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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 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA WITH MINUTES

THE ADJOURNED ANNUAL 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 **Thursday, November 9, 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 – At roll call, 34 supervisors were present as shown:

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

(W) indicates attendance by WebEx

6. Acknowledgment of visitors

B. EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS:

7. Standing Committee Chairpersons / Designees

C. CONSENT AGENDA

8. Approval of minutes from the October 19 & 24 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. Ordinances:
 - a) Town of Rib Falls Rezone – Tim Vreeland for Maynard Matthie

- b) Town of Guenther Rezone – Matthew Hoeft #O-39-23
- c) Town of Hull Rezone – Tim Vreeland for Mitch Gumz #O-40-23
- d) Town of Plover Rezone – Jason Pflieger for Bradley Krueger #O-41-23
- e) Town of Reid Rezone – Michael & Janice Kleman for Chris & Krystal Kleman #O-42-23
- f) Town of Plover Rezone – Marathon County Parks, Rec & Forestry for Micke Family Trust #O-43-23

12. Resolutions

- a) County Board of Supervisors:
 - 1) Change in Supervisory District Boundaries Resulting from Village of Weston Annexation #R-56-23
- b) Environmental Resources Committee:
 - 1) Town of Ringle Local Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Section 13 #R-57-23
 - 2) Town of Ringle Local Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Section 11.03(7) #R-58-23
 - 3) Town of Ringle Local Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Section 4.08(3) #R-59-23
- c) Health & Human Services Committee:
 - 1) Resolution Supporting Senate Bill 328 – Health Care Transparency #R-61-23

Discussion: None.

Action: Motion by Covelli, Second by Seefeldt to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote unanimously.

Follow Through: None.

D. TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE & HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:

13. Approval of the 2024 85.21 Elderly and Disabled Transportation Grant Application #R-60-23

Discussion: None.

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

Follow Through: None.

E. HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

14. 2024 Budget and Property Tax Levy Resolution #R-62-23

Action: Motion by Robinson, Second by Sherfinski to approve the resolution.

Action: Motion by Robinson, Second by to present Amendment #1 – Sheriff’s Training Center. Motion Carried 32-2 on a roll call vote with Sherfinski and Sondelski voting No.

Action: Motion by Robinson, Second by to present Amendment #2 – Dells of the Eau Claire Park Improvement. Motion carried on a roll call vote unanimously.

Action: Motion by Robinson, Second by to present Amendment #3 – East Gall Hall Improvement. Motion carried 34-1 on a roll call vote with Sondelski voting No.

Action: Motion by Robinson, Second by to present Amendment #4 – County Hwy N Bridge Replacement. Motion carried on a roll call vote unanimously.

Action: Motion by Marshall, Second by to present Amendment #5 – Sale of County Property. Motion Carried 30-4 with 1 abstention on a roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Aarrestad, Baker, Buch, Bushman, Covelli, Dickinson, Drabek, Gibbs, Gisselman, Gonnering, Hartinger, Krause, Lemmer, Marshall, Maszk, McEwen, Morache, Niemeyer, Oberbeck, Opall, Ritter, Robinson, Rosenberg, Seefeldt, Sherfinski, Sondelski, Straub, Ungerer, Wilhelm, Xiong - 30

No: Bootz, Hart, Langenhahn, Leahy - 4

Abstain: Van Krey - 1

Action: Motion by Baker, Second by Hartinger to present Amendment #6 – Social Improvement Fund. Discussion: Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered.

Action: Motion by Marshall, Second by Rosenberg to call the question and end debate. Motion carried 29-6 on a roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Aarrestad, Bootz, Buch, Bushman, Dickinson, Drabek, Gibbs, Gonnering, Hart, Hartinger, Krause, Langenhahn, Leahy, Lemmer, Marshall, Maszk, McEwen, Morache, Niemeyer, Oberbeck, Opall, Ritter, Rosenberg, Seefeldt, Sherfinski, Sondelski, Straub, Wilhelm, Xiong - 29

No: Baker, Covelli, Gisselman, Robinson, Ungerer, Van Krey – 6

Action: The original motion to approve Amendment #6 failed 17-18 on a roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Aarrestad, Baker, Buch, Bushman, Covelli, Dickinson, Gonnering, Hartinger, Marshall, Morache, Niemeyer, Ritter, Sherfinski, Sondelski, Straub, Ungerer, Wilhelm - 17

