

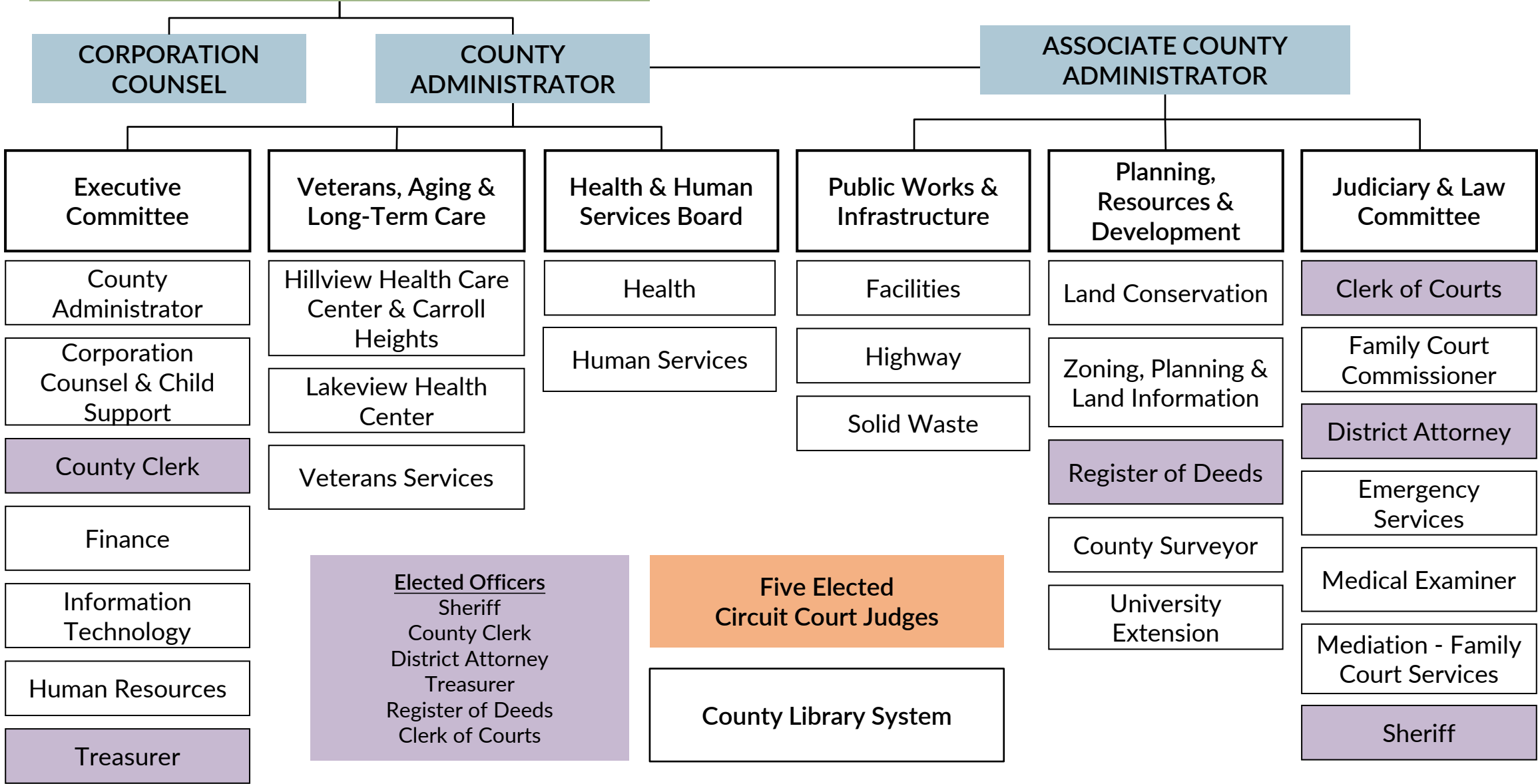


LA CROSSE COUNTY
Exceptional services. Extraordinary place.

