



# MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1:30pm**

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

Committee Members: Matt Bootz, Chair; Jean Maszk, Vice-Chair; Stacey Morache, Allen Opall, Jason Wilhelm, Bruce Lamont, Tim Sondelski

**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. (Last updated: 12-20-05)

**Committee Mission Statement:** Provide leadership for the implementation of the Strategic Plan, monitoring outcomes, reviewing, and recommending to the County Board policies related to the public safety initiatives of Marathon County.

Persons wishing to attend the meeting by phone may call into the **telephone conference beginning five (5) minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number:**

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1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment (15 Minutes)** (Any person who wishes to address the committee during the "Public Comment" portion of the meetings, must provide his or her name, address, and the topic he or she wishes to present to the Marathon County Clerk, or chair of the committee, no later than five minutes before the start of the meeting. All comments must be germane to a topic within the jurisdiction of the committee.)
4. **Approval of the August 8, 2023, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**
5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination**
  - A. Authorizing the Expenditure of ARPA Funds for Phase II Design Services for Regional Forensic Science Center project
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution, or Policy**
7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
  - A. Update from the Sheriff's Office on budget preparations
  - B. Regional Forensic Science Center update
  - C. Jail Kitchen update
8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements and Future Agenda Items:**
  - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
  - B. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 1:30pm
9. **Adjournment**

\*Any Person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 261.1500 or email [countyclerk@co.marathon.wi.us](mailto:countyclerk@co.marathon.wi.us) one business day before the meeting.

**SIGNED** s/s Matt Bootz  
Presiding Officer or Designee

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# MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 1:30pm**

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

Matt Bootz	Present
Jean Maszk	Present
Bruce Lamont	Webex
Stacey Morache	Present
Allen Opall	Present
Tim Sondelski	Present
Jason Wilhelm	Present

Staff Present: Chad Billeb, Tim Burkholder, Ryan Weber, Sandra La Du, Deb Gleason, Christopher Brander, Richard Magray, Aaron Galindo, Teresa Wetzsteon, Ruth Heinzl, Michael Puerner, Phil Rentmeester, Laura Yarie

Others Present: Kurt Gibbs

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chair Bootz called the meeting to order at 1:30pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Approval of the July 11, 2023, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**  
Motion by Morache, Second by Maszk to approve the minutes. Motion carried on voice vote, unanimously.
5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination**
  - A. Presentation on Diversion Fee collection practices and consideration of next steps in connection with 2024 budget adoption  
Ruth Heinzl and Marathon County District Attorney Theresa Wetzsteon gave a presentation on Diversion fees. A copy of the presentation can be found in the packet. Discussion was had, questions were asked and answered. Motion by Morache, Seconded by Opall to change the diversion fee collection method to Option 4 (Financial Agreement with County + Contracted Service Fees), and to move the proposed ordinance change to the full county board. Motion carried on voice vote not unanimously.
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution, or Policy**
  - A. Consideration whether to recommend the provision of continued funding for service contracts with nonprofits (e.g., Women's Community, North Central Community Action Program, and Judicare Mediation) in connection with the 2024 Annual Budget Process.  
Motion by Maszk, Seconded by Morache, to support this resolution and forward to the full county board. Motion carried on voice vote unanimously.
  - B. Consideration of Application for Grant Funding for Medical Reserve Corp programming  
Emergency Management director Phil Rentmeester provided an overview of what the Medical Reserve Corp is and the benefits that could come from forming this team. Discussion was had, questions were asked and answered. Motion by Maszk, Second by Morache, to approve and support for the application of that grant. Motion carries on vote unanimously. The grant will be applied for and reassessed in a year.
  - C. **Motion to go into Closed Session (roll call vote suggested), pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(e), for the purpose of conducting specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, to wit: discussion of contractual service provision within the justice system.**  
Motion by Maszk, Second by Morache to go into closed session. Motion carried by roll call vote, unanimously.
  - D. Motion to return to open session (roll call vote not required)  
Motion by Morache, Second by Opall to return to open session. Motion carried on voice vote unanimously.
  - E. Discussion and possible action resulting from closed session discussion.  
No discussion or announcements

7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**

A. Sheriff's Office Presentation of Life Saving Awards

Sheriff Chad Billeb presented three life saving awards to Deputy Christopher Brander, Deputy Richard Magray, and Deputy Aaron Galindo.

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

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

B. Next meeting: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1:30pm

9. **Adjournment**

Motioned by Name, Second by Name to adjourn. Motion Carried on voice vote, unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm

Minutes Prepared by David Holcomb

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## **RESOLUTION #R-\_\_\_\_-23**

### **Authorizing the Expenditure of ARPA Funds for Phase II Design Services for the Regional Forensic Science Center Project**

**WHEREAS**, Marathon County is the recipient of funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Marathon County is authorized to expend ARPA funds pursuant to rules promulgated by the United States Department of the Treasury and Section 602(c)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors previously authorized the allocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 to serve as a portion of the funding plan for a Regional Forensic Science Center; and

**WHEREAS**, state funding for a Regional Forensic Science Center was awarded by the Wisconsin Legislature as a part of the state's budget process, and additional funds may be received in 2023 through federal sources; and

**WHEREAS**, Marathon County staff have had ongoing discussions with Northcentral Technical College (NTC) regarding a location for a Regional Forensic Science Center on or near property currently owned by NTC and near that college's existing campus in the City of Wausau. NTC is willing to engage Marathon County in a transaction relative to land for the Regional Forensic Science Center and is interested in developing an operational partnership with County staff to provide for significant professional educational experiences at the future Forensic Science Center site; and

**WHEREAS**, Funds for Phase I Design Services were previously approved by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors in May 2023, which included Schematic Design and Programming Services. Phase II Design Services includes Design Development, Construction Documents, and all materials needed for the Procurement/Bidding Process; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the \$2,000,000.00 in encumbered ARPA funds could be utilized to continue the County's engagement with Venture Architects for the final stages of design of the Regional Forensic Science Center. Allocation of a portion of these encumbered funds would permit work to continue on the design of the Regional Forensic Science Center and delays in completion of the design phase of the project would likely lead to higher project costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors at its May 2023 meeting extended its encumbrance of ARPA funds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 to serve as a portion of the funding plan for Regional Forensic Science Center through December 31, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors amended the 2023 Capital Improvement Program budget to create as an additional project in 2023 the Marathon County Regional Forensic Science Center with funding for the project to include the \$2,000,000.00 in encumbered ARPA funds to be supplemented by state or federal grant dollars upon receipt.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors approves the use of up to \$370,200 of the \$2,000,000.00 in encumbered ARPA funds to procure Phase II Design Services for the Regional Forensic Science Center building and infrastructure. The Board finds that this expenditure is consistent with the use of ARPA funds for capital improvements to public facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and as revenue replacement, both allowable uses of ARPA funds.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the County Board authorizes the amendment of the 2023 budget to reflect the encumbrance and expenditure of the funds identified herein.

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes the expenditure of up to \$370,200 of the \$2,000,000.00 in encumbered ARPA funds to procure Phase II Design Services for the Regional Forensic Science Center building and infrastructure. If the required alternative funds for the project are not allocated to and raised by Marathon County by December 31, 2023, the remaining ARPA funds shall be returned to the County's ARPA fund balance for reallocation.

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2023 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to § 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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**HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

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MARATHON COUNTY  
REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER

Main Entrance