No: Bootz, Drabek, Gibbs, Gisselman, Hart, Krause, Langenhahn, Leahy, Lemmer, Maszk, McEwen, Oberbeck, Opall, Robinson, Rosenberg, Seefeldt, Van Krey, Xiong – 18

Action: The original motion to approve the budget resolution carried 29-6 on a roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Aarrestad, Bootz, Buch, Bushman, Covelli, Drabek, Gibbs, Gisselman, Gonnering, Hart, Hartinger, Krause, Langenhahn, Leahy, Lemmer, Maszk, McEwen, Niemeyer, Oberbeck, Opall, Ritter, Robinson, Rosenberg, Seefeldt, Sherfinski, Ungerer, Van Krey, Wilhelm, Xiong - 29

No: Baker, Dickinson, Marshall, Morache, Sondelski, Straub – 6

Follow Through: Budget is approved.

15. Establish Salaries for County Board Supervisors for 2024 and 2025

#R-64-23

Action: Motion by Dickinson, Second by McEwen to approve the resolution.

Action: Motion by Robinson, Second by McEwen to amend the resolution to include that the increase in salary will be taken from the mileage reimbursement line item. Motion carried 32-2 on a roll call vote with Gisselman and Morache voting No.

Action: Original motion carried 29-5 on a roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Aarrestad, Baker, Bootz, Buch, Bushman, Dickinson, Drabek, Gibbs, Gonnering, Hartinger, Krause, Leahy, Lemmer, Marshall, Maszk, McEwen, Niemeyer, Oberbeck, Opall, Ritter, Robinson, Rosenberg, Seefeldt, Sherfinski, Sondelski, Straub, Van Krey, Wilhelm, Xiong - 29

No: Covelli, Gisselman, Hart, Langenhahn, Morache - 5

Follow Through: None.

F. HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

16. Resolution Amending the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget for the Marathon County Jail Kitchen Project (23 SH-03C) in an Amount Up to \$604,000 (Phase II) Transfer from American Rescue Plan Act

#R-65-23

Discussion: Questions were asked and answered.

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

Follow Through: None.

G. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

17. Announcements and / or Requests

- Signatures were requested
- Veterans were recognized and thanked for their service
- Campaign packets are in mailboxes

18. Motion to Adjourn – Motion by Drabek, Second by Langenhahn to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

ORDINANCES

#O-38-23 – Town of Rib Falls Rezone – Tim Vreeland for Maynard Matthie

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has been petitioned to amend the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code by Tim Vreeland on behalf of Maynard Matthie to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from G-A General Agriculture and U-R Urban Residential to R-R Rural Residential described as Lots 1 and 2 of CSM 3387-12-257 and that part of the Northeast ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 36, Township 29 North, Range 5 East, Town of Rib Falls. The area to be rezoned to R-R Rural Residential is described as Lot 1 of the preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel PIN #066-2905-362-0999 and #066-2905-362-0998.

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 October 31, 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 Rib Falls hereby recommends the petition be GRANTED AS APPLIED FOR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 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 31st day of October, 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

#O-39-23 – Town of Guenther Rezone – Matthew Hoeft

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has been petitioned to amend the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code by Matthew Hoeft to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from R-E Rural Estate to G-A General Agriculture located in Part of the Northeast ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 17 Township 26 North, Range 8 East and Part of the Southeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 8, Township 26 North, Range 8 East, Town of Guenther. Area to be rezoned to G-A General Agriculture is described as Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map located in Volume 33, Page 129, #8561 and recorded as Document #1047357. Parcel Pin #032-2608-083-0992.

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 October 31, 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, BE IT RESOLVED, 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 31st day of October, 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

#O-40-23 – Town of Hull Rezone – Tim Vreeland for Mitch Gumz

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has been petitioned to amend the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code by Tim Vreeland on behalf of Mitch Gumz to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from F-P Farmland Preservation to L-D-R Low Density Residential located in Part of the Southwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 14, Township 28 North, Range 2 East, Town of Hull. The area to be rezoned to L-D-R Low Density Residential is described as Lot 1 of the preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel Pin #044-2802-142-0996 and 044-2802-142-0997.