La Crosse County Two-Year Celebration

April 8, 2024

COUNTY BOARD



New Leadership

- Jane Klekamp appointed as County Administrator in 2023
- Sara Koopman hired as Associate Administrator in 2023



Getting our Message Out

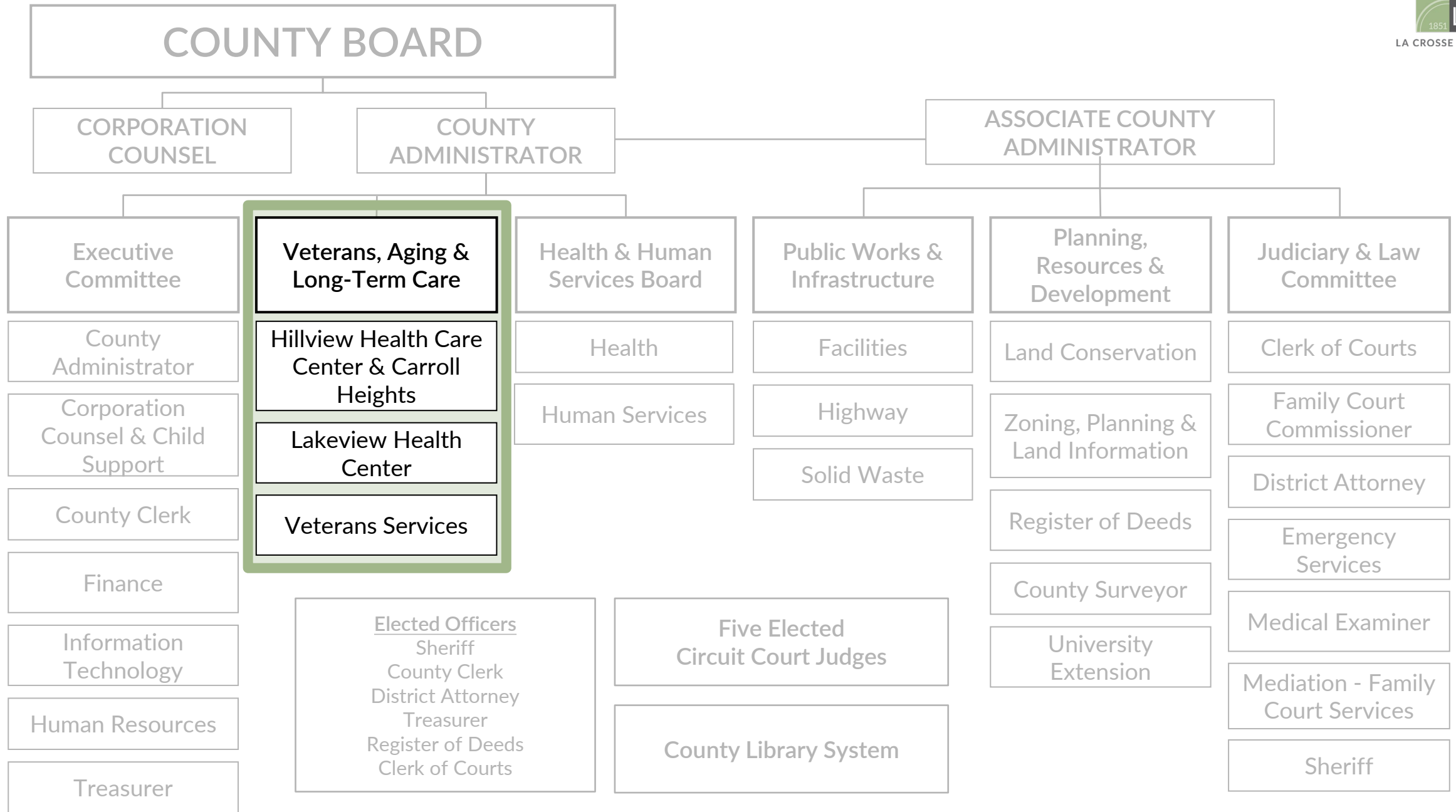
- County Connection, our e-newsletter, launched in the fall of 2023 to highlight the county's people and programs (700 subscribers).
- Departmental annual Impact Reports in an easy-to-read format were launched in 2021.



PFAS Mitigation

- County has collaborated closely with Town of Campbell on PFAS
- \$500,000 in 2023 budget to support drilling and research
- Resolution passed to protect Mt. Simon Aquifer
- Solid Waste developed pioneering safe PFAS filter disposal system





