

**LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLANNING MEETING
PROCEEDINGS; MONDAY, OCTOBER 08, 2012**

The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Planning Meeting was held on Monday, October 08, 2012 in the Administrative Center, Room B410. The County Clerk, Ginny Dankmeyer, took attendance. 23 supervisors were present when First Vice-Chair Sharon Hampson 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	Present
2 Geary, Ralph	Present
3 Veenstra, Joe	Present
4 Freedland, Maureen	Present
5 Johnson, Karin	Present
6 Plesha, Roger	Present
7 Hampson, Sharon	Present
8 Jerome, Peg	Present
9 Londre, Andrew	Present
10 Becker, Richard	Present
11 Vacant	
12 Holtze, Dave	Present
13 Meyer, Donald	Present
14 Schroeder, Jeffrey	Present
15 Kruse, Monica	Present
16 Ferries, Dan	Present
17 Berns, Jim	Present at 06:02 PM
18 Berg, Laurence	Present
19 Downer, Thomas	Present
20 Doyle, Steve	Excused
21 Burke, Vicki	Present
22 Spiker, Charles	Present
23 Pedretti, Marilyn	Present
24 Pfaff, Leon	Excused
25 Ebert, Ray	Present
26 Gamroth, Tammy	Present
27 Wehrs, Tina	Excused
28 Keil, Robert	Present
29 Johnson, Tara	Present at 06:55 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Board First Vice-Chair Report – Sharon Hampson

- Supervisor Conference Reports – None

Administrator Report - Steve O'Malley

PROCLAMATION OCTOBER 2012 - SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING MONTH

WHEREAS, dedicated nationally recognized County professionals help to minimize our county's impact on the environment by effectively managing waste through award winning programs; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County solid waste programs in part include waste-to-energy, permanent household hazardous materials collection, asphalt shingle recycling, treatment of petroleum impacted soils, and trailer home recycling; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County's solid waste program has achieved Green Tier status and is recognized by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for having superior environmental performance. **WHEREAS**, in addition to these programs, La Crosse County facilitates local and regional collaborative efforts in managing waste through shared recycling newsletters, mobile collection of household hazardous materials, access to the waste-to-energy program, and solid waste planning; and, **WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has shown its commitment to further enhancing solid waste and recycling efforts through sustainability practices which will be coordinated by the County's sustainability coordinator; and, **WHEREAS**, residents benefit from the cost savings, improved service and enhanced sustainability that result from intergovernmental collaboration at all levels of government on solid waste and recycling collection, processing and beneficial reuse of by-products; and, **WHEREAS**, all residents have an on-going responsibility to participate in sustainability through decreasing the amount of garbage that is produced in our homes, schools, communities, and work place by practicing waste reduction, recycling, and buying recycled products. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim the month of October 2012 as La Crosse County Solid Waste and Recycling Month and urges all residents to join in recognizing the valuable contribution of persons dedicated to the welfare of La Crosse County residents.

Motion by A. Londre/K. Johnson to approve passed on a unanimous voice vote with 24 ayes, 4 excused - S. Doyle, T. Johnson, L. Pfaff and T. Wehrs and 1 vacant – District 11.

- 2013 Budget Status Update
 - The main achievements of the 2013 recommended budget: after 3 years of 0% operating levy, this budget would increase operating levy by 1.15%, leaving operating rate at \$3.13, which is \$482,000 below limit and 5th lowest per capita; \$400,000 increase to Highway maintenance and \$4.9 million for County Road OA project; and the 2013 budget sets the stage for future decisions on jail staffing or Highway maintenance, future of Lakeview – who we serve sizing and location, administrative building planning, and increase Highway funding – but much more is needed. 2013 gross expenditure is \$137.6 million and 22% of that is supported by property taxes – tax levy.
 - 2013 Budget Overview: To achieve 0% increase, impact is spread across all departments but not an equal % across the board. Position attrition in many departments and success by Human Services department were critical to shifting of resources to Highway. There was no increase in health and dental premiums and a 2% wage increase. Reliance of Fund Balances applied was only moderate and not highly reliant on increased user fees.
 - 2012 & 2013 Board Decisions: Administrative building evaluations of options – architectural and engineering services for 2013 and bonding for remodel or replacement; Highway capital projects and increased maintenance; and examine Highway options for 2014 and beyond.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Supervisor Geary requested a report of what other counties gave as a wage increase.

ADJOURN

Motion by A. Richmond/A. Londre to adjourn at 7:04 PM passed on a unanimous voice vote with 25 ayes, 3 excused - S. Doyle, L. Pfaff and T. Wehrs and 1 vacant – District 11.

(133-12/13)

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 Planning Meeting held Monday, October 08, 2012 and that it is the whole thereof. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS DAY 9 OF OCTOBER 2012.