



# MARATHON COUNTY EXTENSION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 3:00pm**

Meeting Location: **Courthouse Assembly Room, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI 54403**

Rick Seefeldt	Present
Becky Buch	WebEx
David Baker	WebEx
Bobby Niemeyer	Absent
Tom Rosenberg	Present
Kim Ungerer	Present
Crystal Bushman	WebEx

Staff Present: Lance Leonhard, Chris Holmen, Kurt Gibbs, Michael Puerner, Laura Scudiere, Jeremy Solin, Michelle VanKrey, Kimm Weber, Leah Giordano, Ozalle Toms, Ann Lemmer

Others Present: Diana White, Kelly Borchardt, Elsa Duranceau

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chair Seefeldt called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment:** Kay Palmer commented on childcare need.
4. **Approval of the June 1, 2023, Extension, Education & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes** - Motion by Rosenberg, Second by Ungerer to approve the minutes. Motion carried on voice vote, unanimously.  
**Agenda was taken out of order with no objections.** Item 5 was discussed after item 7.
5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination**
  - A. Continued Discussion regarding 2024 Annual Budget and policy recommendations from the committee
    1. Review Mandatory / Discretionary Program document
    2. Review of Rates and Fees document
    3. Review of 5-Year Departmental Expense/levy document – Administrator Lance Leonhard explained which non-profits the County supports and asked the committee if they would like to recommend continuing funding to the full board. Discussion was had with questions asked and answered. No action taken.
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution, or Policy**
  - A. How does the Committee intend to complete its work called for under the revisions of the Strategic Plan
    1. Presentation from Aaron Ruff and the Marathon County Dream Up! Core team – Aaron Ruff was unable to attend the meeting. Administrator Leonhard talked about the Dream Up Grant!, safe childcare and asked the committee to come with a road plan for childcare. The presentation on childcare was given by Laurie Scudiere and Kelly Borchardt. Several daycare providers talked about the childcare in the community. A video presentation from Dave Ackman from the Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce was viewed by the committee. Diana White from the Wausau School District stated that the County and Schools need to be a partner in childcare. Discussion was had with questions being asked and answered.
    2. Letter of Support from the Greater Wausau Prosperity Partnership can be found in the packet.
7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
  - A. UW-Extension Program and Budget Overview – Jeremy Solin per request shared the UW-extensions programs supported by the County and the budget overview. Questions were asked and answered.
  - B. Historical Society Presentation – The Historical Society was represented by Russ Wilson, Brett Barker, and Ben Park. They gave a presentation and asked the County to continue to support the Historical Society.
  - C. MCDEVCO's Monthly Report – Kimm Weber gave her monthly report.
  - D. Library Monthly Report – Leah Giordano talked about the summer events being held at the library.
  - E. UW – Extension Monthly Report – Jeremy Solin introduced Michelle VanKrey as the new Food Wise program coordinator. Jeremy also requested to be put on the agenda for next month for a Housing presentation.

F. UWSP – Wausau Report can be found in the packet.

8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements and Future Agenda Items**

A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.

B. Next meeting: Thursday, August 3, 2023, at 3:00pm

9. **Adjournment**

Motion by Rosenberg, Second by Ungerer to adjourn. Motion Carried on voice vote, unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by Kelley Blume, Deputy County Clerk