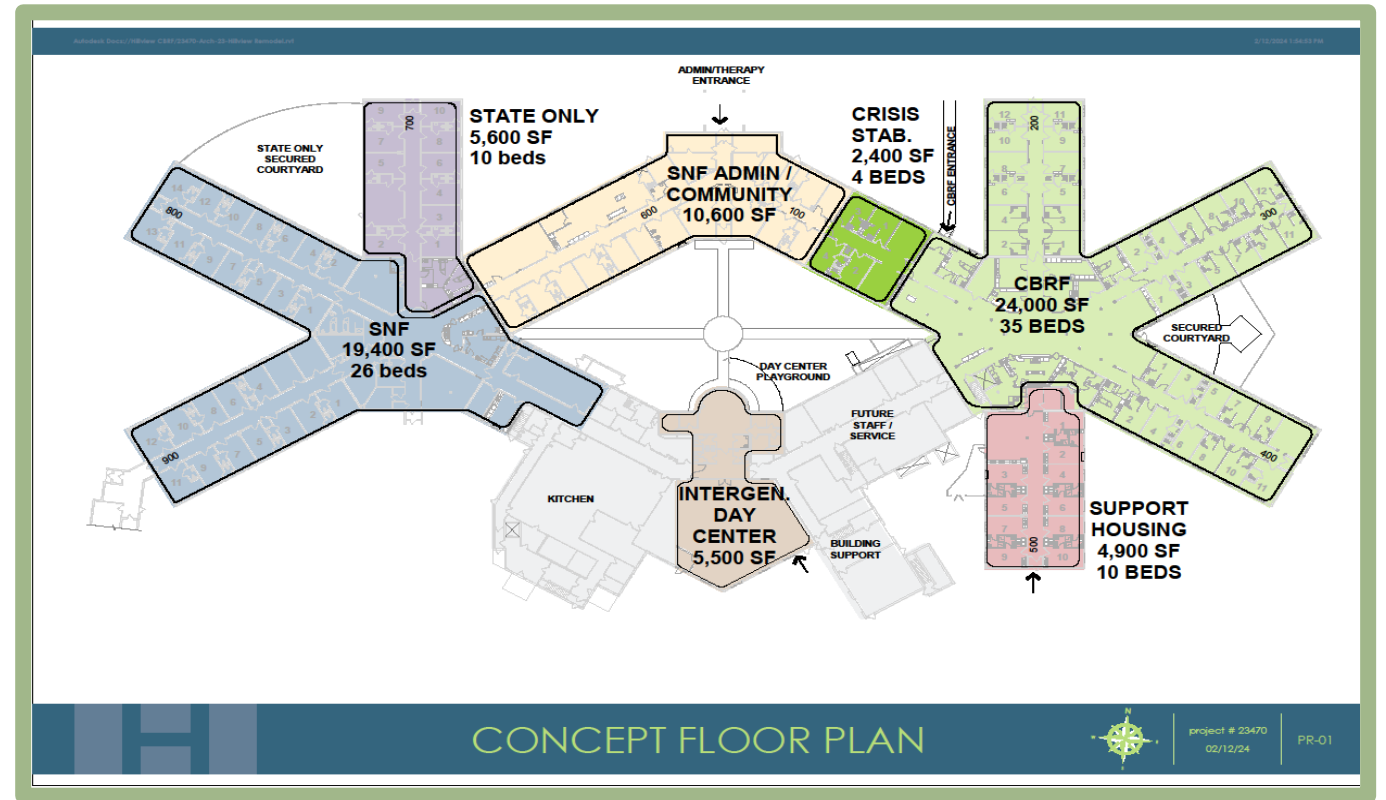
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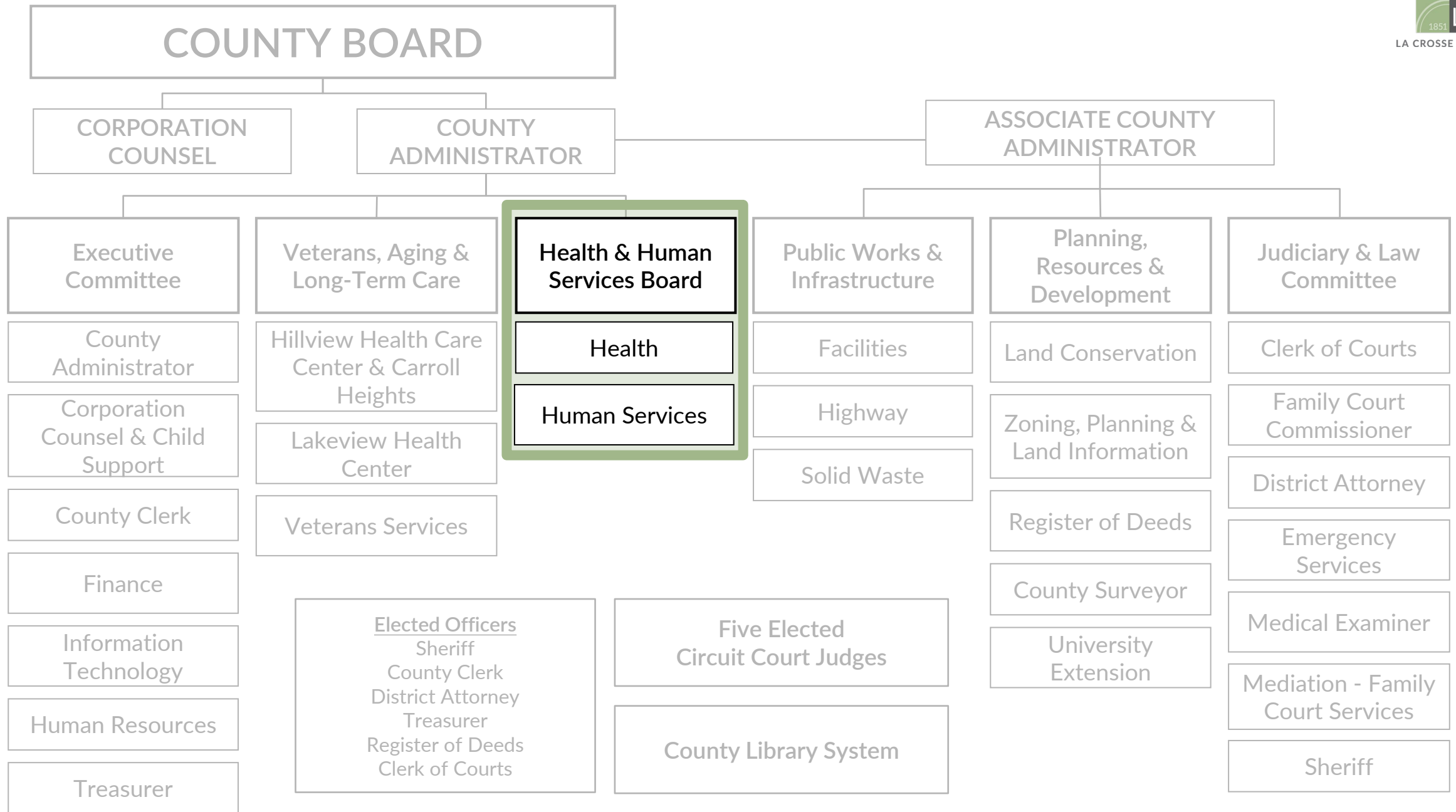
- Veterans Services Offices moved from Administrative Center to Health & Human Services Building.
- The move will improve services for veterans by facilitating connections to other county services



