mailing of the notices to the affected Town Clerk(s); did hold a public hearing to hear testimony or correspondence from the people; and, did receive and consider action from the affected Town Board(s). The Committee, under s. 91.48(1), Wis. Stats., along with the affected Town Board(s), under s. 17.36(4), have the authority to approve the application with integral conditions or to disapprove of the application. Having considered the entire record the Committee's recommendation is to: **Approve**. By a vote of six (6) in favor, one (1) excused-Meyer, the Committee recommended approval subject to the following thirteen (13) conditions:

1. This permit is granted specifically to allow wholesale and retail sales of composted materials at N6595 County Road XX;
2. In order to perform composting this site is allowed to bring in grass clippings, leaves, wood and brush, animal manure, food scraps (no proteins), disposable plates and utensils and unpainted gypsum/sheet rock board;
3. The gypsum/sheet rock board will be stored adjacent to the brush and wood piles. The sheet gypsum/sheet rock board will either be ground and blended with the wood or ground and blended for animal bedding before composting;
4. To prevent odor and pest problems, the food scraps will be buried at least six (6) inches deep and left untouched for at least three (3) days to allow for heating before the compost turning process begins;
5. A commercial dumpster is required to accommodate plastics and other non-disposable items that turn up;
6. Hours of operation are seven (7) days a week;
7. Total number of employees is ten (10);
8. Maximum number of vehicles allowed on site is fifteen (15);
9. Erosion control measures shall be in place to prevent blowing and drifting of any compost;

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10. A new 30-ft wide access driveway is allowed to create a more direct route to the site;
11. A scale and scale house for weighing trucks can be installed along the access road;
12. A 4-ft X 8-ft unlighted sign is allowed along the new access road; and
13. This permit replaces and terminates existing Conditional Use Permit No. 690 in its entirety.

The County Board took the following action this 19th of APRIL, 2011. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by M. Pedretti/D. Bina to approve. Discussion ensued. Zoning, Planning & Land Information Director Jeff Bluske answered questions from the Board. The motion to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 2 absent - B. Feehan and B. Konkell, 11 excused - B. Brockmiller, V. Burke, R. Ebert, D. Ferries, T. Gamroth, J. Johnson, D. Meyer, A. Kader, D. Manthei, A. Richmond and G. Sebranek.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 828 FILED BY PAUL & JULIE LARSON; ACTING ON BEHALF OF SUNRAY DAIRY LLP, TO BUILD AND OPERATE A FARMSTEAD CREAMERY BUSINESS ON LAND ZONED EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered to application filed by: Paul & Julie Larson; Acting On Behalf Of Sunray Dairy LLP, W4260 County Road Q, Mindoro, WI 54644 and having held a public hearing on the 4th day of APRIL, 2011 for a Conditional Use Permit to build and operate a farmstead creamery business in a proposed 80-ft X 108-ft building with a 24-ft X 60-ft receiving bay and 24-ft X 72-ft atrium which will be all attached to the existing milking parlor. Products will include skim, 2% and whole milk, drinkable yogurts and other dairy products in the future, on land zoned Exclusive Agriculture District in the Town(s) of Farmington on land described as follows: That part of the SW-SE of Section 5, T18N, R6W described in tax parcel 5-559-0. Town of Farmington. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats. and s. 17.36 Zoning Code: the Committee did publish and receive proof of a Class II notice of the hearing; did receive receipts of mailing of the notices to the affected Town Clerk(s); did hold a public hearing to hear testimony or correspondence from the people; and, did receive and consider action from the affected Town Board(s). The Committee, under s. 91.48(1), Wis. Stats., along with the affected Town Board(s), under s. 17.36(4), have the authority to approve the application with integral conditions or to disapprove of the application. Having considered the entire record the Committee's recommendation is to: **Approve**. By a vote of six (6) in favor, one (1) excused-Meyer, the Committee recommended approval of this permit subject to the following thirteen (13) conditions:

1. This permit is granted to allow Paul and Julie Larson a/k/a SunRay Dairy LLP to operate a farmstead dairy to process milk daily, making whole, 2% and skim milk plain and flavored; along with drinkable yogurts, plain and flavored, butter and ice cream;
2. Plans approved include the following attached to the existing milking parlor: atrium, receiving bay, work room, freezer, refrigerator, office, laboratories, restrooms and large storage areas. Overall building area is: 104-ft deep by 132-ft wide;
3. Hours of operation are 5 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday; and Retail Hours are from 7 AM to 8 PM 7 days a week;
4. Employees: five (5), not including family;
5. Off street parking is required for all employees, visitors and deliveries, minimum of twenty (20) spaces;
6. A Commercial Driveway Permit is required from the county;
7. A La Crosse County Sanitary Permit is required to connect this business to the existing barn employee septic system;

