



MARATHON COUNTY RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

Meeting Location: Courthouse Assembly Room, B-105, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI or WebEx

Committee Members present: Kurt Gibbs (Temporary Chair), David Baker (Webex), Kody Hart, Jacob Langenhahn, John Robinson, Rick Seefeldt.

Supporting Staff present: Lance Leonhard, Michael Puerner, Kim Trueblood, Toshia Ranallo

(Meeting Recording)

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Gibbs called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.

2. Public Comment (not to exceed 15 minutes) - None

3. Approval of the Minutes of the November 8, 2023 Rules Review Committee Meeting

MOTION BY ROBINSON; SECOND BY SEEFELDT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED. (00:49)

4. Topics for Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Review and consideration of existing Marathon County Board Rules*, discussion of potential revisions, and next steps for the Committee
(01:13)

1) Expense Reimbursement Process (2:52)

Discussion:

- Discussion on approval process time.
- Concerns about delays and form challenges.
- Uncertain about Workday access for supervisors.
- Administration and clerk to explore improvements.

2) Metallic Mining Committee Reporting Relationship (13:57)

Discussion:

- Discussion on Metallic Mining Committee's reporting relationship
- Proposal to align with existing pattern for standing committees and subcommittees
- Emphasis on clarifying reporting structures in rules, mentioning ERC Committee and full board

3) ERC Committee membership requirements (14:56)

Discussion:

- Reviewing ERC committee membership rules due to state statute changes
- Questioning representation of Towns Association member: voting board member or any Town official?
- Committee member abstaining from decision-making
- Debating voting rights for Towns Association representative on CPZ committee
- Seeking clarity on rules, including whether the representative should be from County-zoned or non-County zoned town
- Planning follow-up with CPZ for input before continuing discussion

4) Sunset Provisions for Task Forces (20:42)

Discussion:

- Discussed Sunset Provisions for Broadband and Morgue task forces
- Proposal to extend Broadband task force by two years due to its crucial role
- Implied extension of Regional Forensic Science Center task force until completion.

5) Board Packets (22:39)

Discussion:

- Discussion on updating and amending packets for committee meetings.
- Emphasis on establishing clarity for deadlines and communication.
- Recognition of challenges in the technical aspects of updating packets
- Deadline for agenda items, Wednesday at noon; and packet items to Friday at noon, with consensus.
- Acknowledgment of the importance of communication and encouraging departments to provide information promptly.

6) Time Limits for Topic Discussions (1:23:00)

Discussion:

- Discussed time limits for individual discussions.
- Concerns against arbitrary time limits, emphasizing flexibility.
- Consensus: No strong support for time limits; maintain flexibility.

5. Future Agenda Items for Discussion

- Continue to review original topic list

6. Adjournment

**ROBINSON MADE A MOTION; SECOND BY SEEFLELT TO AJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:32 AM. Motion carried.
(1:28:16)**

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https://www.municode.com/library/wi/marathon_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=12551

Minutes prepared by Toshia Ranallo, County Administration