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COUNTY CLERK  
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.*

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

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THE ORGANIZATIONAL 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, April 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following matters:

**A. OPENING OF SESSION:**

1. Meeting called to order by Clerk Trueblood 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. Oath of Office to the Marathon County Board of Supervisors by County Clerk Trueblood
4. Reading of Notice
5. Request for silencing cell phones and other electronic devices
6. Roll Call – On roll call, 36 Supervisors were present as shown:

Aarrestad	17	Lemmer	2
Bootz	12	Marshall	20
Conway	16	Maszk	26
Covelli	33	Morache	6
DeBroux	11	Opall	37
Dickinson	29	Poole	37
Drabek	31	Radtke	10
Fifrick	15	Reynolds	30 (Excused)
Foote	9	Ritter	13
Gibbs	32	Robinson	4
Gisselman	5 (7:20)	Rosenberg	21
Hagen	28	Schoenborn	18
Hart	3	Seefeldt	14
Hartinger	22	Seubert	27
Hoppa	7	Sondelski	25
Jacobson	24	Ungerer	8
Jensen	38	Voll	23
Kroll	1	Wilhelm	34
Langenhahn	35	Xiong	19

7. Acknowledgment of visitors

B. ELECTIONS:

8. County Board Chair – Motion by Maszk, Second by Xiong to nominate Kurt Gibbs as board chair. Hearing no other nominations, Motion by, Second by to cast a unanimous ballot for Kurt Gibbs. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
9. County Board Vice-Chair –  
Motion by Aarrestad, Second by Ritter to nominate Chris Dickinson as Vice Chair.  
Motion by Drabek, Second by Maszk to nominate John Robinson as Vice Chair.  
Hearing no other nominations, Motion by Opall, Second by Voll to close nominations.  
Both Chris Dickinson and John Robinson addressed the board.  
After secret ballots were counted, Chris Dickinson received 19 votes and John Robinson received 16 votes. Chris Dickinson is elected as the vice chair.

C. ORDINANCE (**Action will be taken on Tuesday, April 16, 2024**):

10. Educational Presentation on County Board Rules – Rules Review Committee –  
Corporation Counsel Mike Puerner talked through the updates to the rules for this upcoming term.
11. Chapter 2 of the General Code of Marathon County, County Board Rules of Procedure to Include Chairperson Guidelines & Expectations as Referenced in County Board Rules #O-11-24  
Discussion: As noted above, Corp Counsel Mike Puerner talked through the changes and additions per the Rules Review Committee.  
Action: Motion by Robinson, Second by Hart to adopt the rules.  
Action: Motion by Sondelski, Second by Hartinger to amend the rules to state that packets and agendas are closed after 4:30 on the Friday prior to the meeting. Motion failed 7 to 29 on a roll call vote as follows:  
Yes: Covelli, DeBroux, Hartinger, Hoppa, Jensen, Schoenborn, Sondelski - 7  
No: Aarrestad, Bootz, Dickinson, Drabek, Fifrick, Foote, Gibbs, Gisselman, Hagen, Hart, Jacobson, Kroll, Langenhahn, Lemmer, Marshall, Maszk, Morache, Opall, Poole, Radtke, Ritter, Robinson, Rosenberg, Seefeldt, Seubert, Ungerer, Voll, Wilhelm, Xiong - 29  
Action: Motion by Sondelski, Second by Hartinger to amend the amendment to require clerk notification of any changes by Wednesday the week prior to the meeting. Motion failed 1-35 on a roll call vote with Schoenborn voting yes.  
Action: Motion by Sondelski, Second by Hartinger to amend the amendment to require the clerk to provide notification to the board when the packet or agenda changes. Motion failed 1-35 on a roll call vote with Schoenborn voting yes.  
Action: Motion by Bootz, Second by Fifrick to call the question and end debate. Motion carried 28-8 on a roll call vote as follows:  
Yes: Aarrestad, Bootz, DeBroux, Dickinson, Drabek, Fifrick, Foote, Gibbs, Hagen, Hart, Hartinger, Hoppa, Jacobson, Kroll, Langenhahn, Lemmer, Marshall, Maszk, Radtke, Ritter, Rosenberg, Seefeldt, Seubert, Sondelski, Ungerer, Voll, Wilhelm, Xiong - 28  
No: Covelli, Gisselman, Jensen, Morache, Opall, Poole, Robinson, Schoenborn – 8  
Action: Motion by Aarrestad, Second by Hartinger to amend Rules 6 and 13 to allow standing committees to select their chairs and vice chairs. Motion failed 11-25 on a roll call vote as follows:  
Yes: Aarrestad, Covelli, Foote, Hartinger, Hoppa, Jensen, Marshall, Morache, Poole, Sondelski, Ungerer - 11  
No: Bootz, DeBroux, Dickinson, Drabek, Fifrick, Gibbs, Gisselman, Hagen, Hart, Jacobson, Kroll, Langenhahn, Lemmer, Maszk, Opall, Radtke, Ritter, Robinson, Rosenberg, Schoenborn, Seefeldt, Seubert, Voll, Wilhelm, Xiong – 25