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8. A state tax ID number is required along with annual reporting of all personal property equipment to the local assessor;
9. Commercial dumpsters are required;
10. The current configuration for cleaning the cow barns and skid steer traffic is not conducive to a sanitary operation adjacent to a dairy routing to the north and adding green spaces to both sides of the dairy plan is required;
11. Since this operation is exempt from the requirement of Wisconsin Department of Commerce approved building plan, pursuant to Wisconsin Administrative Code Commission 61.02, which requires 90% of the commodities sold on the farm, were planted or produced on the farm premises; that at anytime this operation receives more than 10% of its commodities from off farm premises; this permit will call for a Manufacturing Zoning District along with state approved plans for all structures used commercially and for the manufacturing and storage of milk, ice cream and yogurt;
12. Any modifications or changes will require a new Conditional Use Permit; and
13. Permits are required before any construction is commenced.

The County Board took the following action this 19th of APRIL, 2011. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by M. Pedretti/L. Pfaff to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 2 absent - B. Feehan and B. Konkel, 11 excused - B. Brockmiller, V. Burke, R. Ebert, D. Ferries, T. Gamroth, J. Johnson, D. Meyer, A. Kader, D. Manthei, A. Richmond and G. Sebranek.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 829 FILED BY KEITH MATHISON; ACTING ON BEHALF OF MILESTONE MATERIALS, A DIVISION OF MATHY CONSTRUCTION CO., TO OPERATE UNDER CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 511 AND NON-METALLIC MINING PERMIT NO. 9, ON LAND ZONED EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT, TRANSITIONAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT & AGRICULTURE DISTRICT "A" IN THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD

The La Crosse County Planning, Resources and Development Committee, having considered to application filed by: Keith Mathison; Acting On Behalf Of Milestone Materials, A Division of Mathy Construction Co., 920 10th Ave N, Onalaska, WI 54650 and having held a public hearing on the 4th day of APRIL, 2011 for a Conditional Use Permit to operate under Conditional Use Permit No. 511 and Non-Metallic Mining Permit No. 9, on land zoned Exclusive Agriculture District, Transitional Agriculture District & Agriculture District "A" in the Town(s) of Greenfield on land described as follows: Part of the SE-NE and the N ½-SE of Section 32, T15N, R6W; Beginning at the southeast corner of the NE-SE, West along the South line to the Southwest corner of the E ½-NW-SE, North to the North line of said NW-SE, East to the Southwest corner of the SE-NE, N45°26'E 193.6', S73°36'E 227.36', S45°54'E 251.73', N76°21'E 78.7', N41°46'E 145.15', S78°29'E 130.87', S84°8'E 495' to the East line of Section 32, South along said East line to the POB. Except part in Volume 1077 Page 723. Town of Greenfield. And pursuant to s. 59.69 Wis. Stats. and s. 17.36 Zoning Code: the Committee did publish and receive proof of a Class II notice of the hearing; did receive receipts of mailing of the notices to the affected Town Clerk(s); did hold a public hearing to hear testimony or correspondence from the people; and, did receive and consider action from the affected Town Board(s). The Committee, under s. 91.48(1), Wis. Stats., along with the affected Town Board(s), under s. 17.36(4), have the authority to approve the application with integral conditions or to disapprove of the application. Having considered the entire record the Committee's recommendation is to: **Approve**. By a vote of six (6) in favor, one (1) excused-Meyer, the Committee recommended approval of this permit subject to the following nine (9) conditions:

1. This permit is granted specifically to allow Mathy Construction and any successor in title to operate and reclaim the limestone quarry known as the Bendel/Starch Quarry on Ober Rd;
2. Hours of Operation of crushing and screening are 6 AM – 6 PM Mon – Sat; and

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Hours of Operation for sale of products are daylight hours Mon – Fri and emergencies;

3. Life expectancy is estimated between fifty (50) and one hundred (100) years based on current use of rock;
4. Mathy Construction has an existing Stormwater Management Plan with the Town of Greenfield requiring an additional plan to handle 8 inches of stormwater with a slow release over 24-36 hours;
5. Mathy Construction or subsequent owner is required to limit damage to the road and shoulders of Ober Rd and to repair road bank replacement caused by the quarry operation;
6. A minimum of 50-ft setback shall be maintained along all property lines;
7. Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Plan No. 9 is still in full force and effect;
8. Two seismograph readings are required at the time of blasting; and
9. This permit replaces and terminates Conditional Use Permit No. 511 in its entirety.

