



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

Date & Time of Meeting: **Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 3:00pm**

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

Rick Seefeldt	Present
Becky Buch	Present
David Baker	WebEx
Bobby Niemeyer	WebEx
Tom Rosenberg	Present
Kim Ungerer	Present (3:20p.m)
Crystal Bushman	Excused

Staff Present: Administrator Lance Leonhard, Kurt Gibbs, Dejan Adzic, Ann Lemmer, Alison Leahy, Leah Giordano, Jeremy Solin. Dr. Ozalle Toms, Kimm Weber

Others Present: Dr. Keith Hilts, Diana White, Aaron Ruff, 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:** Peter Weinschenk, Edgar, WI asked for support of a TIF Task Force
4. **Approval of the May 4, 2023, Extension, Education & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes** - Motion by Rosenberg, Second by Buch to approve the minutes. Motion carried on voice vote, unanimously.
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 documentDiscussion was had on the above agenda items with questions being asked and answered. Baker makes request for presentations from some programs.
 - B. Discussion and Possible Action by EEED to forward to County Board for Consideration
 1. Tax Incremental Financing Evaluation: Discussion was had with questions being asked and answered. Motion made by Rosenberg, second by Buch in support of TIF, sending it to the full County Board. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.Agenda was taken out of order with no objections. (7A, 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E, 7F, 6A1, 6A2, 8A, 8B, 9)
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 to the Strategic Plan relative to access to affordable high-quality childcare and safe and affordable housing
 1. By August 31, 2023, with the input from non-EEED Supervisors and other Marathon County Stakeholders, the EEED Committee will prepare recommendations for Marathon County Government's role in supporting affordable high-quality childcare: Aaron Ruff from the Dream UP! Core Team will be putting together a presentation to help with the EEED deadline of August 31, 2023. Questions were asked and answered.
 2. By August 31, 2023, with the input from non-EEED Supervisors and other Marathon County Stakeholders, the EEED Committee will prepare recommendations for Marathon County Government's role in supporting safe affordable housing options: Discussion was had.
7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
 - A. Wausau School District Dr. Hilts and Diana White: Diana White and Dr Hilts talked about how the merge of the schools will benefit students, staff, and families. Questions were asked and answered.
 - B. Aaron Ruff Public Health Educator, Marathon County Health Department, Dream Up! Core Team: Aaron Ruff stated that 12 childcare centers will be given a \$5,000 Grant and stated that they will support and help the EEED committee where they can. Kelly Borchardt also talked about childcare. Questions were asked and answered.

- C. MCDEVCO's Monthly Report: Kimm Weber gave the report for MCDEVCO.
 - D. Library Monthly Report: Leah Giordano from the Library gave her monthly report and talked about the summer events being held for children at the Marathon County Public Libraries.
 - E. UW-Extension Monthly Report: Jeremy Solin gave updates on some of the programs at the UW-Extension.
 - F. UWSP – Wausau Report: Dr Ozalle Toms gave her report saying applications and enrollment is up.
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, July 6, 2023, at 3:00pm
9. **Adjournment**
- Motion by Name, Second by Name to adjourn. Motion Carried on voice vote, unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by Kelley Blume, Deputy County Clerk