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MARATHON COUNTY**



Marathon County Mission Statement: Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business.

ADJOURNED ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – AGENDA WITH MINUTES

AN ADJOURNED ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors, composed of thirty-eight (38) members, will convene at the Marathon County Courthouse, Assembly Room, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, on **Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** to consider the following matters:

A. OPENING OF SESSION:

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Gibbs at 7:00 p.m., the agenda being duly signed and posted
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; Followed by a Moment of Silence/Reflection
3. Reading of Notice
4. Request for silencing of cellphones and other electronic devices
5. Roll Call – On roll call, 30 supervisors were present as shown:

Aarrestad	17	Maszk	26
Baker	23	McEwen	18 (Excused)
Bootz	12	Morache	6
Buch	7	Niemeyer	38 (Excused)
Bushman	24	Oberbeck	9 (Absent)
Covelli	33	Opall	37 (Excused)
Dickinson	29 (W)	Ritter	13 (Excused)
Drabek	31	Robinson	4
Gibbs	32	Rosenberg	21
Gisselman	5	Seefeldt	14 (Excused)
Gonnering	28	Seubert	27
Hart	3	Sherfinski	16
Hartinger	22 (W)	Sondelski	25
Krause	10	Straub	15
Lamont	36	Ungerer	8
Langenhahn	35	Van Krey	1
Leahy	11	Venzke	30 (Excused)
Lemmer	2	Wilhelm	34
Marshall	20	Xiong	19 (Excused)

(W) indicates attendance by WebEx

6. Acknowledgment of visitors

B. EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS:

7. Standing Committee Chairpersons or Designees

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

8. Approval of minutes from the June 16 & 20, 2023 County Board Meetings
9. Referral of bills and communications to respective committees
10. Authorizing the Clerk to issue orders, bills, and claims from the last session through this session
11. Appointments:

- a. Transportation Coordinating Committee – Dean Verhein and Matthew Rosenbloom-Jones
 - b. Local Emergency Planning Committee – Steve Tarras
 - c. Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District Commission – Craig Mortensen
12. Ordinances:
- a. Town of Guenther Rezone – Tim Vreeland for George Harvanek #O-21-23
 - b. Town of Frankfort Rezone – Kristopher Schumacher for Randy & Sara Martyn #O-22-23
 - c. Amendment to Chapter 16 of Marathon County General Code #O-23-23

Discussion: Supervisor Straub requested that item 11c be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

Action: Motion by Rosenberg, Second by Leahy to approve the Consent Agenda with 11c removed.

Discussion: Supervisor Straub explained his reason for requesting the appointment be pulled. Discussion followed.

Action: Motion by Bootz, Second by Rosenberg to call the question. Motion failed 18-12 on a 2/3 roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Aarrestad, Bootz, Covelli, Drabek, Gibbs, Gonnering, Hart, Krause, Lamont, Langenhahn, Leahy, Lemmer, Maszk, Morache, Rosenberg, Seubert, Van Krey, Wilhelm - 18

No: Baker, Buch, Bushman, Dickinson, Gisselman, Hartinger, Marshall, Robinson, Sherfinski, Sondelski, Straub, Ungerer - 12

Action: The original motion to approve the Consent Agenda carried on a roll call vote unanimously.

Follow Through: None.

APPOINTMENT: Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District Commission

Discussion: Additional discussion followed regarding this re-appointment and the County's role in approving.

Action: Motion by Robinson, Second by Van Krey to approve the appointment. Motion failed 13-17 on a roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Bootz, Drabek, Gibbs, Gisselman, Gonnering, Hart, Langenhahn, Leahy, Lemmer, Marshall, Robinson, Rosenberg, Van Krey - 13

No: Aarrestad, Baker, Buch, Bushman, Covelli, Dickinson, Hartinger, Krause, Lamont, Maszk, Morache, Seubert, Sherfinski, Sondelski, Straub, Ungerer, Wilhelm - 17

Follow Through: The administrator will reach out to the director of the sewerage commission for a replacement appointee.

D. **APPOINTMENT:**

13. Tax Increment Finance Task Force

Discussion: There were comments and questions regarding the make-up of the task force. Chair Gibbs clarified that the membership is part of the charter and ordinance that was passed last month and is not up for discussion. There was some concern that there is a TBD member on the appointment. It was clarified that member will come as a separate appointment for board approval.