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 October 31, 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 Hull hereby recommends the petition be GRANTED AS APPLIED FOR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 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 31st day of October, 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

#O-41-23 – Town of Plover Rezone – Jason Pflieger for Bradley Krueger

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has been petitioned to amend the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code by Jason Pflieger on behalf of Bradley Krueger to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Ordinance to rezone lands from R-E Rural Estate to G-A General Agriculture located in all of Lot 1 of CSM #7498, being part of the Northwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ and the Southwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 24, Township 29 North, Range 10 East, Town of Plover. Parent Parcel #062-2910-242-0991.

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 October 31, 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 Plover hereby recommends the petition be GRANTED AS APPLIED FOR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 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 31st day of October, 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

#O-42-23 – Town of Reid Rezone – Michael & Janice Kleman for Chris & Krystal Kleman

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has been petitioned to amend the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code by Michael and Janice Kleman on behalf of Chris and Krystal Kleman to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Ordinance to rezone lands from G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential identified as Lot 1 of CSM 10407-43-39, Outlot 1 of CSM 15168-68-90, located in the Southwest ¼ of the Northeast ¼ and part of the Southeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 31, Township 27 North, Range 9 East, Town of Reid. Parent Parcel #064-2709-311-0991.

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 October 31, 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 Reid hereby recommends the petition be GRANTED AS APPLIED FOR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 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 31st day of October, 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

#O-43-23 – Town of Plover Rezone – Marathon County Parks, Rec. & Forestry for Micke Family Trust

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has been petitioned to amend the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code by Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department on behalf of Micke Family Trust to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from C-V/R-C Conservancy and Recreation to G-A General Agriculture and G-A General Agriculture to C-V/R-C Conservancy and Recreation described as part of the Southwest ¼ of the Fractional Northwest ¼ and part of the Northwest ¼ of the Fractional Southwest ¼, all located in Section 7, Township 29 North, Range 10 East, Town of Plover. The area to be rezoned to G-A General Agriculture is described as Outlot 1 and the area to be rezoned to C-V/R-C Conservancy and Recreation is described as Outlot 2 of the preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel # 062-2910-072-0995 and 062-2910-073-0998.

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 October 31, 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 Plover hereby recommends the petition be GRANTED AS APPLIED FOR NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 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 31st day of October, 2023
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTIONS

#R-56-23 – Change in Supervisory District Boundaries Resulting from Village of Weston Annexation

WHEREAS, the revised reapportionment statutes 59.10(4)(c) allow the County Board to consider changes in the boundaries of supervisory districts based on City Annexations which occur after passage of the 10-year county reapportionment plan; and

WHEREAS, duly annexed property described as that part of the Town of Weston, the following described territory located within the Town of Weston, Marathon County, Wisconsin, is hereby annexed to the Village of Weston, Wisconsin:

PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, TOWN OF WESTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE EAST QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 10; THENCE S 89°45'53" W ALONG THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE 1323.04 FEET AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THEN S 3°40'14" E ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 1 AND 2 OF CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NUMBER 18856 1279.96 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF ROSS AVENUE; THEN S 89°57'13" W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF ROSS AVENUE 703.88 FEET; THENCE N 3°19'20" W 376.73 FEET; THENCE S 89°38'36" W 626.84 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF POWER'S SUBDIVISION 901.79 FEET, THENCE N 89°45'53" E ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SANDY MEADOW NORTH FIRST ADDITION 1322.87 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Should be included in Supervisory District #20, there being zero electors residing therein; and WHEREAS, exact maps of the above-described parcel, along with a certified copy of the Village of Weston ordinance, have been duly filed with the Clerk of Marathon County; and WHEREAS, changes in said supervisory district boundaries are allowed by law, provided that the total number of supervisory districts is left unchanged; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does ordain as follows:

That the above-described duly annexed property, now within the Village of Weston is hereby included in the supervisory district enumerated above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marathon County Clerk is hereby directed to forward all notices required under Chapter 59, Wisconsin Statutes, to the Wisconsin Department of Administration, Municipal Boundary Review, for the purpose of advising that office of said boundary changes.

Dated this 9th day of November, 2023
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

#R-57-23 – Town of Ringle Local Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Section 13

WHEREAS, to §60.62(3) Wis. Stats provides that any Zoning Ordinance and/or map adopted by a Town Board and any amendment thereof shall be subject to the approval of the County Board in counties having a county zoning ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ringle has amended their zoning as shown on the attached report, (Section 13 – Citation Enforcement) and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee, having considered the request to review amendments of the Town Zoning Ordinance filed by the Clerk of the Town of Ringle and duly advised action by the Town, hereby recommends that the County Board approves this amendment as attached.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amendment to the Town of Ringle Zoning Ordinance and/or Zoning map as attached and

made part of this record, all of which to be filed with the Marathon County Clerk.

