



## MARATHON COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE **AMENDED** AGENDA

**Date & Time of Meeting:** Thursday, January 12, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

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

**Committee Members:** Kurt Gibbs, Chair; Craig McEwen, Vice-Chair; Matt Bootz; Michelle Van Krey; John Robinson; Rick Seefeldt; Jacob Langenhahn; Chris Dickinson; Jean Maszk

**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)*

**Executive Committee Mission Statement:** *The Executive Committee of the Marathon County Board exists for the purpose of implementing the County's Strategic Plan by coordinating policy formation among the Committees and providing leadership for all County Board policies through supervision of administrative staff.*

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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 County Board, or one of its committees, during the "Public Comment" portion of 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 public comment must be germane to the jurisdiction of the committee.)*
4. **Approval of the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from November 10, 2022**
5. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution**
  - A. Discussion of Strategic Plan Updates from the Standing Committees & Possible Recommendations to the Board
    1. Environmental Resources Committee
    2. Health & Human Services Committee
    3. Infrastructure Committee
    4. Public Safety Committee
    5. Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee
    6. Extension, Education, and Economic Development Committee
7. **Policy Issues for Discussion and Possible Action:**
  - A. Discussion of Village of Kronenwetter Resolution regarding Kowalski Road interchange
  - B. Update from Administrator on work plan
  - C. Motion to go into closed session (**roll call vote suggested**) pursuant to §§ 19.85(1)(e) and (g) for the purpose of conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, and for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, to wit: discussion and strategy regarding potential legal or contractual action relative to Marathon County Solid Waste facility and purchase of landfill gas rights.
  - D. Motion to Return to Open Session (roll call vote not required)
  - E. Announcements and/or Action Regarding Closed Session Discussion
  - F. Motion to go into Closed Session (**roll call vote suggested**), pursuant to Wis Stat ss. 19.85(1)(c), for the purpose of considering performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, to wit: feedback on the work of the County Administrator.
  - G. Motion to return to Open Session (roll call vote not required)
8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Location, Announcements and Future Agenda Items:**
  - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
  - B. Next Executive Committee Meeting: Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

**9. Adjournment**

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**SIGNED: Chair Kurt Gibbs \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Presiding Officer or Designee**

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## MARATHON COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA WITH MINUTES

**Date & Time of Meeting:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 @ 3 p.m.

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

Kurt Gibbs	Present
Craig McEwen	Present
Matt Bootz	WebEx (3:30)
Chris Dickinson	Excused
Jacob Langenhahn	Excused
Jean Maszk	Present
John Robinson	Present
Rick Seefeldt	Excused
Michelle Van Krey	Present

Staff Present: Lance Leonhard, Kim Trueblood, Mike Puerner

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment** – None.
4. **Approval of the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from October 13, 2022** – Motion by McEwen, Second by Maszk to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote, unanimously.
5. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
  - A. Administrator's Annual Work Plan – Progress Update. Administrator Leonhard gave an update on the work plan due to the fact that the class comp study was recently passed and will go into effect on December 11. The updated work plan can be found in the packet. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered.
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution**
  - A. Discussion of Strategic Plan Updates from the Standing Committees and Possible Recommendations to the Board – Chair Gibbs explained that the Executive Committee is responsible to provide updates to the Strategic Plan to the full board. Vice-Chair McEwen requested that each standing committee chair provide a final update on the proposed changes to be discussed at the December meeting before they are forwarded to the full board. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered.  
ERC Chair Langenhahn went through the ERC updates that are provided in the packet. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered.  
HHS and INFR updates have already been provided to the EXEC committee, so those changes are finalized.
  - B. Motion to go into Closed Session (~~roll call vote suggested~~), pursuant to Wis Stat ss. 19.85(1)(c), for the purpose of considering performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, to wit: feedback on the work of the County Administrator – Agenda item pulled by Chair Gibbs. This item will be re-visited at the December meeting.
  - C. Motion to return to Open Session (~~roll call vote not required~~)
7. **Policy Issues for Discussion and Possible Action:** None
8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Location, Announcements and Future Agenda Items**
  - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
  - B. Next Executive Committee Meeting: Thursday, December 8 at 3:00 p.m.
9. **Adjournment** – Motion by Dickinson, Second by McEwen to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Kim Trueblood, County Clerk

## Revisions to the Strategic Plan from the Environmental Resources Committee for Consideration by the Executive Committee (Completed August 30, 2022)

**Objective 5.2:** Promote sound land use decisions that conserve and preserve natural resources in decisions with economic development and growth.

