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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 Tuesday, January 24, 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 – 33 Supervisors were present as noted:

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

(W) indicates attendance by WebEx

6. Acknowledgment of visitors

B. EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS:

7. Broadband Task Force Update Regarding Bug Tussel, Cirinity, and Charter – Supervisor Robinson, Chair of the Broadband Task Force, gave an update as to the progress of the various contractors in regards to broadband implementation. Citizens are being encouraged to file a complaint to challenge the data the FCC has provided in regards to how various areas of the county are served by broadband. The state and the Public Service Commission will be working to capture as much accurate data as possible. ([Marathon December 2022 \(btussel.com\)](http://MarathonDecember2022(btussel.com)))

8. Presentation on Responsibilities of County Board Members Pertaining to Open Records Requests – Corp Counsel Mike Puerner provided an update to the board on how they should be responding to open records requests in a timely manner.
9. Standing Committee Chairpersons or Designees – None.

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

10. Approval of minutes from the December 13, 2022 Voting Meeting and January 6, 2023 Special Meeting
11. Referral of bills and communications to respective committees
12. Authorizing the Clerk to issue orders, bills, and claims from the last session through this session
13. Appointments:
 - a. 2023 Emergency Fire Wardens
 - b. WVLS Board – Kathryn Palmer
 - c. Library Board – Becky Buch, LeeAnn Podruch, & Brent Jacobson
 - d. Local Emergency Planning Committee – Stacey Morache
14. Ordinances:
 - a. Town of Wien Rezone – Aaron Karlen for Tim & Tracey Karlen #O-1-23
 - b. Town of Knowlton Rezone – Tim Vreeland for Margaret Fuentes #O-2-23
 - c. Town of Knowlton Rezone – Richard Kersten & Cristy Wick #O-3-23
15. Resolutions:
 - a. Town of Weston Rezone #R-2-23
 - b. Approval of 2023 Administration Work Plan #R-5-23

Discussion: Supervisor Ritter requested that items C13b and C13c be pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

Action: Motion by McEwen, Second by Seefeldt to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of items C13b and C13c, which will be voted on separately. Motion carried on a roll call vote unanimously.

Follow Through: None.

Action: Motion by Rosenberg, Second by Leahy to approve the appointment of Kathryn Palmer to the Wisconsin Valley Library Service board. No discussion. Motion carried 17-15 with 1 abstention on a roll call vote as follows:

Yes – Aarrestad, Drabek, Gibbs, Gisselman, Hart, Krause, Langenhahn, Leahy, Lemmer, McEwen, Oberbeck, Robinson, Rosenberg, Seefeldt, Van Krey, Venzke, Wilhelm - 17

No – Baker, Buch, Bushman, Covelli, Dickinson, Hartinger, Lamont, Marshall, Maszk, Niemeyer, Ritter, Sherfinski, Sondelski, Straub, Ungerer – 15

Abstain – Morache

Action: Motion by Sherfinski, Second by Ritter to separate each of the three Library Board appointments to be voted on separately. No discussion. Motion carried 21-12 on a roll call vote as follows:

Yes – Aarrestad, Baker, Buch, Bushman, Covelli, Dickinson, Drabek, Hartinger, Lamont, Marshall, Maszk, Morache, Niemeyer, Ritter, Rosenberg, Seefeldt, Sherfinski, Sondelski, Straub, Ungerer, Wilhelm – 21

No – Gibbs, Gisselman, Hart, Krause, Langenhahn, Leahy, Lemmer, McEwen, Oberbeck, Robinson, Van Krey, Venzke – 12

Action: Motion by Covelli, Second by Leahy to approve the appointment of Supervisor Becky Buch to the Library Board. No discussion. Motion carried 32-1 on a roll call vote, with Rosenberg voting no.

Action: Motion by McEwen, Second by Robinson to approve the appointment of LeeAnn Podruch to the Library Board. No discussion. Motion carried 20-13 on a roll call vote as follows:

Yes – Buch, Dickinson, Drabek, Gibbs, Gisselman, Hart, Hartinger, Krause, Langenhahn, Leahy, Lemmer, Maszk, McEwen, Oberbeck, Robinson, Rosenberg, Seefeldt, Sherfinski, Van Krey, Venzke - 20

No – Aarrestad, Baker, Bushman, Covelli, Lamont, Marshall, Morache, Niemeyer, Ritter, Sondelski, Straub, Ungerer, Wilhelm - 13

Action: - Motion by Maszk, Second by Hartinger to approve the appointment of Brent Jacobson to the Library Board. No discussion. Motion carried 32-1 on a roll call vote, with Rosenberg voting no.

Follow Through: Appointments were approved and confirmation letters sent to appointees.