Dated this 31st day of October, 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

#R-58-23 – Town of Ringle Local Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Section 11.03(7)

WHEREAS, to §60.62(3) Wis. Stats provides that any Zoning Ordinance and/or map adopted by a Town Board and any amendment thereof shall be subject to the approval of the County Board in counties having a county zoning ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ringle has amended their zoning as shown on the attached report, (-11.03(7) – 12 Month CUP resubmit) and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee, having considered the request to review amendments of the Town Zoning Ordinance filed by the Clerk of the Town of Ringle and duly advised action by the Town, hereby recommends that the County Board approves this amendment as attached.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amendment to the Town of Ringle Zoning Ordinance and/or Zoning map as attached and made part of this record, all of which to be filed with the Marathon County Clerk.

Dated this 31st day of October, 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

#R-59-23 – Town of Ringle Local Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Section 4.08(3)

WHEREAS, to §60.62(3) Wis. Stats provides that any Zoning Ordinance and/or map adopted by a Town Board and any amendment thereof shall be subject to the approval of the County Board in counties having a county zoning ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ringle has amended their zoning as shown on the attached report, (- 4.08(3) – Accessory Structure) and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee, having considered the request to review amendments of the Town Zoning Ordinance filed by the Clerk of the Town of Ringle and duly advised action by the Town, hereby recommends that the County Board approves this amendment as attached.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amendment to the Town of Ringle Zoning Ordinance and/or Zoning map as attached and made part of this record, all of which to be filed with the Marathon County Clerk.

Dated this 31st day of October, 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

#R-60-23 – Approval of the 2024 85.21 Elderly and Disabled Transportation Grant Application

WHEREAS, Section 85.21 of the Wisconsin Statutes authorizes the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to make grants to the counties of Wisconsin for the purpose of assisting them in providing specialized transportation services to the elderly and the disabled; and

WHEREAS, each grant must be matched with a local share of not less than 20% of the amount of the grant; and

WHEREAS, this body considers that the provision of specialized transportation services would improve and promote the maintenance of human dignity and self-sufficiency of the elderly and the disabled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does ordain as follows:

- 1) Authorizes the Planning Manager of Conservation, Planning, and Zoning, to prepare and submit to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation an application for assistance during 2024 under Section 85.21 of the Wisconsin Statutes, in conformance with the requirements issued by that Department.
- 2) Authorizes the obligation of funds in the amount of \$73,682.00 in order to provide the required local match.
- 3) Authorizes Kurt Gibbs, County Board Chairperson, to execute a state aid contract with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation under Section 85.21 of the Wisconsin Statutes on behalf of Marathon County.

Dated this 9th day of November, 2023

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE & HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

COMMITTEE

#R-61-23 – Resolution Supporting Senate Bill 328 – Health Care Transparency

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors recognizes the need for its citizens to know the actual costs of services before making decisions relative to having a non-emergency healthcare procedure; and

WHEREAS, health care transparency is an important tool in allowing patients to compare services and prices and make informed choices; and

WHEREAS, average health care expenditures by citizens in the United States continues to grow as a percentage of income; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Senate is currently considering a bipartisan bill, 2023 Senate Bill 328, that would create requirements for hospitals to provide cost information for certain items and services provided by the hospital. Under the bill, each hospital must make publicly available a digital file in a machine-readable format that contains a list of standard charges for certain items and services provided by the hospital and a consumer-friendly list of standard charges for certain shoppable services. If a hospital is not in compliance, the bill requires the Department of Health Services to take certain corrective actions relative to the hospital. The bill also establishes penalties for violations of price transparency requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its support of 2023 Senate Bill 328 and instructs the Marathon County Administrator to submit a statement in favor of the legislation on behalf of Marathon County to the Wisconsin Legislature and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marathon County Board Chairperson shall encourage the Wisconsin Counties Association to support 2023 Senate Bill 328..