- Deprioritize Strategy D. Keep all other strategies.
- Revisions to the outcomes as follows:

**Outcome Measure 1:** By December 31, 2024, phosphorus from cropland and farmsteads in the Fenwood Creek Watershed will be reduced by 20% or 14,016 pounds.

~~**Outcome Measure 2:** By December 31, 2022, four or more additional towns will adopt Marathon County Zoning Code.~~

By December 31, 2024, Marathon County will hold one continuing education event per year for all towns, to better educate them on sound land use development options.

**Outcome Measure 3:** By December 31, 2024, an average of 320 acres of land per year will be acquired for the Marathon County Parks and Forest System.

**Objective 6.3:** Protect and enhance the quantity and quality of potable groundwater and potable surface water supplies.

- Keep all strategies.
- Revisions to the outcomes as follows:

**Outcome Measure 1:** By December 31, 2024, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors will adopt a groundwater protection plan that provides state outcome measures of groundwater quality and quantity.

~~**Outcome Measure 2:** By December 31, 2022, the number of POWTS discharging sewage to ground surface will be reduced by 750 systems or more.~~

By December 31, 2024, the number of failing POWTS will be reduced by 750 systems or more.

~~**Outcome Measure 3:** By December 31, 2022, discharges of animal waste to surface and groundwater will be reduced by ensuring all idle animal waste facilities are closed in compliance with ordinance requirements.~~

By December 31, 2024, an inventory of wellhead protection areas, their associated land use, and delineation of their recharge areas will be compiled. Marathon County will reach out to each municipality to educate them on potential groundwater contamination sources and how to prevent the contamination of its wells.

**3.3 Ensure that every child person makes it to adulthood with health, stability, and growth opportunities.**

- A) ~~Develop a plan to reduce childhood trauma.~~ Provide resources to reduce childhood trauma.
- B) Create a trauma informed care system.
- ~~C) Develop a comprehensive risk-based assessment to address juvenile offenders to reduce the likelihood of recidivism.~~
- D) Develop a framework for building resilient children and providing parent resources.
- ~~E) The County Board will approve a plan that creates a trauma informed response system for services we provide.~~
- F) Develop a plan to address how to support persons of all ages with disabilities and the changing demographics of persons with disabilities.
- G) Continue work towards reducing truancy.
- H) Develop policies that support affordable, high-quality child care.

**Outcome Measures**

- 1) By December 31, 202~~4~~, there will be an increase in graduation rates ~~from 92%~~ to 953% or above in Marathon County.
- 2) By December 31, 202~~4~~, there will be a reduction in out of home placement in Marathon County by 10% with data driven results provided. ~~the number of out-of-home care days experienced by children in Marathon County.~~
- ~~3) By December 31, 2019, at least one practice change will be implemented that is aimed at decreasing the number of young adults (age 17-21) in Marathon County Jail who were the subject of a court order for services as a child.~~
- 4) By December 31, 2024, there will be an increased number of affordable, high-quality child care spots in Marathon County.

**3.7 Ensure that every person has local access to effective mental health treatment. PRIORITY**

- A) Develop a continuum of services within a therapeutic community.
- B) Attract and retain qualified treatment providers and behavioral educators.
- C) Develop more mechanisms to ensure access to treatment across the County.
- D) Develop a more comprehensive approach to crisis prevention and serving people (adults and children in crisis).
- E) Develop comprehensive mental health treatment options for criminal justice populations and others with criminogenic treatment needs.
- F) Conduct a community needs assessment and create a plan to address identified gaps in service.