**Action:** Motion by Seubert, Second by Ritter to change the County Board meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Motion carried 23-12 with 1 abstention on a roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Bootz, Covelli, DeBroux, Dickinson, Drabek, Foote, Gisselman, Hagen, Hartinger, Jacobson, Kroll, Langenhahn, Lemmer, Marshall, Morache, Opall, Ritter, Robinson, Seubert, Sondelski, Ungerer, Wilhelm, Xiong - 23

No: Aarrestad, Fifrick, Gibbs, Hart, Hoppa, Jensen, Maszk, Poole, Radtke, Schoenborn, Seefeldt, Voll - 12

Abstain: Rosenberg

**Action:** Final vote to adopt the rules as amended carried 35-1 on a roll call vote with Sondelski voting no.

**Follow Through:** Rules are adopted. Meeting time changed to 6:00 p.m.

#### D. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

12. Board Education on Process for Submitting Requests Mileage and Expense Reimbursements through Workday – Administrator Leonhard gave a brief overview stating that going forward, all mileage reimbursement requests will be done through Workday. Further training will be provided as we near the end of the second quarter.
13. Board Education on Process for Submitting Committee Assignment Requests – Chair Gibbs stated that a survey would be sent to all board members with information on all the committees, commissions and task forces along with an opportunity to rank preferences. Please return to Chair Gibbs by Thursday evening.

#### E. INFORMATIONAL DISCUSSION (Regarding Agenda Items for Tuesday, April 23, 2024):

##### 14. Ordinances:

- a) Town of Marathon Rezone – Tim Vreeland for Diane Leist #O-12-24  
**Discussion:** None.  
**Action:** None.  
**Follow Through:** Will be placed on Tuesday’s agenda for action.

- b) Town of Plover Rezone – Sean Janssen #O-13-24  
**Discussion:** None.  
**Action:** None.  
**Follow Through:** Will be placed on Tuesday’s agenda for action.

##### 15. Resolutions:

- a) Environmental Resources Committee:
  1. Approval of Town of Weston Local Zoning Ordinance Amendment #R-17-24  
**Discussion:** None.  
**Action:** None.  
**Follow Through:** Will be placed on Tuesday’s agenda for action.
- b) Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee:
  1. Consideration of Whether to Allocate an Additional \$20,000 of Opioid Litigation Settlement Funds for Purposes of Completing the Gap Analysis of the Continuum of Care for Treatment and Recovery in Marathon County as Called for in Resolution #R-1-24 #R-18-24  
**Discussion:** Questions were asked and answered.  
**Action:** None.  
**Follow Through:** Will be placed on Tuesday’s agenda for action.

- c) Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee and Public Safety Committee:
1. Resolution Directing Staff to Proceed with an Offer to Purchase for the Regional Forensic Science Center Property #R-19-24  
Discussion: Presentation from Administrator on the background.  
Action: None.  
Follow Through: Will be placed on Tuesday's agenda for action.
  2. Resolution to Create 1.0 FTE Forensic Pathologist Position #R-20-24  
Discussion: None.  
Action: None.  
Follow Through: Will be placed on Tuesday's agenda for action.

F. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

16. Announcements and/or requests

- The courthouse will not open at 5:30 p.m., 30 minutes prior to meetings.
- A group photo will be taken on April 23 at 5:45 p.m., so please arrive in time for that.
- Please check your mailboxes.
- Please check your email and return the committee preference survey.
- Hands Around the Courthouse will be Thursday, April 18, from 3-4 p.m.

17. Move to adjourn – Motion by Covelli, Second by Langenhahn to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Kim Trueblood, County Clerk

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