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of November, 2023.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

#R-62-23 – 2024 Budget and Property Tax Resolution

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue has made available the Statistical Report on Equalized Value of Marathon County for 2023 which sets the Equalized Value of Marathon County for taxing purposes at \$14,512,194,600; and,

WHEREAS, for purposes of satisfying the requirements of the state imposed Tax Rate Freeze formula, this budget is in compliance with Wis. Statute 59.605; and,

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors and the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee have occasional requests to provide funding for the community including allowable expenditures under various Wisconsin Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, the County is interested in a method of having the Human Resources and Finance and Property Committee review these requests on a timely basis; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED for the budget year 2024 that the sum of \$50,000 be authorized from the Contingent Fund and placed into a separate expenditure line item to be used by the Committee on a discretionary basis using a standard application process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any amendments subsequent to budget publications have resulted in the following changes and/or corrections to be incorporated as amendments into the proposed 2024 budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024:

Budget Changes to Tax Levy	Original	Will Be	Tax Levy Change	Tax Rate Change
I Operating Levy	\$51,339,364			
II Special Purpose Levy – Bridge Aid	458.663			
III Special Purpose Levy – Library	3,603.220			
IV Debt Levy	2,553,100			

Budget Changes to Capital Improvement Plan

Budget Changes from Separate Resolutions – see below

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors does hereby adopt the 2024 Marathon County Budget of \$202,845,319 including departmental appropriations, revenues and use of fund equity as proposed by the Human Resources and Finance and Property Committee during a

series of budget meetings in October and as set forth in the attached document entitled, 2024 Budget by County Department and County Fund Adopted Budget, and that the same budget passed and approved by appropriation unit and allocated from its present form and format as established by the Uniform Chart of Accounts for Wisconsin Counties as developed by the Wisconsin Departments of Revenue and Transportation, in programmatic format; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize a property tax levy in the amount of \$57,954,347 in support of the 2024 budget and that the County Clerk is hereby directed to levy the required taxes against all the taxable property in Marathon County for every appropriation named therein except as otherwise provided and to levy special assessments and charges against the respective municipalities as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for the purpose of clarity the above referenced property tax levy includes:

A tax in the amount of \$458,663 for county bridge tax as set forth in Wis. Statute 81.38 to be levied against the taxable property of Marathon County, excepting the Cities of Abbotsford and Colby, and the Villages of Birnamwood, Dorchester, Elderon, Rothschild, Spencer, Unity and Weston; and a tax in the amount of \$3,603,220 for County library operations budget tax as set forth in Wis. Statute 43.64(1) to be levied against the taxable property of Marathon County, excepting the Cities of Abbotsford, Colby, Marshfield and the Town of McMillan.

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 in payment of specific items included in this budget as provided by law and at the request of any organization for which appropriations have been made.

DATED: November 9, 2023.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Budget Amendment #1 – Sheriff’s Training Center

WHEREAS, prior to adoption of the final budget, the County Board may amend the proposed 2024 budget resolution by a majority vote in order to make operational and capital programming changes; and WHEREAS, Marathon County has developed Capital Improvement Plan for incorporation into the 2024 budget; and

WHEREAS, there has been a request to increase the project cost for the Public Safety Training and Response Center from \$1,650,000 to 1,818,207 based on updated information; and

WHEREAS, the project’s proposed funding is coming from ARPA funding; and

WHEREAS, there is ARPA funding available for the additional project costs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors for the County of Marathon does hereby amend the proposed budget as follows:

1 Increase the project costs for the 2024 CIP budget- Public Safety Training and Response Center from \$1,650,000 to 1,818,207 in 60000-58221 Law Enforcement Building; and

2 Increase the revenue Federal Grant Revenue 43300 ARPA GR-007340 County Grant in the 2024 CIP budget for the Public Safety Training and Response Center from 1,650,000 to 1,818,207 and

Dated: November 9, 2023.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Budget Amendment #2 – Dells of the Eau Claire Park Project

WHEREAS, prior to adoption of the final budget, the County Board may amend the proposed 2024 budget resolution by a majority vote in order to make operational and capital programming changes; and WHEREAS, Marathon County has developed Capital Improvement Plan for incorporation into the 2024 budget; and

WHEREAS, there has been a request to increase the project amount for the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department Dells of the Eau Claire (DEC) Project from \$0 to \$36,549 which would fully fund the Dump Station portion of the project (full project listed below for informational purposes); and

Soil Testing	\$1,300.00
Well	\$10,000.00
Dump Station Septic	\$17,857.15

Permit Fees	\$1,300.00
SUBTOTAL	\$30,457.15
20% Project Contingency	\$6,091.43
GRAND TOTAL	\$36,548.58