**Outcome Measures**

- 1) By December 31, 202~~4~~ Emergency Detentions in Marathon County will decrease. ~~by 25%.~~
- 2) By December 31, 202~~4~~ the percentage of Life Report community survey respondents who reported not seeing a mental health provider when needed will be less than 15% 20% and barriers to mental health care will be reduced.

- ~~3) By December 31, 2022, the percentage of high school students in Marathon County who felt so sad or hopeless every day for two or more weeks in a row that they stopped doing usual activities during the 12 months before the survey will be less than 20%.~~
- 4) **Measure trauma and suicidal tendencies and report results by the end of the 2024. Reduce suicidal tendencies by 50%.**

**7.2 Mitigate the impacts of ~~heroin and methamphetamine epidemics~~ drug and alcohol abuse in Marathon County through evidence-based practices.**

- ~~A) Develop a comprehensive approach to address use of heroin and meth.~~
- ~~B) Complete an inventory of programs, services, and community initiatives in relationship to best practices led or supported by Marathon County Government that contribute to mitigating and preventing drug misuse and abuse.~~
- ~~C) Identify gaps in programs/services and community initiatives and opportunities for public/private partnership to further efforts to mitigate and prevent drug misuse and abuse.~~
- D) Identify and advance public policy **and programs** that would support the mitigation and prevention of drug and **alcohol** misuse and abuse among residents of Marathon County
- E) Identify and track data points to measure the impact of drug **and alcohol** misuse and abuse among residents of Marathon County.
- F) **Develop a comprehensive approach to address use of drugs and alcohol in the children and young adults of Marathon County.**

**Outcome Measures**

- 1) By December 31, 202~~2~~**4** an outcome measure will be established to measure the quality of life for all people in counseling, mental health, or AOD related treatment programs seen at North Central Health Care.
- 2) By December 31, 202~~2~~**4**, 3% or less of high school students in Marathon County will report having taken prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription one or more times in the past 30 days.
- 3) By December 31, 202~~2~~**4**, the rate of overdose deaths among residents in Marathon County will hold steady or decrease.

## Suggested Modifications from the Infrastructure Committee to the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan

8.7 – Strive to provide affordable, reliable, high-speed internet access throughout the county

A – Mark as complete, and modify to add a new strategy

- A(1)
  - o Support the Broadband Task Force in executing continued comprehensive approach to delivering county-wide high-speed internet access, including fiber, copper, powerline, cellular, Wi-Fi, new radio frequencies, satellite, and other emerging technologies, with a particular focus on addressing underserved areas.

B – strike the last two words of the strategy (otherwise leave as is).

- Promote partnerships between carriers/providers and government

C – No Change Suggested

- Develop financial incentives to encourage carriers/providers to commit to helping accomplish this objective in Marathon County

D – No Change Suggested

- Establish a dig-once policy for county roadway reconstruction and bridge projects that engages providers in a discussion about whether to include conduit for fiber.

E – Modify to provide as follows:

- Assist Marathon County citizens by providing information regarding available carriers within their general areas of the county.

Outcome Measures

- Deem the outcome measure complete as currently drafted.
- Add the following two measures:
  - o By December 31, 2024, develop an improved data inventory relative to internet service speeds available through the county.
  - o By December 31, 2023, ensure 85% of households have access to high-speed internet (50 MBPS/10 MBPS)

10.12 – Maintain Infrastructure to support economic growth

A – No Change Suggested

B – Modify to provide as follows:

- Support technology in the workplace and at home, particularly through access to broadband.

C – Eliminate this strategy

- Committee expresses that this is not viewed as a primary function of county government, but rather an obligation of municipalities.

D – No Change Suggested

E – Eliminate this Strategy

- Committee views this as a primary function of municipalities, as opposed to county government

F – Modify to provide as follows:

- Secure state and federal funding to maintain and/or develop infrastructure—including multimodal transportation features—and support economic growth.

ADD strategy G

- Maintain an updated County Highway Safety Plan

ADD strategy H (See Objective 10.13 from Comprehensive Plan)

- Maintain the partnership between Portage and Marathon Counties to support and strengthen Central Wisconsin Airport as a regional airport.