RESOLUTIONS:

E. HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

16. Approving 2022 Budget Transfers from Marathon County Department Appropriations #R-3-23

Discussion: None.

Action: Motion by Leahy, Second by Robinson to approve the budget transfers. Motion carried on a roll call vote unanimously.

Follow Through: None.

F. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE & HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, & PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

17. Approving the Use of Environmental Impact Fund Fees for Use in Updating the Marathon County Groundwater Plan #R-4-23

Discussion: None.

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

Follow Through: None.

G. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

18. Approving the Amended Siting Agreement Between Marathon County and the Town of Ringle for Bluebird Ridge Recycling and Disposal Facility Phases 6-8 #R-6-23

Discussion: Interim Solid Waste Director Dave Hagenbucher gave an overview of the agreement with the Town of Ringle and the need for the resolution. Questions were asked and answered.

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

Follow Through: None.

~~G. CLOSED SESSION:~~

- ~~18. 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.~~

- ~~19. Motion to Return to Open Session (roll call vote not required)~~

- ~~20. Announcements and/or Action Regarding Closed Session Discussion~~

H. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

19. Announcements and / or Requests

- Eastern Towns Association meeting is January 25 at the Town of Plover
- Western Towns Association meeting is January 26 at the Town of Berlin
- Signatures were requested from appropriate committees

20. Motion to Adjourn – motion by Venzke, Second by Langenhahn to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

2023 Emergency Fire Wardens:

Town of Bevent – Jeff Raschka, Eagle Lodge Mercantile
Town of Hamburg – Terry & Jodi Block, Eddy’s Bar
Town of Mosinee – Jeff Khyos, Charlie’s Hardware
Town of Rib Mountain – Joseph Finke, Chief, SAFER Fire Department

Wisconsin Valley Library Service Board of Trustees - I, Kurt Gibbs, Marathon County Board Chair, do hereby, upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, appoint the following individual to the Wisconsin Valley Library Service Board of Trustees, to complete a three-year term to expire December 31, 2023, replacing Mandy Wright:

Kathryn Palmer, 2228 Glendalen Road N, Kronenwetter, WI 54455

Per diem and mileage/expense reimbursement will not be paid for meeting attendance.

Dated this 24th day of January, 2023.

Marathon County Library Board - I, Lance Leonhard, Marathon County Administrator, do hereby, upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, appoint the following individuals to the Marathon County Public Library Board for three-year terms to expire December 31, 2025:

County Supervisor Becky Buch, 1721 N. 2nd Ave, Wausau, WI 54401

LeeAnn Podruch, 214900 Lakefront Drive, Hatley, WI 54440

Further, upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, I appoint the following individual to the Marathon County Public Library Board to complete a three-year term to expire December 31, 2023, replacing Jeff Campo:

Brent Jacobson, 792 Fairway Drive, Mosinee, WI 54455

Per diem and mileage/expense reimbursement will be paid for meeting attendance, to be paid from library budgeted funds.

Dated this 24th day of January, 2023

Local Emergency Planning Committee - I, Lance Leonhard, Marathon County Administrator, do hereby upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, appoint the following to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a term to expire in April 2024 at the end of the current County Board term:

Stacey Morache – County Board of Supervisors

DATED: January 24, 2023

ORDINANCES

#O-1-23 – Town of Wien Rezone - 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 Aaron Karlen on behalf of Tim and Tracey Karlen to rezone lands from G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential described as part of Lot 2 of Certified Survey Map 14859-66-131, located in the Southeast ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 13, Township 28 North, Range 4 East, Town of Wien. The area proposed to be rezoned is described as Lot 1 of preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel #084.2804.132.0990.

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 January 3, 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 Wien 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 3rd day of January, 2023

Environmental Resources Committee

#O-2-23 – Town of Knowlton Rezone - 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 the behalf of Margaret Fuentes to rezone lands from R-E Rural Estate to R-R Rural Residential described as Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map recorded in Volume 70, Page 144, Document # 1549681 located in the Northwest ¼ of the Fractional Northeast ¼, of Section 2, Township 26 North, Range 7 East, Town of Knowlton. The area proposed to be rezoned is described as Lot 1 and Lot 2 of the preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel #048.2607.021.0987.

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 January 3, 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 Knowlton 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 3rd day of January, 2023

Environmental Resources Committee

#O-3-23 – Town of Knowlton Rezone - 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 Richard Kersten & Cristy Wick to rezone lands from G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential described as part of the Southeast ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 27, Township 26 North, Range 7 East, Town of Knowlton. The area proposed to be rezoned is described as Lot 1 of preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel #048.2607.272.0991.