WHEREAS, the project’s proposed funding is coming from ARPA funding; and
WHEREAS, there is ARPA funding available for the additional project costs;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors for the County of Marathon does hereby amend the proposed budget as follows:

- 1 Increase the project costs for the 2024 CIP budget—Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department Dells of the Eau Claire Project from \$0 to \$36,548.48 in 60000-58221 Law Enforcement Building; and
- 2 Increase the revenue Federal Grant Revenue 43300 ARPA Grant in the 2024 CIP budget for the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department Dells of the Eau Claire Project from \$0 to \$36,548.48.

Dated: November 9, 2023.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Budget Amendment #3 – East Gate Hall

WHEREAS, prior to adoption of the final budget, the County Board may amend the proposed 2024 budget resolution by a majority vote in order to make operational and capital programming changes; and
WHEREAS, Marathon County has developed Capital Improvement Plan for incorporation into the 2024 budget; and

WHEREAS, there has been a request to increase the project amount for the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department East Gate Hall Project from \$137,034 to \$396,825, which would fully fund the project (itemized below); and

Electrical/Lighting w/New Ceiling Grid	\$21,200
New Acoustical Ceiling and Grid	\$46,625
New LP Smart Side Siding (6000 sq. ft.)	\$60,000
New LVT Flooring*	\$119,160.00*
New Windows for Lower Level (16)	\$83,080
Main Entryway Columns & Façade	\$15,000
SUBTOTAL	\$345,065
15% Project Contingency	\$51,760
GRAND TOTAL	\$396,825

*Currently funded amount (Cost + 15% Contingency = \$137,034)

WHEREAS, the project’s proposed funding is coming from ARPA funding; and
WHEREAS, there is ARPA funding available for the additional project costs; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors for the County of Marathon does hereby amend the proposed budget as follows:

- 1 Increase the project costs for the 2024 CIP budget—Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department East Gate Hall Project from \$137,034 to \$396,825 in 60000-55301 CIP County Parks; and
- 2 Increase the revenue Federal Grant Revenue 43300 ARPA Grant GR-007340 County in the 2024 CIP budget for the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department East Gate Hall Project from \$137,034 to \$396,825.

Dated: November 9, 2023.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Budget Amendment #4 – Highway

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Marathon County approved the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvement Program is a dynamic process and subject, pursuant to Resolution R-89-91, to periodic review and/or amendment; and

WHEREAS, there is a newly discovered need to amend the 2024 CIP to obtain funding for new bridge to replace the existing structure in the 2024 CIP; and

WHEREAS, the total amount for the project will be \$435,400; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Commissioner is also applying for federal bridge aid funds but any awarding of these funds would not occur in time to address the need; and

WHEREAS, there is a request to use Highway Reserve funds in the amount of \$500,000 to cover the costs of the CTH N, Scotch Creek Bridge Project; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources and Finance and Property Committee has reviewed the request and has recommended approval of the use of Highway Reserve funds in the amount of \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources and Finance and Property Committee has reviewed the request and has recommended approval to amend the 2024 CIP for the CTH N, Scotch Creek Bridge Project; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources and Finance and Property Committee of the Board of Supervisors of Marathon County recommends amending the 2024 Capital Improvement Program for the CTH N, Scotch Creek Bridge and transferring the funds from the Highway Department's Reserve Fund: Amend the 2024 CIP and fund \$500,000 from the Highway Department's Reserve Fund to the CTH N, Scotch Creek Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does hereby resolve and ordain to amend the 2024 Capital Improvement Program as indicated above.

Dated this 9th day of November, 2023.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE and HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Budget Amendment #5 – Approving Consolidation of Departments Conditioned Upon Sale of Vacated Buildings (Marshall)

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 59.52(6)(c) permits the Marathon County Board of Supervisors to sell or convey county property on such terms that the board approves; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County Administration has requested to consolidate certain county departments and employees in a single location at the North Central Health Care (NCHC) campus; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County Administration's goal with the requested change is to reduce the number of buildings occupied by Marathon County staff; and

WHEREAS, the cost of consolidation is estimated as \$3,879,458 for renovation of existing NCHC campus buildings with \$233,000 for moving a critical IT hub and \$221,850 for new signage; and