Outcome Measures

- 1 – No Change Suggested
- 2 – Eliminate as drafted and replace with the two following measures:
  - o Implement at least three Federal Highway Administration Safety Countermeasures based on information from the 2021 Marathon County Roadway Safety Plan, or its successor, on an annual basis.
  - o Convene a meeting of local municipal leaders (elected or appointed) to gather feedback on safety concerns on the county highway and multimodal transportation systems.



## Suggested Modifications from the Public Safety Committee to the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan

7.1 – Provide cost-effective and high-quality public safety services

A – Continue to consider the potential to consolidate emergency service agencies

- Continue this strategy as drafted
  - o Committee supports securing a consultant to conduct an evaluation relative to EMS delivery models to improve the timeliness of EMS delivery in Marathon County.

B – Respond to maltreatment allegations and provide protective services for vulnerable populations.

- Committee recommends elimination of this specific strategy, as it is non-strategic, and these activities are mandated by law and largely guided by state and professional policy.
- **NEW Strategy B**
  - o Reduce recidivism by creating a mechanism to respond to “high-utilizers” of our justice, mental health, and social service systems.

C – Report every 2 years on the response time with advice for municipalities (ex: consolidation, realignment, or targeted education)

- Continue this strategy as drafted

**ADD D** – County Board adopt, maintain, and fund employee class compensation plans and government policies that prioritize the retention and recruitment of the high-quality, skilled workforce needed to deliver government services. **(Recommendation to add this to Objective 12.3 as well)**

**ADD E** – Seek out funding partners to develop and implement the proposed Marathon County Forensic Science Center. **(Recommendation to add this to Objective 12.3 as well)**

**ADD F** – Public Safety Committee will consider the reported feedback from municipal leaders (elected or appointed) on safety concerns on county highway and multimodal transportation systems following quarterly safety meetings. **(Similar provision in Objective 10.12 outcome measures)**

Outcome Measure #1 – By December 31, 2022, emergency response times for public safety (law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services) will decrease.

Proposed Updates to EEED Strategic Plans Objective 10.6; 12/1/2022

Proposing additional Strategy C (From Comp Plan 10:1a), additional Strategy D (from Comp Plan 4:1), Outcome Measure 3, and Outcome Measure 4.

Objective 10.6 : Ensure the future availability of a skilled and flexible workforce prepared to meet the needs of both existing and emerging industries and technologies.

#### Strategy A

Work with the North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board, (NCWWDB) to ensure a well-trained workforce.

#### Strategy B

Seek out additional opportunities to partner with local education providers (secondary and post-secondary).

#### Strategy C

Develop policies that support affordable, high-quality child care to enhance workforce availability.

#### Strategy D

Develop policies that promote a variety of safe and affordable housing options to enhance workforce availability.

#### **Outcome Measure 1**

By December 31, 2024, the number and percentage of self-sufficient households in Marathon County will increase or remain the same.

#### **Outcome Measure 2**

By December 31, 2024, the number of unfilled job openings within Marathon County will be reduced.

#### Outcome Measure 3

By August 31, 2023, with input from non-EEED Supervisors and other Marathon County Stakeholders, prepare recommendations for Marathon County Government's role in providing affordable high-quality childcare.

Outcome Measure 4

By August 31, 2023, with input from non-EEED Supervisors and other Marathon County Stakeholders, prepare recommendations for Marathon County Government's role in providing safe and affordable housing options.

## Recommended Updates to EEED Strategic Plan Objective 10.8

(Approved by EEED on 10/6/22, with changes noted)

Objective 10.8 – Encourage development and redevelopment of key employment centers in areas that possess strong market potential, provide good transportation access for workers, and promote the efficient movement of goods.

### Strategy A

Support efforts to engage the public and private sectors to provide leadership for county economic development efforts:

### Strategy B

Engage local municipalities on how county infrastructure development can contribute to business and industrial park growth.

### Strategy C

Support efforts to develop a Kowalski road I39 interchange to enhance job creation and accelerate housing development.