Reimagining Hillview

- Transformational Hillview project is advancing to answer multiple community needs.
- \$1 million funding secured by Sen. Baldwin is recognition of the project's importance and will support the plan.





Integrating Services

Economic Support Specialists Kemesha Harper and Kari Lawson work with people being released from jail or in mental health/substance use programs to make sure they have basic resources.

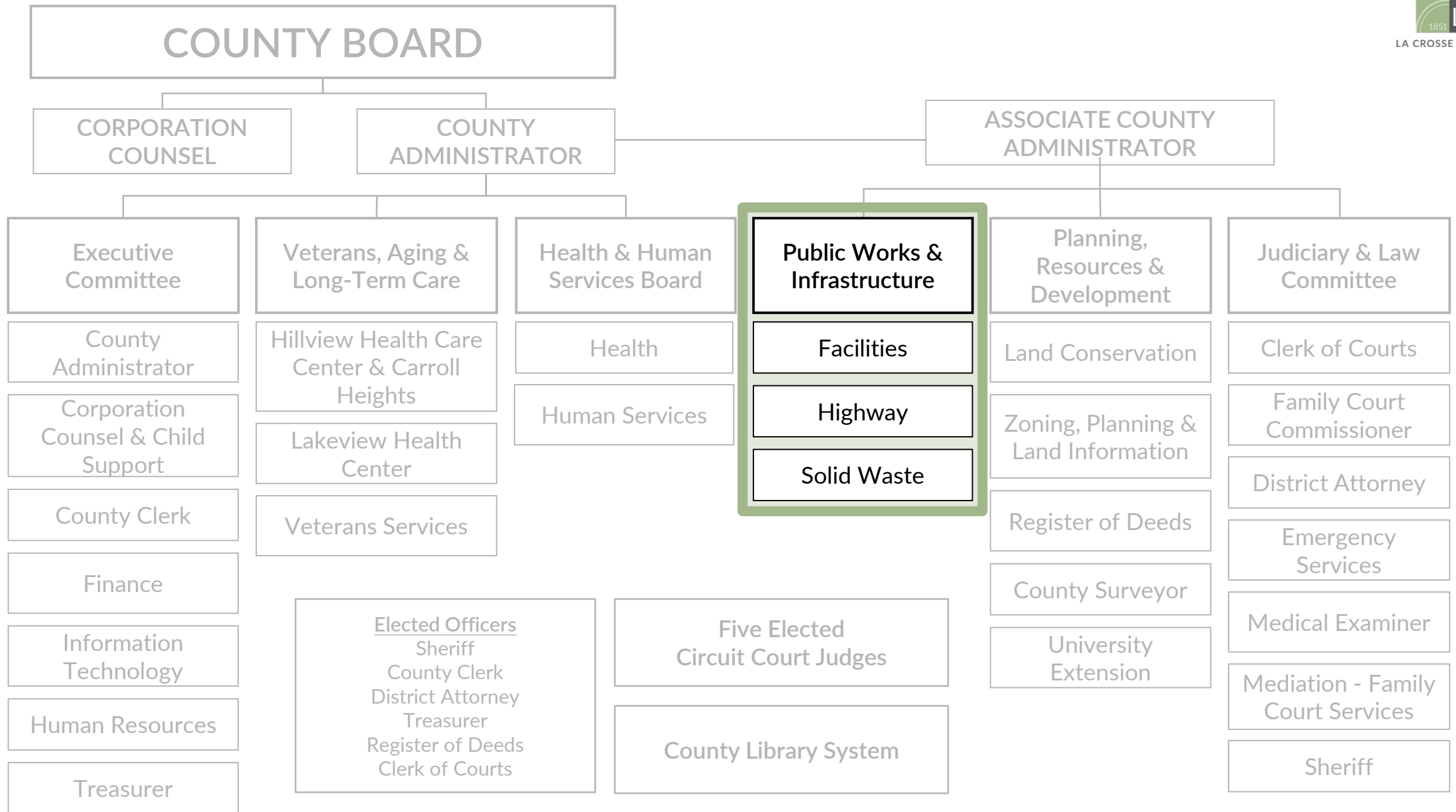


Supporting Parents

The Health Department's Maomoua Vue created a series of videos in Hmong to promote breastfeeding.

“For any culture, if the information comes from a person of that culture, I think it will have more impact,” she said





Increasing Accessibility

- Four accessible bathrooms added at Goose Island and Veterans Memorial, another scheduled this year
- County is committed to expanding accessibility to our programs and facilities whenever possible