WHEREAS, divesting of extra buildings is intended to yield expense savings in utilities and services like snowplowing and custodial services; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers of Marathon County should receive the most financial return for the divesting of property assets; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds from the sale of the properties would offset the \$4,334,308 in additional investments required to make the strategic move a good financial decision, with 50% of the sale proceeds applied to existing debt service for Marathon County and 50% of the sale proceeds inserted into a capital improvement project fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors approves the use of up to \$4,334,308 in the 2024 Budget for the consolidation of departments at NCHC.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board of Supervisors directs that any buildings being vacated by County Departments to accomplish this consolidation be appraised and, once an appraised value is established, the issue of the sale of each property be returned to the County Board, with the terms of any sale to be separately approved by the County Board of Supervisors at the time of the sale.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of November, 2023.

Fiscal Note: This amendment would approve the use of the identified budgeted funds in the amount of up to \$4,334,308 and directs County Staff to secure an appraisal of any vacated properties.

Amendment #6 – Social Improvement Fund (Baker) – AMENDMENT FAILED

WHEREAS, prior to adoption of the final budget, the County Board may amend the proposed 2024 budget resolution by a majority vote in order to make operational and capital programming changes; and

WHEREAS, previous County Boards have made the decision to undertake major renovations for North Central Health Care (NCHC) and Mount View Care Center (MVCC), both of which provide extremely valuable services to Marathon County residents, and chose to incur debt which will require repayment of \$83,825,379 to fund these renovations; and

WHEREAS, the original intent was that increased revenue from NCHC and MVCC would provide the cash flow necessary to cover the debt payments, but this has been unfortunately not true; and WHEREAS, all members of the current County Board recognize and accept the obligation for the Marathon County government to ensure payment is made on the existing debt obligations; and WHEREAS, a majority of the current Board desires to repay the portion of the debt payments that NCHC and MVCC can't repay by utilizing existing County resources and revenue rather than by increasing the burden on County taxpayers through increasing our debt levy portion of the overall tax levy, and WHEREAS, the County's Social Improvement Fund (SIF) increased by \$9,095,322 over the last 3 years because of an imbalance between the combination of budgeted revenues and property tax levy relative to the actual expenditures of the County's Social Service Department; and WHEREAS, having a reserve in the SIF fund balance is critical because the expenditures of the Social Department can change significantly from year to year depending upon childcare needs, specifically including the potential need to pay for additional children at Lincoln Hills or similar facilities, and WHEREAS, balancing budgeted Social Service revenues and tax levy for 2024 more closely with historical Social Service expenditures is expected free up funds to cover \$1,500,000 of the 2024 NCHC/MVCC debt service without using any of the SIF fund balance for the debt repayment, and WHEREAS, the Health and Human services committee voted unanimously to reduce the imbalance between the revenue and historical expenditures in order to reduce 2024 debt levy by \$1,500,000; and WHEREAS, it would be prudent to retain the SIF fund balance to provide this and future Boards with financial resources and flexibility in both future Social Service expenditures and in the debt service of the debt associated with NCHS/MVCC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors for the County of Marathon does hereby amend the proposed budget as follows:

1. Increase the revenues in the 2024 budget for the Transfer from Fund Balance-Social Improvement Fund by adding the sum of \$1,500,000 dollars to Fund 200- Social Improvement Fund – Revenues. This will decrease the Fund 200 Social Improvement Fund Net Tax Levy Totals from \$6,935,723 to \$5,435,723.
2. Increase the Finance Department Fund 300 Debt Fund Revenues – County Sales Tax from \$3,000,000 to \$4,500,000. This will decrease the debt levy by \$1,500,000 from \$2,553,100 to \$1,053,100.
3. Decrease the County Treasurer Fund 101 General Fund Revenues – County Sales Tax from \$13,000,000 to \$11,500,000. This will increase the Fund 100 General Fund Net Tax Levy Totals from \$35,845,527 to \$37,345,527.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SIF fund balance will not be included in the 2025 CIP fund rollover calculations to provide future County Boards with resources and flexibility in providing for the future expenditure needs of the Social Service Department and future potential debt service of the debt associated with NCHS/MVCC without burdening Marathon County taxpayers with unnecessary additional taxes through increases in the debt levy portion of the overall tax levy.

Fiscal Impact: Reduce the 2024 tax levy by \$1,500,000 and reallocate resources in the 2024 adopted budget.

The operating levy will remain the same in total.