The County Board took the following action this 19th of APRIL, 2011. Approved subject to conditions as outlined.

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by M. Pedretti/T. Wehrs to approve as recommended by the Committee passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 2 absent - B. Feehan and B. Konkell, 11 excused - B. Brockmiller, V. Burke, R. Ebert, D. Ferries, T. Gamroth, J. Johnson, D. Meyer, A. Kader, D. Manthei, A. Richmond and G. Sebranek.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-4/11 RE: OPPOSING PROPOSED DECREASE IN GENERAL TRANSPORTATION AIDS (GTA) TO COUNTIES FOR 2011-2013 STATE OF WISCONSIN BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2011-2013 State Budget places greater priority on “mega highway projects” than local maintenance, by proposing \$420 million of funding for projects in southeast Wisconsin, while also proposing a 10% reduction in General Transportation Aid (GTA) to Counties and Municipalities of \$43 million per year for County trunk highways, local streets and roadways; and **WHEREAS**, the reduction will amount to a loss of over \$160,000 to the La Crosse County Highway Department for 2012 which will have adverse affects on the local highways in La Crosse County; and, **WHEREAS**, this GTA cut continues the decreased emphasis on maintenance from the last State Budget which cut \$140,000 per year to La Crosse County of Routine Maintenance Agreement funding, reducing mowing at the interstate interchange entrances to our community; and **WHEREAS**, the economy of La Crosse County depends on good highway infrastructure maintenance to sell our community in order to expand and create jobs during this difficult economy. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors go on record opposing the reduction in General Transportation Aids in the proposed 2011-2013 budget. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Local State Representatives the Governor’s office and the Wisconsin Counties Association. **FISCAL NOTE:** La Crosse County has over \$35 million in unfunded highway improvements and this \$160,000 could be used to pave one and one-half miles of roadway.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion by C. Spiker/A. Benrud to approve. Discussion ensued. Administrator O'Malley and Highway Commissioner Ron Chamberlain responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a voice vote with 20 ayes, 1 nay - R. Geary, 2 absent - B. Feehan and B. Konkell, 12 excused - B. Brockmiller, V. Burke, R. Ebert, D. Ferries, T. Gamroth, J. Johnson, D. Meyer, A. Kader, D. Manthei, J. Medinger, A. Richmond and G. Sebranek.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-4/11 RE: APPROVAL OF UTILITY EASEMENT AGREEMENT REQUEST BY THE VILLAGE OF WEST SALEM

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WHEREAS, the Village of West Salem (hereinafter "Village") has requested a perpetual easement across La Crosse County (hereinafter "County") property from the La Crosse River to the Village's stormwater detention pond in order to expand the current width of the Utility Easement from 10 feet to 30 feet; and, **WHEREAS**, the Village agrees that at the time that a watermain is installed in the Easement Area, the Village shall install, at its own cost, a curb stop for the County to tap into in the future; and, **WHEREAS**, the Village also agrees that at no time currently or in the future shall the County be assessed for the watermain or sewerline installation or upgrade through the Easement Area; and, **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the County to grant the expanded easement. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby authorize the County Board Chair to sign the Utility Easement Agreement after approval of Corporation Counsel, granting the Village of West Salem a perpetual 30 foot wide easement for sanitary sewer facilities and watermain facilities through Veterans Memorial Park at the location previously granted to the Village. **FISCAL NOTE:** The approval of the expanded easement is at no cost to La Crosse County.

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion by C. Spiker/L. Pfaff to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 20 ayes, 2 absent - B. Feehan and B. Konkel, 13 excused - B. Brockmiller, V. Burke, R. Ebert, D. Ferries, T. Gamroth, J. Johnson, D. Meyer, A. Kader, D. Manthei, J. Medinger, A. Richmond, G. Sebranek and M. Wood.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-4/11 RE: OPPOSING ELIMINATION OF MUNICIPAL RECYCLING MANDATE