Salt and Solar

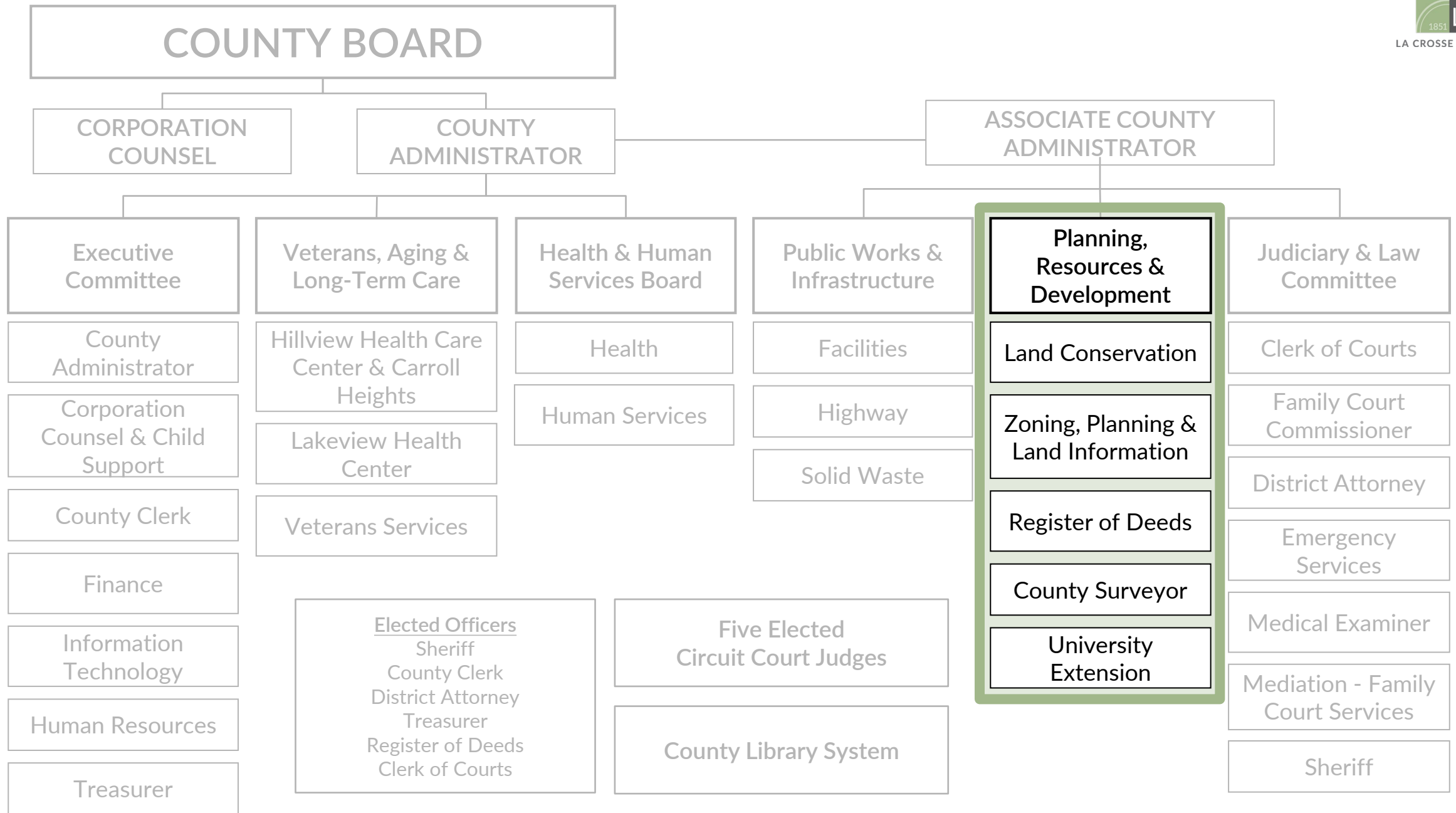
- Added solar panels in 2023 at St. Joe's Highway Shop (pictured), Goose Island, Lakeview, and Highway Shop in West Salem
- Highway Dept has increased use of brine, Facilities has reduced salt use on our lots to reduce pollution of waterways



Smart Purchasing

County has saved \$486,000 through a new policy at Highway allowing for purchases of more used equipment and purchasing equipment at auctions.