Action: Motion by Leahy, Second by Sherfinski to approve the appointment as presented. Motion carried 25-5 on a roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Aarrestad, Baker, Bootz, Buch, Bushman, Drabek, Gibbs, Gisselman, Gonnering, Hart, Hartinger, Krause, Lamont, Langenhahn, Leahy, Lemmer, Marshall, Maszk, Morache, Robinson, Rosenberg, Seubert, Sherfinski, Van Krey, Wilhelm - 25

No: Covelli, Dickinson, Sondelski, Straub, Ungerer - 5

Follow Through: None. Chair Gibbs will present the additional member for approval when he hears back from the potential candidates.

RESOLUTIONS:

E. HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE and PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

14. To Create Deputy Sheriff in the Marathon County Sheriff's Office to Provide Contracted Services to Rib Mountain #R-35-23

Discussion: None.

Action: Motion by Maszk, Second by Langenhahn to approve the resolution. Motion carried on a roll call vote unanimously.

Follow Through: None.

F. HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

15. Budget Transfer – Wisconsin Election Commission Subgrant for Absentee Envelopes #R-36-23

Discussion: None.

Action: Motion by Leahy, Second by Robinson to approve the resolution. Motion carried 29-1 on a roll call vote with Dickinson voting No.

Follow Through: None

16. Adoption of Budget Assumptions for 2024 Budget Process #R-38-23

Discussion: None.

Action: Motion by Robinson, Second by Bootz to approve the resolution. Motion carried 25-5 on a roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Aarrestad, Bootz, Buch, Bushman, Drabek, Gibbs, Gisselman, Gonnering, Hart, Hartinger, Krause, Lamont, Langenhahn, Leahy, Lemmer, Marshall, Maszk, Morache, Robinson, Rosenberg, Seubert, Straub, Ungerer, Van Krey, Wilhelm - 25

No: Baker, Covelli, Dickinson, Sherfinski, Sondelski - 5

Follow Through: None.

G. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

17. Approval of a Letter to Governor Evers and the State Legislature Regarding Local Control #R-37-23

Discussion: None.

Action: Motion by Drabek, Second by Covelli to approve the resolution. Motion carried on a roll call vote unanimously.

Follow Through: Letter will be sent after remaining signatures are obtained.

H. CLOSED SESSION

18. **Motion to go into Closed Session (roll call vote suggested), pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(e), for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, to wit: review of appraisals for, and discussion of strategy regarding the potential purchase of private property adjacent to county-owned properties.**

Discussion: None.

Action: Motion by Robinson, Second by Morache to go into closed session. Motion carried 28-2 on a roll call vote with Dickinson and Sondelski voting No.

Follow Through: None.

19. Motion to return to open session (roll call vote not required)

Discussion: None.

Action: Motion by Robinson, Second by Bootz to return to open session. Motion carried on a voice vote

unanimously.
Follow Through: None.

20. Discussion and possible action resulting from closed session discussion
a. To Amend the Budget to Fund the Acquisition of Properties Located Adjacent to County-Owned Properties in the City of Wausau, Marathon County #R-39-23

Discussion: None.

Action: Motion by Sherfinski, Second by Robinson to approve the resolution discussed in closed session. Motion carried 28-1 with Dickinson voting no and Hartinger abstaining.

Follow Through: Offer to purchase will be negotiated by the administrator.

I. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

21. Announcements and / or Requests
- Appropriate signatures were requested
- Joint East and West Towns Association meeting is July 27 at Memories Ballroom
- Supervisor Robinson gave a reminder of the webinar by WCA regarding shared revenue
22. Motion to Adjourn – Motion by Langenhahn, Second by Covelli to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS:

Transportation Coordinating Committee – Dean Verhein and Matthew Rosenbloom-Jones

I, Kurt Gibbs, Marathon County Board Chair, do hereby, upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, appoint the following individuals to serve on the Transportation Coordinating Committee, to complete two-year terms to expire at the Organizational County Board meeting in April, 2024:

Matthew Rosenbloom-Jones (Director of Wausau Area Transit, replacing Greg Seubert)

Dean Verhein (replacing Ben Lee)

Dated this 18th day of July, 2023

Local Emergency Planning Committee – Steve Tarras

I, Lance Leonhard, Marathon County Administrator, do hereby upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, appoint the following to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for an indefinite term:

Steve Tarras, Wausau Chemical Corporation, Wausau, WI

DATED: July 18, 2023

~~Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District Commission – Craig Mortensen Appointment not approved~~

~~I, Lance Leonhard, Marathon County Administrator, do hereby upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, re-appoint Craig A. Mortenson, 3027 Nick Avenue, Kronenwetter, to the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District Commission for a five year term to expire August 11, 2028..~~