### Outcome Measure 1

~~By December 31, 2022, utilization of available, vacant business and industrial park space will increase by 5%.~~

Maintain a 5-8 year inventory of developable land within the municipal business and industrial parks.

### Outcome Measure 2

By December 31, 2024~~22~~, the number of private sector full-time and part-time employee positions in Marathon County will increase or be maintained.

### Outcome Measure 3

By December 31, 2024, complete an Interchange Justification Report for the proposed Kowalski Road I39 Interchange.

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### Outcome Measure 2

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### Outcome Measure 3

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## **Outcome Measure 2:**

Existing: By December 31, 2022, the number of vacant positions within Marathon County will be reduced.

Reported Results: Average monthly postings from June 2021 to May 2022 was 995.

Average monthly postings from 2017 was 771.

For Discussion: Is “vacant positions” interpreted as total job listings or unfilled job openings? Which of these do the reported results represent? If “vacant positions” represents total job listings, is it beneficial to have a reduction?

Simple Update: By December 31, 2024, the number of unfilled job openings within Marathon County will be reduced.

Do we have a metric for unfilled job openings?

Proposed Alternate Outcome Measure 2:

On an annual basis, the number of graduates from each of NTC’s 10 largest associate programs is more than 60% and less than 110% of the related aggregate Marathon County entry level openings.

### Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee Updates

Update to Strategy 12.3 outcome measure to read "Reduce to and maintain a county employee resignation turnover rate of 15% or lower by December 31, 2024."

Additions from the Greater Wausau Prosperity Partnership Objectives as follows:

1.2.2 – Embrace the local Hmong population and explore linkage to St. Paul, MN.

1.2.4 – Target remote workers as a segment of the workforce for relocation to the Wausau region

Supervisor Xiong requested additions to the Strategic Plan:

Objective 1.2.2 Embrace the local Hmong population and explore linkage to St. Paul, MN.

Objective 1.2.4 Target remote workers as a segment of the workforce for relocation to the Wausau region, in conjunction with promotional efforts to market the area as a premier location for outdoor recreation enthusiasts.

Objective 1.2.5 Work with major Employers to attract workers from surrounding metros and states.

Objective 1.3.1 Launch new broad-based employer engagement efforts aimed at cultivating a strong segment of middle-skills workers in Marathon County across a range of sectors to include manufacturing, healthcare, and professional services.

Objective 1.3.2 Encourage local employers to provide non-traditional benefits.

Objective 1.4.1 Partner with NTC to pursue growth initiatives to expand existing higher education institutions and invest in new facilities and programs in Wausau.

Objective 1.4.3 Invite distinct programs from other universities in WI and outside the state to offer programs in Wausau at the UWSP at Wausau campus.

Objective 1.4.4 Leverage specific programs from the UW System and other schools to support local industries.

Objective 2.2.1 Promote the Wausau region as a good location for small to mid-sized domestic and international business recruitment targets within a set of target industries to support the growth of existing industries. Invest in marketing efforts focused on five target industries: Manufacturing, Healthcare, Agriculture and Food Processing, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation, and IT and Business Services.

Objective 2.2.3 Partner with area municipalities and the real estate community to encourage business and industrial park development.

Objective 2.2.4 Launch a formal BRE program to cultivate stronger relationships with the Wausau region's major employers and better address their needs.

Objective 3.1.1 Work with area real estate developers to create vibrant coworking spaces in downtown Wausau for entrepreneurs, freelancers, and remote workers.

Objective 3.2.2 Encourage new market-rate housing development in downtown Wausau and adjacent urban neighborhoods.

Objective 3.2.3 Experiment with "tactical urbanism" methods for activating empty spaces and underutilized properties in downtown and surrounding parts of downtown Wausau and surrounding portions of the region's urban core.

Objective 3.3.1 As a long-term initiative, work with the County, Broadband providers, and Wisconsin Power to better serve smaller communities and rural areas.

Objective 3.3.2 Engage the City of Wausau in continuing discussion regarding 5G connectivity throughout the downtown and the city as a whole.