The debt levy will go down by \$1,500,000.

The overall tax levy will decrease by \$1,500,000.

The overall sales tax will remain the same in total.

This amendment will increase the County Sales Tax in the 2024 Debt Fund budget in the amount of \$1,500,000 dollars, decrease the County Sales Tax in the 2024 General Fund in the amount of \$1,500,000, increase the Other Financing Sources in the 2024 Social Improvement Fund by \$1,500,000 dollars and reduce the tax levy in the debt service fund by \$1,500,000

#R-64-23 – Establish Salaries for County Board Supervisors for 2024 and 2025

WHEREAS, Rule 19 of the General Code for Marathon County provides that the County Board members shall vote at their Annual Meeting in November of odd-numbered years to fix the salary of the supervisors elected for the Board's next two-year term. In like manner, the Board may allow additional salary for the chairperson. By rule, the initial resolution before the Board shall contain a 3% increase for supervisors and for the Board Chair. Any recommended modifications to this annual increase will be developed and proposed to the County Board by the Human Resource, Finance and Property Committee; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2023, the Executive Committee reviewed the current salaries for County Board Supervisors and discussed whether modification of the initial resolution relative to salaries was appropriate, ultimately determining not to recommend the resolution be modified; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2023, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee reviewed the current salaries for County Board Chair and Supervisors and made the following recommendations:

- to increase County Board Supervisor salaries and the salary of the Board Chair and Vice-Chair by 3% effective April 19, 2024, and January 9, 2025;
- to increase the stipends for Standing Committee Chairs to \$1,200
- to increase the stipend for Standing Committee Vice-Chairs to \$400

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does ordain to adjust County Board Salaries as follows:

County Board Supervisors Salaries:

Effective 4/19/24

Chair	\$32,782 (3% increase over 2023)
Vice Chair, Board Member Salary.....	\$9,825 (3% increase over 2023)
Board Member	\$6,001 (3% increase over 2023)
Chair of Standing Committee, Board Member Salary+ \$1,200	\$7,201
Vice-Chair of Standing Committee, Board Member Salary+ \$400	\$6,401

Effective 1/9/25

Chair	\$33,765 (3% increase over 2024)
Vice Chair, Board Member Salary.....	\$10,120 (3% increase over 2024)
Board Member	\$6,181 (3% increase over 2024)
Chair of Standing Committee, Board Member Salary+ 1,200.....	\$7,381
Vice-Chair of Standing Committee, Board Member Salary+ \$400	\$6,581

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

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

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT – Salary and Benefits:

Estimated Additional Cost for (2024)	\$9,510
Estimated Additional Cost for (2025) Compared to (2022)	\$7,325

CORPORATION COUNSEL NOTE: Pursuant to Wis. Stats. §59.10(3)(i), any change to salaries for county board supervisors to be next elected requires a two-thirds majority vote of current members entitled to a seat.

Dated November 9, 2023

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE and HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

#R-65-23 – Resolution Amending the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget for the Marathon County Jail Kitchen Project (23 SH-03C) in an Amount Up to \$604,000 (Phase II) Transfer from American Rescue Plan Act

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Marathon County approved the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvement Program is a dynamic process and subject, pursuant to Resolution R-89-91, to periodic review and/or amendment; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 CIP was previously amended to include the Sheriff’s Office Jail Kitchen Project (23SH-03C) and Phase I funding for design was approved; and

WHEREAS, the total amount for Phase II of the project will be no more than \$604,000; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) includes funds for Capital Improvements to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency (EC1.7) or revenue replacement (6.1) as allowable uses of the fund; and

WHEREAS, there is a request to use ARPA funds in the amount of up to \$604,000 to cover Phase II costs of the Sheriff’s Office Jail Kitchen Project; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources and Finance and Property Committee has reviewed the request and has recommended approval of the use of ARPA funds up to the amount of \$604,000; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources and Finance and Property Committee of the Board of Supervisors of Marathon County recommends funding Phase II for the Jail Kitchen Project (23SH-03C) and transferring the funds from the County's ARPA allocation: Fund up to \$604,000 from the County's ARPA allocation to the Jail Kitchen Project (23SH-03C).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does hereby resolve and ordain to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement budget for the Marathon County Jail Kitchen Project (23SH-03C) as indicated above.

Dated this 9th day of November, 2023.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE and HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Minutes Prepared by Kim Trueblood, County Clerk