~~–Dated this 18th day of July, 2023~~

Tax Increment Finance Task Force

Membership: The Task Force shall include 9 members including 5 County Board members, 2 local elected officials, 1 representative from local taxing districts, and 1 business community representative as follows:

1. Supervisor David Oberbeck, Chair
2. Supervisor Jacob Langenhahn
3. Supervisor Gayle Marshall
4. Supervisor Tom Rosenberg
5. Supervisor Allen Drabek
6. Gerry Fitzgerald, Town of Emmet – local elected official
7. Lisa Rasmussen – local elected official
8. TBD – representative from local taxing district
9. Jean Schult, CPA – business community representative

Dated the 18th day of July, 2023

ORDINANCES:

#O-21-23 – Town of Guenther Rezone – Tim Vreeland for George Harvanek

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has been petitioned to amend the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code Chapter 17; by Tim Vreeland on behalf of George Harvanek, Personal Representative of Joyce Harvenak, to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from R-E Rural Estate to R-R Rural Residential as described as Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map #19076, located in the Southwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 8, and the Northwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of section 17, Township 26 North, Range 8 East, Town of Guenther. The area to be rezoned to R-R Rural Residential is described as Lot 1 and Lot 2 of preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel #032.2608.172.0991.

WHEREAS, the petition was referred to the Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee (the Committee) for public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Committee, on due notice, conducted a public hearing thereon, pursuant to Section 59.69, Wisconsin Statutes on June 27, 2023 to consider the petition to amend Chapter 17; and

WHEREAS, the Committee being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, having reviewed the staff report, and duly advised of the recommendations of the Town of Guenther, hereby recommends the petition be GRANTED AS APPLIED FOR

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does ordain as follows: The General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code (and accompanying Zoning Map) is amended as stated above.

Dated this 27th day of June, 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

#O-22-23 – Town of Frankfort Rezone – Kristopher Schumacher for Randy & Sara Martyn

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has been petitioned to amend the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code Chapter 17; by Kristopher Schumacher on behalf of Randy and Sara Martyn to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential located in part of the Northwest ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 14, Township 28 North, Range 3 East, Town of Frankfort. Area to be rezone to R-R Rural Residential is described as Lot 1 of preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel #026-2803-141-0998.

WHEREAS, the petition was referred to the Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee (the Committee) for public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Committee, on due notice, conducted a public hearing thereon, pursuant to Section 59.69, Wisconsin Statutes on June 27, 2023 to consider the petition to amend Chapter 17; and

WHEREAS, the Committee being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, having reviewed the staff report, and duly advised of the recommendations of the Town of Frankfort, hereby recommends the petition be GRANTED AS APPLIED FOR

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does ordain as follows: The General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code (and accompanying Zoning Map) is amended as stated above.

Dated this 27th day of June, 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

#O-23-23 – Amendment to Chapter 16 of Marathon County General Code

WHEREAS, Chapter 16 of the Marathon County General Code of Ordinances sets forth regulations and rules relative to County Forests within Marathon County; and

WHEREAS, the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department seeks to annually review these ordinance chapters to determine whether any sections require updates; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2023, the Forestry and Recreation Committee approved the attached amendments to Chapter 16 of the Marathon County Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2023, the Environmental Resources Committee approved the attached amendments to Chapters 16 of the Marathon County Code of Ordinances and forwarded the amendments on to the County Board for consideration and adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does hereby ordain as follows: To amend Chapters 16 of the Marathon County General Code of Ordinances as indicated in the attached documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

Dated the 18th day of July, 2023.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTIONS:

#R-35-23 – To Create Deputy Sheriff in the Marathon County Sheriff’s Office to Provide Contracted Services to Rib Mountain

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Sheriff’s Office exists to provide a safe, secure and crime-free community through trust-building, enforcement and public safety management; and

WHEREAS, the creation of this Deputy Sheriff position in partnership with the Town of Rib Mountain is directly linked to this mission; and

WHEREAS, this position will be funded by Rib Mountain including wages for one full-time deputy along with the purchase of a vehicle and other required equipment; and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2023, the Public Safety Committee voted to recommend creating 1.0 FTE Deputy position to County Board; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2023, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee also voted to recommend creating 1.0 FTE Deputy position to County Board.