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 January 3, 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 Knowlton 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 3rd day of January, 2023

Environmental Resources Committee

RESOLUTIONS

#R-2-23 – Town of Weston Zoning Ordinance Amendment - 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 Weston has amended their zoning as shown on the attached report, 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 Weston 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 Wausau 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 3rd day of January, 2023

Environmental Resources Committee

#R-3-23 – Approve 2022 Budget Transfers for Marathon County Department Appropriations - WHEREAS, Section 65.90(5)(a) dictates that appropriations in the Marathon County budget may not be modified unless authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the County Board of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee has reviewed and does recommend the 2022 transfers listed below, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Marathon County Board of Supervisors authorize and direct the budget transfers as listed below:

Transfer from:	Sheriff 159-844 82320 Federal grant
Transfer to:	Sheriff 159-844-93460 registration expenditures
Amount:	\$3,500
Re:	WEM/Marathon County SWAT Marksmen Equipment grant

That a Class 1 Notice of this transaction be published within (10) days of its adoption;

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.

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

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of January 2023.

Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee

#R-4-23 – Approving the Use of Environmental Impact Funds for Use in Updating the Marathon County Groundwater Plan - WHEREAS, Marathon County is authorized to use environmental impact fees for environmental programs, pursuant to §16.969(4), Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County is the recipient of environmental impact fees from the construction of the Arrowhead-Weston Transmission Line; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County has established through the Strategic Plan that Objective 6.3 to: *Protect and enhance the quantity and quality of potable groundwater and potable surface water supplies*; and Outcome Measure 1: *By December 31, 2022, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors will adopt a groundwater protection plan that provides stated outcome measures of groundwater quality and quantity*, remains a priority of the County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Groundwater Plan has not been updated since 2001 and Marathon County Conservation, Planning, & Zoning staff, assigned to updating the plan, have developed a scope for data collection, public engagement, and plan development to complete this update; and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2023, the Environmental Resources Committee reviewed and approved the use of environmental impact fees for an updated groundwater protection plan, finding this project to be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Environmental Impact Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDAINED that the Board of Supervisors for the County of Marathon does hereby approve the use of Environmental Impact Funds for up to \$275,000 for use in updating the Marathon County Groundwater Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all appropriate officers and administration of Marathon County are hereby authorized and directed to implement the terms and conditions of this resolution.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of January 2023.

Environmental Resources Committee and Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee

#R-5-23 – Approval of 2023 Administration Work Plan - WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board Rules call for the formal adoption of a work plan of the County Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the work plan clarifies priorities of work for the year; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Executive Committee has received a series of updates on the progress relative to the 2022 Work Plan to better determine work priorities for the County Administrator for 2023; and

WHEREAS, at their January meeting, the Executive Committee approved the work plan as attached and moved to recommend the plan for adoption by the County Board of Supervisors.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors hereby approves and adopts the attached County Administration 2023 Plan of Work and requests that the Administrator work to further determine timelines for completion based on the Board's action today.

Dated this 24th day of January, 2023.

Executive Committee

#R-6-23 – Approving the Amended Siting Agreement Between Marathon County and the Town of Ringle for Bluebird Ridge Recycling and Disposal Facility Phases 6-8 - WHEREAS,

Marathon County is authorized to establish a solid waste management system pursuant to §59.70(2), Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County has, pursuant to said authorization, established a solid waste management board pursuant to §2.05(9) of the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County (Gen Code Ord.); and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Management Board issued legally required notifications to affected municipalities, pursuant §289.22, Wis. Stats., of their intention to expand, construct and operate a municipal solid waste landfill, Bluebird Ridge Recycling and Disposal Facility, in the Town of Ringle; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §289.33, Wis. Stats., the Town of Ringle adopted a siting resolution and registered their status as an affected municipality and formed a local committee to negotiate terms of amended siting agreement for the operations of Bluebird Ridge Recycling and Disposal Facility Phases 6-8; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County and the Town of Ringle settled upon mediated terms for the various facets of the amended siting agreement and Marathon County wishes to begin conducting operations at Bluebird Ridge Recycling and Disposal Facility Phase 6-8 and cannot do so without formal approval of the amended siting agreement by the county board of supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ringle board of supervisors will independently approve the amended siting agreement and mediated terms; and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Management Board has reviewed and approved the amended siting agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Resource Committee has also reviewed and approved the amended siting agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDAINED that the Board of Supervisors for the County of Marathon does hereby approve the attached Amended Siting Agreement Between Marathon County and the Town of Ringle for Bluebird Ridge Recycling and Disposal Facility Phases 6-8.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all appropriate officers and administration of Marathon County are hereby authorized and directed to implement the terms and conditions of this resolution.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of January 2023
Solid Waste Management Board and Environmental Resources Committee

Minutes prepared by Kim Trueblood, County Clerk