WHEREAS, recycling provides extensive economic benefits, providing material for manufacturing, business development, state and local tax revenue preserving our natural resources, saving energy and reducing our impact on the environment; and **WHEREAS**, the University of Wisconsin Survey Center, commissioned by the Department of Natural Resources, demonstrated that 93% of Wisconsin residents favor or strongly favor the Recycling Law and 96% of Wisconsin households are "committed" to recycling; and **WHEREAS**, the strength of Wisconsin's recycling program comes from its mandate in 1990, causing municipalities to respond by becoming Responsible Units for Recycling and as such, invested millions of dollars in education, collection and processing infrastructure for effective recycling programs; and **WHEREAS**, the 2011-2013 Budget seeks to eliminate the requirement that municipalities operate a recycling program; eliminates all financial assistance for municipal recycling programs; converts the Recycling and Renewable Energy Segregated Fund to a newly created Economic Development Fund and diverts revenue collected on the landfill tipping fee surcharge into this Fund and; **WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin has taken more than one hundred forty million dollars (\$140,000,000) away from the Recycling and Renewable Energy Segregated Fund since 1990, to pay for other State programs instead of their intended purpose. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board supports the continued use of the landfill tipping fee surcharge as the source of funding for financial assistance to municipalities, as it was intended for that purpose, instead of being diverted to the Economic Development Fund. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board opposes elimination of municipal recycling requirements and recycling grant programs and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Wisconsin Counties Association, area legislators and Governor Scott Walker. **FISCAL NOTE:** The recycling fee is generated by a \$7 per ton surcharge on solid waste disposal. Because the waste to energy facility and special wastes are exempt from the recycling fee, in La Crosse County the fee is collected on approximately 45,700 tons, or at least \$320,000 to be taken from our local municipalities.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion by C. Spiker/M. Wood to approve. Discussion ensued. Solid Waste Director Hank Koch responded to questions from the Board. The motion to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 21 ayes, 2 absent - B. Feehan and B. Konkel, 12 excused - B.

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Brockmiller, V. Burke, R. Ebert, D. Ferries, T. Gamroth, J. Johnson, D. Meyer, A. Kader, D. Manthei, J. Medinger, A. Richmond and G. Sebranek.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board Chair Report - Steven Doyle

- Western Wisconsin Cares Report – Tara Johnson
 - There was no objection to holding this over until next month.
- Supervisor Conference Reports
 - Supervisor Pedretti – Attended the Wisconsin Associated County Extension committee. This was an opportunity to interact with other UW Extension Departments which is part of zoning. Supervisor Keil was recognized at the annual awards ceremony for 5 years of service to the Planning, Resource & Development Committee.

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

- May 9th Policy Planning meeting will have two major agenda items. Redistricting committee report and approval of the Gas to Energy bids. There will be a special meeting with Public Works & Infrastructure and Executive Committee before that meeting. The zoning ordinance that was initially planned for that night will be moved to the June agenda to allow for time on these two topics.
- LEC dedication date is on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 4:30 pm. That is a corrected date from what was previously given. Make sure if you have any corrections on the dedication plaque that you let us know before you leave tonight.
- Update on Flood Status: We dodged some difficulties at a community with the river cresting and now starting to drop. Keith and Jay have done an excellent job.

Corporation Counsel Report – William Shepherd

- On the question on what power the Chair has: He can direct a Sheriff to bring a supervisor to a meeting if he is absent without cause.
- When does a motion become owned by the board: This happens when the Chair puts the motion before the board. This is usually when the Chair announces a motion is made by and seconded by.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS:

- Wed. May 4th –Solid Waste Department Annual Meeting. Topic will be on recycling.
- Supervisor Billings – there was a handout on Supervisor's desk regarding the counties and the different program for Human Services that will be impacted.
- Supervisor T. Johnson would like to look at changing the time and/or date of reorganizational meeting so we don't overlap other town/cities/villages board meetings due to the lack of people who were gone initially or had to leave early.
- Supervisor Geary requested an update on Skipperliner at the next Planning meeting.
- Supervisor Schroeder announced that Supervisor Pfaff's son was sworn in as Mayor of Fitchburg tonight.
- Supervisor Wood – Joint Finance Committee is having a meeting on April 25th, 2011 from 1-7 in room 339 of the Cartwright Center. It was clarified that it is the Democrats that are having that meeting, not the Joint Finance Committee.

ADJOURN

Motion by R. Keil/D. Bina to adjourn at 7:39 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 22 ayes, 1 absent - B. Feehan, 12 excused - B. Brockmiller, V. Burke, R. Ebert, D. Ferries, T. Gamroth, J. Johnson, D. Meyer, A. Kader, D. Manthei, J. Medinger, A. Richmond and G. Sebranek.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN)

COUNTY OF LA CROSSE)

I, Ginny Dankmeyer , La Crosse County Clerk, in and for the County of La Crosse, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Journal of Proceedings of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors at the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Reorganizational Meeting held Tuesday, April 19, 2011 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 23 OF APRIL 2011.