WHEREAS, in order to fund these positions and services that they will provide §65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats., dictates that appropriations in the Marathon County budget may not be modified unless authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the County Board of Supervisors, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon: To create 1.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff position effective the beginning of the first pay period following the approval of this resolution.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of July, 2023.

HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE and PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

#R-36-23 – Budget Transfer – Wisconsin Election Commission Subgrant for Absentee Envelopes

WHEREAS, Section 65.90(5)(a) dictates that appropriations in the Marathon County budget may not be modified unless authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2023, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee approved the acceptance of a \$4,041.18 grant from the State of Wisconsin Elections Commission relative to increased printing costs required for new required absentee ballot envelope designs; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2023, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee reviewed and recommended a 2023 budget transfer to allow the \$4,041.18 in grant funds to be expended by the County Clerk’s Office for costs related to absentee ballot envelope printing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Marathon County Board of Supervisors authorize and direct the budget transfers as listed below:

Transfer from:	Grant Awards
Transfer to:	County Clerk - Printing
Amount:	\$4,041.18
Re:	Absentee Ballot Funding

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Class 1 Notice of this transaction be published within (10) days of its adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Marathon County Clerk to issue checks pursuant to this resolution and the Marathon County Treasurer to honor said checks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper officers of Marathon County are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to affect this policy.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of July, 2023.

HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

#R-37-23 – Approval of a Letter to Governor Evers and the State Legislature Regarding Local Control

WHEREAS, Chapter 293 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Section NR 130 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code bind counties in Wisconsin relative to their ability to regulate metallic mining; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute Section 196.491(3)(i) and Section PSC 128 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code limits the ability of counties to address concerns relative to the siting of wind energy projects; and

WHEREAS, Section NR 151 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code binds state enforcement efforts relative to regulation of runoff and limits the tools available for local governments to address runoff issues; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2023, the Environmental Resources Committee voted to approve the attached letter to the Wisconsin Legislature relative to the importance of local control and forward the same on to the County Board for consideration and approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does hereby authorize the Marathon County Board Chair to forward the attached letter to the Wisconsin Legislature and appropriate Wisconsin state officials on behalf of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors.

Dated the 18th day of July, 2023.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE and EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Governor Evers and Members of the Wisconsin State Legislature:

The purpose of this letter is to express Marathon County’s concern over the lack of local control of important environmental matters in counties and municipalities in the State of Wisconsin. Over time, through legislative and state agency action and preemption, local governments have become less adept to address challenges in their communities. Marathon County asks that the State of Wisconsin return the tools necessary to exercise local control to the counties and municipalities best situated to address these issues.

While the regulatory framework developed in the State of Wisconsin may create efficiencies in the regulation of certain industries, events in recent years in Marathon County have highlighted the strain between state authority and local control and the effect that limiting local input has on important environmental issues. Citizens in Marathon County have expressed their concern over a proposed metallic exploration operation in Eastern Marathon County, yet our county is bound to the standards in NR 130 and Wis. Stats. 293. Local government is unable to effectively engage mining interests or address citizen concerns. Similarly, our County Board of Supervisors has been made aware of significant citizen concerns over the potential siting of wind projects in Western Marathon County, yet Marathon County is limited in its ability to address these concerns by the standards in PSC 128 and the preemption of local ordinances in Wis. Stat. 196.491(3)(i). Lastly, regulation of runoff from farm operations is often not supported by state enforcement efforts, which is bound by the standards set forth in NR 151 and NR 243 for CAFO operations, limiting local tools available for us to address runoff issues. NR 151 derives authority from Wis. Stat 281 and NR 243 derives authority from Wis. Stat. 281 and 283.

Ultimately, the result of these strict limitations on local action is a collection of local ordinances that largely mimic the State's standards but fail to address the problems they were designed to solve or adapt to citizen concerns and complaints. County residents continue to be frustrated over their concerns being largely ignored due to the standards promulgated in state statutes and administrative rules. The existing framework is inefficient and burdensome for communities.

The proliferation of "one size fits all" regulations, coupled with preemption, creates a policy environment where local input is stifled, and site-specific solutions are disregarded. Marathon County firmly believes that we can create our own systems for success. We ask that the State of Wisconsin consider strengthening, rather than limiting, the role of local government in these matters.

Thank you for your time and consideration relative to Marathon County's residents and communities.