Child Care and Housing

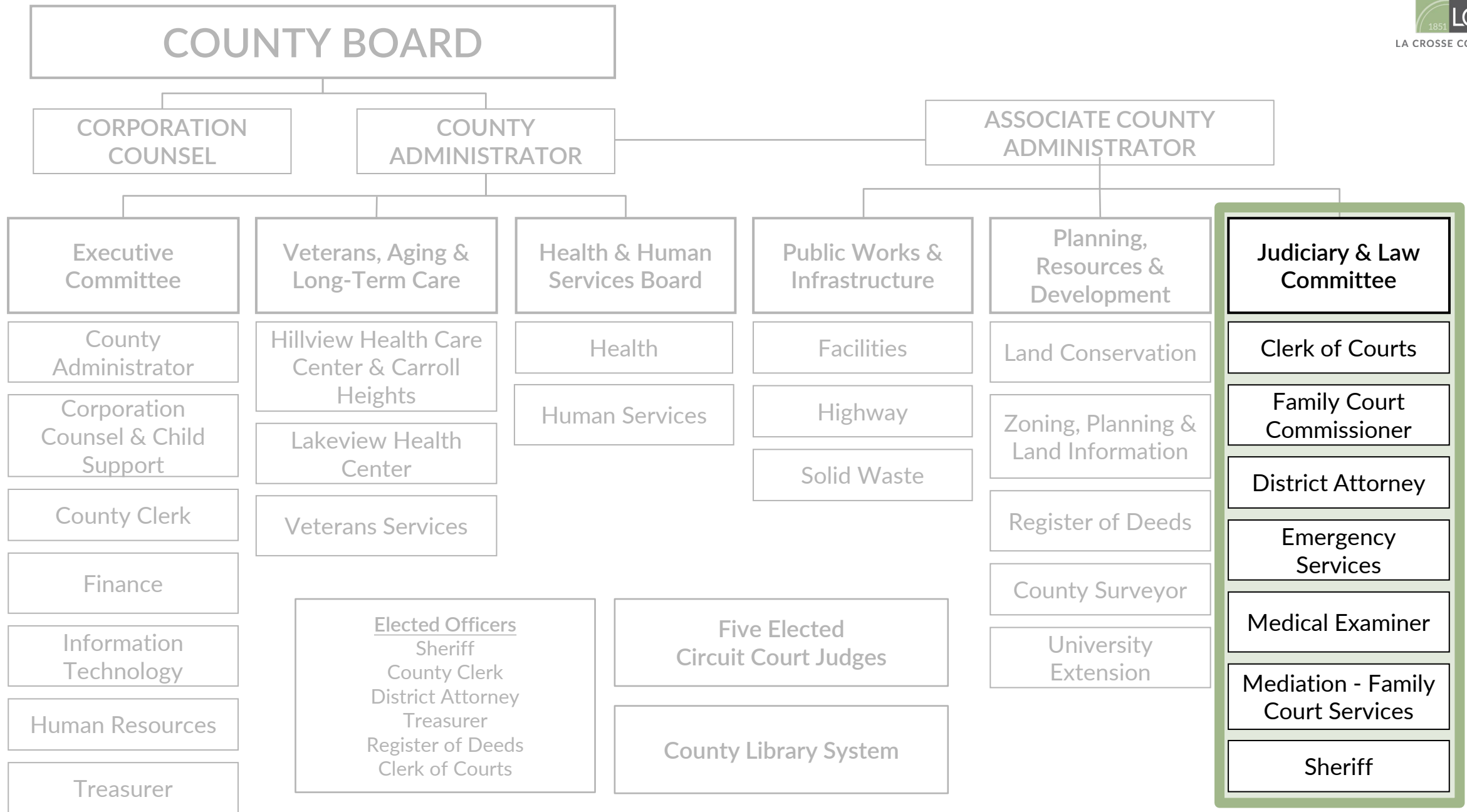
- \$500,000 in grants to child care providers outside the City of La Crosse, helping providers like Josie in Rockland (pictured)
- \$895,000 in Acquisition and Development grants (potential to support 577 new housing units)



Partnering for Sustainability

- Bostwick Watershed project is a great example of a partnership with landowners to protect natural resources
- The county also partnered with towns to provide \$2 million in stormwater infrastructure projects over past two years