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**RESOLUTION 2022-010**

**VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FUTURE KOWALSKI INTERCHANGE BY  
MARATHON COUNTY AND WAUSAU METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

WHEREAS the Village of Kronenwetter has budgeted One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) towards the estimated cost of hiring a consultant to perform an Interchange Justification Report on whether or not the installation of an interchange on I-39 at Kowalski Road would meet the new standards established by the Federal Highway Administration for approval of new Interstate interchanges,

AND WHEREAS the Village of Kronenwetter understands that the cost of an Interchange Justification Report would be approximately Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000),

AND WHEREAS the Village of Kronenwetter agrees that it will be responsible for paying the full cost of preparing an Interchange Justification Report for the Kowalski Road Interchange or towards the cost of designing and constructing the Kowalski Road Interchange,

AND WHEREAS the Village of Kronenwetter does not expect Marathon County to contribute any amount to the cost of the design or construction of the Interchange Justification Report for the Kowalski Road Interchange,

AND WHEREAS the new standards for approval of new interchanges on Interstate Highways have been approved by the Federal Highway Administration that have reduced the number of standards which must be met in order to obtain approval of a new interchange on the Interstate Highway system,

AND WHEREAS the Wausau Metropolitan Planning Organization's current Long Range Transportation Plan acknowledges that the Kowalski Road Interchange is a plan of regional significance and that the Kowalski Road Interchange would reduce the amount of current and future traffic on County Road XX and the Cedar Creek Interchange,

AND WHEREAS the Northcentral Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission has prepared a report on the economic impact of the Kowalski Road Interchange which states that the Kowalski Road Interchange would help to create One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000) to One Hundred Twenty Million Dollars (\$120,000,000) in equalized valuation in the Village of Kronenwetter and would also create approximately One Thousand Two Hundred (1,200) new jobs in the Village of Kronenwetter which would be available to residents throughout Marathon County,

AND WHEREAS the Village Board submits that the installation of the Kowalski Road Interchange would make a significant contribution to making Marathon County the most prosperous county in the State of Wisconsin,

AND WHEREAS the Village of Kronenwetter has previously contributed funds towards the cost of installing a ramp ready four lane bridge on Kowalski Road over I-39 and has contributed towards the cost of constructing Kowalski Road as four lane road from I-39 to Old Highway 51,

AND WHEREAS the entire Old Highway 51 Corridor in the Village of Kronenwetter currently has municipal sewer and water available and is currently served by Old Highway 51 and a network of side streets,

AND WHEREAS the thousands of acres of land in the Old Highway 51 Corridor and the lands on the east and west sides of I-39 in the Village of Kronenwetter have been formally designated for Commercial and Industrial/Manufacturing Development by the Village's Future Land Use Map in the Village's Comprehensive Plan,

AND WHEREAS those lands have begun to experience commercial and industrial/manufacturing development,

AND WHEREAS the cost of designing and the cost of constructing the Kowalski Road Interchange would typically be borne by the State of Wisconsin and by federal government with a possible contribution of state and federal funds by the Wausau Metropolitan Planning Organization towards those costs.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER that the VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT:

1. Respectfully requests that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors formally incorporate the Village of Kronenwetter existing Future Land Use Map for the Old Highway 51 Corridor and the lands adjacent to I-39 in the Village of Kronenwetter and existing Village of Kronenwetter Master Road Plan depiction interchange at Kowalski Road into Marathon County's Comprehensive Plan, its Transportation plan and into its strategic economic development plan; and
2. Respectfully requests that the Marathon County Board adopt a resolution supporting the installation of an interchange on I-39 within the next four (4) years and supporting an amendment to the current Wausau Metropolitan Planning Organization Long Range Transportation Plan which would designate the Kowalski Road Interchange as a project to be completed within the next four years;
3. The Wausau Metropolitan Planning Commission approve and amend to its current Long Transportation Plan which would reflect that the Kowalski Road Interchange would be shown as a project to be completed within the next four (4) years contingent upon this project receiving the appropriate approvals from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration; and
4. The Village's County Board Supervisors support these recommendations.

We hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was formally approved by the Village Board of the Village of Kronenwetter on November 17, 2022.

VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER

By:   
CHRIS VOLL, Village Board President

By:   
BOBBI JO BIRK-LABARGE, Village Clerk

## 2023 DRAFT ADMINISTRATION WORK PLAN

1. Facilities-related Projects
  - A. Continue Renovation of NCHC Spaces on Lake View Drive Campus
  - B. Complete approved Lake View Campus renovation projects and relocate Social Services Department, Veterans Office, and conference room facilities to the Lake View Drive Campus.
  - C. Deliver Summary Facilities Plan to utilize office space on Lake View Drive Campus
  - D. Present County Board with theoretical financial plan for new Highway Department Shop Construction
  - E. Present Board a plan for relocation of PRF Admin to vacate River Drive Properties
  - F. Update the Westside Masterplan and move forward as Board directs
  - G. Assist HRFC in its effort to develop a Policy/Process relative to the divestment of County-owned facilities and properties (**non-tax deed**)
2. Budget-related Projects
  - A. Improve Budget process as requested by the County Board and HRFC
  - B. Deliver a presentation to the Board on Mandatory vs. Discretionary Programs
  - C. Complete the NCHC debt repayment and lease documents
  - D. Regional Forensic Science Center –support Task Force and engage local representatives following the Governor’s development of the biennial budget.
3. Financial Related Projects
  - A. Continued Implementation of Workday ERP System to replace Cayenta financial system and develop a plan to centralize finance staff
  - B. Provide staff support for Board in American Rescue Plan Act funding deployment
  - C. Develop a Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Sustainability Plan
  - D. Solid Waste Department Landfill Gas Rights acquisition
  - E. Assist HRFC in Developing and Implementing solution to Tax Deed and Property Description Backlogs
4. Human Resource Related Projects
  - A. Continue Implementation of Workday ERP System (our first HCM system), including Learning Management System
  - B. Evaluate Health Care Insurance Delivery methodology (fully insured vs. self-funded)
  - C. Aid HRFC in review of existing employment policies and practices to enhance retention and recruiting
5. Intergovernmental Partner/ miscellaneous work
  - A. North Central Health Care – continue work toward achieving desired future state – “work seamlessly together in delivering human services to vulnerable individuals in our communities. Inpatient services deliver treatment and stabilization to support individuals with an organizational priority focus on providing care and services in our communities.”
  - B. City/County Information Technology Commission – serve as the CCITC Chair and work to ensure Marathon County receives necessary IT support, while we control our IT spending.

- C. Marathon County Public Library - Review and revise agreements relative to facility, legal, HR, and financial services provided by Marathon County governments.
- D. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council – continue to lead the system budgeting discussions with stakeholders to enhance resource allocation decisions.
- E. Develop a Countywide Dashboard, displaying data regarding Department-based and Program-based performance measures to aid in department and program assessment
- F. Support the EEED Committee (and Board) efforts to examine the county’s potential role in addressing the shortage of available Child Care resources (from employer and community perspective)

Projects to be Addressed in future year Work Plans:

1. Assist Workgroup/Taskforce develop a County Event Policy governing the allocation of county resources to support private events and amending ordinance § 12.04
2. Secure an external forensic audit resource to conduct periodic reviews of departmental budgets to assess compliance with existing Marathon County ordinances and best practices.
3. Evaluate the current benefit of our existing vehicle leasing program and evaluate expanding to include DSS and Health Department
4. Conduct Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study relative to delivery of Emergency Medical Services through countywide system
5. Engage Library Board to identify appropriate use for 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor and corresponding CIP plan
6. Aid in the development of a plan for utilization of Opioid settlement funds
7. Secure a Telecommunications Audit
8. Incorporate a Comprehensive Fee Schedule into the Annual Budget Process
9. Assist the Board in clarifying the long-term relationship with UWSP – Wausau and identifying a sustainable funding strategy for capital improvement projects on the campus
10. Aid in the Comprehensive Review of Marathon County Ordinances
11. Aid the Board in Updating existing Comprehensive Plan and conducting New Strategic Plan