Sincerely,

The Marathon County Board of Supervisors

#R-38-23 – Adoption of Budget Assumptions for 2024 Budget Process

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute Section 65.90(1) requires Marathon County to annually, and prior to the determination of the sum to be financed in whole or in part by a general property tax, funds on hand or estimated revenues from any source, formulate a budget and hold public hearings thereon. In 2023, the deadline for Counties to provide tax apportionment forms to the State Department of Revenue is November 15, 2023; and WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 65.90(4) requires that a public hearing be held by the County Board of Supervisors at least 15 days after publication of a proposed budget prior to adoption of the annual budget by the board; and WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has sought to implement a timeline for adoption of its annual budget that allows for more engagement with Standing Committees and provides additional opportunity for all supervisors to provide input earlier in the process. On March 21, 2023, the County Board of Supervisors adopted a budget timeline for the 2024 budget process consistent with this approach; and WHEREAS, on July 12, 2023, consistent with the adopted budget timeline, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee approved the attached proposed budget assumptions for the 2024 Budget Process and forwarded the proposed assumptions to the Marathon County Board for consideration. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does hereby adopt the attached budget assumptions for the 2024 Budget Process to guide the creation, review, and approval of a 2024 Marathon County budget.

Dated the 18th day of July, 2023.

HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

#R-39-23 – To Amend the Budget to Fund the Acquisition of Properties Located Adjacent to County-Owned Properties in the City of Wausau, Marathon County

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 59.52(6)(a) authorizes the Marathon County Board of Supervisors to acquire real property for public use or public purpose of any nature; and WHEREAS, on March 26, 2013, through Resolution R-21-13, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors authorized and directed county staff, as a long-term policy relative to County infrastructure, to pursue negotiations toward the acquisition of real property located in downtown Wausau between Forest Street and Washington Street and Fifth Street and Sixth Street to support potential long-term courthouse and jail expansion plans; and WHEREAS, on June 23, 2020, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors approved the acquisition of property located at 530 Jackson Street in the City of Wausau consistent with the long-term policy set forth in R-21-13; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the County Board's set policies relative to possible courthouse and jail expansion plans, on June 20, 2023, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee authorized the Marathon County Administrator to negotiate for the purchase of properties located at 525 Washington Street, 527 Washington Street, 531 Washington Street, and 210 North 6th Street in the City of Wausau, for the use of

Marathon County in potential future expansion of Marathon County Courthouse and Jail infrastructure currently located adjacent to said properties; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Administrator has negotiated the purchase of said properties in the amount of \$768,000.00, less the current property owner's share of all taxes due and owing relative to the properties through the date of sale, plus closing costs to include deed preparation and recording fees, as outlined in an offer to purchase that is contingent upon approval of the purchase and funding of the purchase by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the purchase would include a provision that allows the County to continue to lease the buildings to their existing tenants and retain revenues relative to said leases; and

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2023, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee recommended to the County Board of Supervisors approval of an offer to purchase, and acquisition of, the properties located at 525 Washington Street, 527 Washington Street, 531 Washington Street, and 210 North 6th Street in the City of Wausau for a sum of \$768,000.00, less the current property owner's share of all taxes due and owing relative to the properties through the date of sale. The Committee further recommended a budget transfer in the amount of \$768,000.00 from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to satisfy the purchase price relative to the transaction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Marathon County Administrator to extend the offer to purchase, and take all necessary steps to complete the purchase of, properties located at 525 Washington Street, 527 Washington Street, 531 Washington Street, and 210 North 6th Street in the City of Wausau for the purchase price of \$768,000.00, less the current property owner's share of all taxes due and owing relative to the properties through the date of sale, plus closing costs to include deed preparation and recording fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors further authorizes amendment of the 2023 budget and transfer of \$768,000.00 in ARPA funds to complete the transaction relative to the properties located at 525 Washington Street, 527 Washington Street, 531 Washington Street, and 210 North 6th Street in the City of Wausau:

Transfer from:	Grants Fund ARPA Funds GR-000105 Federal Grant RC_43300
Transfer to:	Grants Fund GR-000105 ARPA Grant CIP Facilities General Government CC_57143 SC_58220 General Municipal Buildings
Amount:	\$768,000.00
Re:	Purchase of properties located at 525 Washington Street, 527 Washington Street, 531 Washington Street, and 210 North 6 th Street in the City of Wausau

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that proper county officials are authorized to execute documents necessary to finalize the acquisition of properties identified in this Resolution, and the County Board of Supervisors directs county staff to complete the transaction identified herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Marathon County Clerk to issue checks pursuant to this resolution and the Marathon County Treasurer to honor said checks.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of July, 2023.

HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Minutes prepared by Kim Trueblood, County Clerk