Jail Improvements

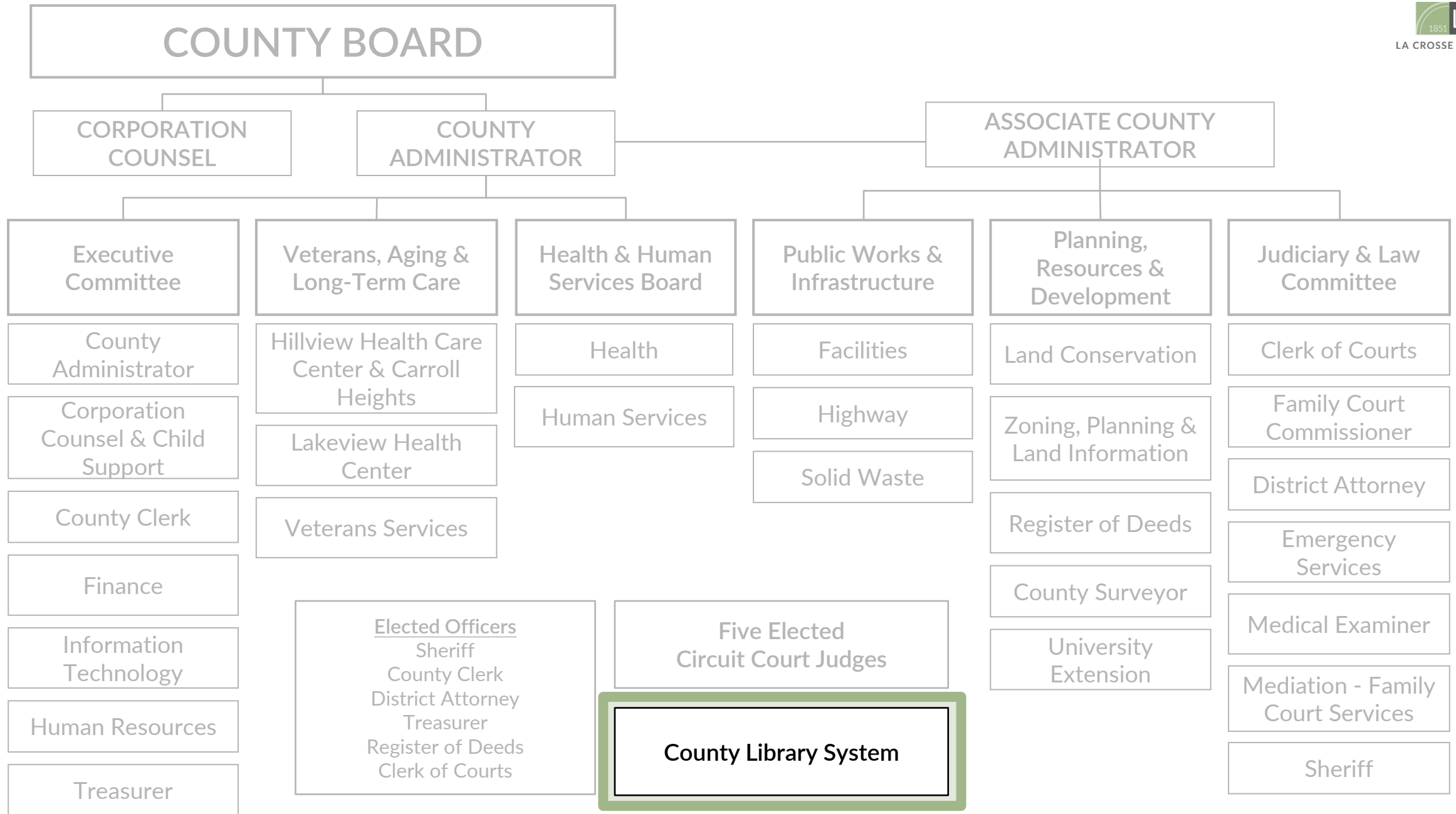
- Daily free phone calls introduced for jail residents to improve links with family, jobs and resources
- Tablets introduced to reduce social isolation and improve mental health



911 Towers

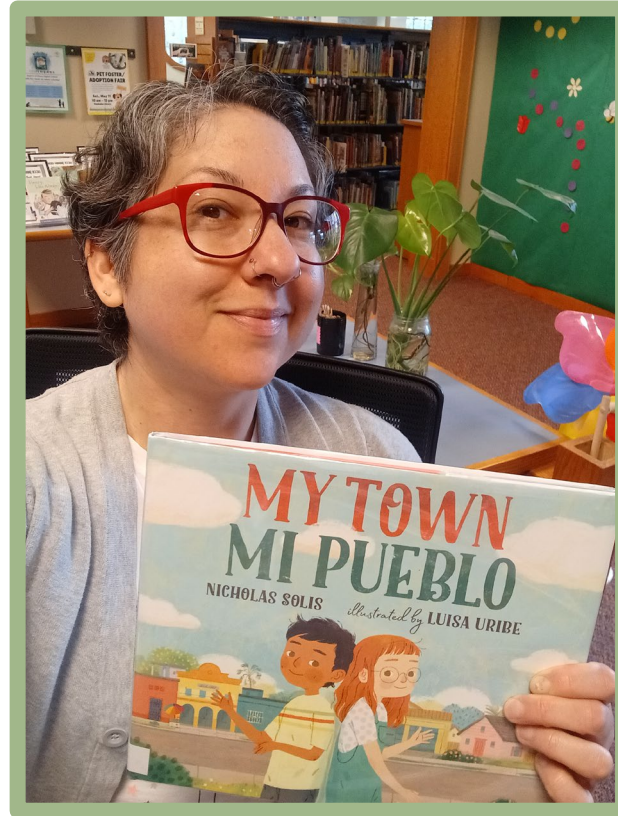
- 2016 plan identified service gaps
- Tower in Mindoro added in 2021 and tower in Holmen added in 2022 (pictured)
- Construction begins this week on final tower in West Salem to complete plan





Libraries as Community Centers

- Our library locations in Bangor, Campbell, Holmen, Onalaska and West Salem host dozens of programs that build community
- Examples include bilingual storytimes for kids, puzzle contests, and much more



Forecasting

- Construction at **Hillview** to begin in the fall
- **Strategic** planning process will guide budget discussions
- City-County **homelessness** plan implementation
- **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging** plan in May
- **Orientation and onboarding** for new supervisors



Thank you!