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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 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – AGENDA with MINUTES

THE ADJOURNED 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, May 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. to consider the following matters:

A. OPENING OF SESSION:

1. Meeting called to order by County Board Chair at 6:00 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 cell phones and other electronic devices
5. Roll Call – on roll call, 32 supervisors were present as shown:

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

(W) indicates attendance by WebEx

6. Acknowledgment of visitors

B. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS –

7. Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department Functions and Relationships – Jamie Polley
8. Standing Committee Chairs or Designees

C. MEMORIAL – Todd Van Ryn

Discussion: None

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

Follow Through: None

D. CONSENT AGENDA:

9. Approval of minutes from the April 16 & 23, 2024 meetings
10. Referral of bills and communications to respective committees
11. Authorizing the Clerk to issue orders, bills, and claims from the last session through this session.
12. Appointments:
 - a) Environmental Resources Committee – Marilyn Bhend and Tom Mueller
 - b) Solid Waste Management Board – Marilyn Bhend
 - c) NACO Reps – Kurt Gibbs and Matt Bootz
 - d) WCA Rep – Kurt Gibbs
 - e) WCA CAP Team Member – John Robinson
13. Ordinances:
 - a) Environmental Resources Committee:
 1. Town of Easton Rezone – Rob Anderson and Matt Bayer #O-14-24
 2. Town of McMillan Rezone – Tim Vreeland for John & Doug Seehafer #O-15-24
 3. Town of McMillan Rezone – Tim Vreeland for Doug Seehafer #O-16-24

Discussion: None

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

Follow Through: None

RESOLUTIONS

E. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE and HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, & PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

14. Resolution to Accept \$3,000.00 Grant Funds from United Way #R-21-24

Discussion: None

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

Follow Through: None

15. Resolution to Accept \$20,000.00 Grant Funds for Family Keys Program #R-22-24

Discussion: None

Action: Motion by- Aarrestad, Second by Ritter to approve the resolution. Motion carried 30-2 on a roll call vote with Dickinson and Sondelski voting No.

Follow Through: None

F. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE and HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

16. Resolution to Accept Dive Team Equipment Grant Through the Aligned Law Enforcement Response Team Program #R-23-24

Discussion: None

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

Follow Through: None

G. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

17. Announcements and/or requests
 - Corporation Counsel Mike Puerner gave a reminder regarding the need to get prior authorization to attend voting meetings virtually.
18. Move to adjourn – Motion by Langenhahn, Second by Voll to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

MEMORIAL – TODD VAN RYN

Todd Van Ryn passed away on April 17, 2024 at the age of 63.

Todd was born on July 18, 1960, in Grand Rapids, Michigan to William and Fayette Van Ryn. He graduated from high school in Jupiter, Florida in 1978 and then went on to obtain his bachelor's degree in accounting from Northern Illinois University and his Master's Degree from Concordia University of Wisconsin.

On May 15, 1982, he married Sherry Knautz and together they raised their 5 children in many locations throughout the US and Puerto Rico. Todd's faith played a major role in his life and he tried to live his life in a way that pointed others to Christ.

Todd started his career at Bestfoods and worked there for 17 years, holding various management positions at plants around the country. In March of 2000, he and his wife opened the first of several 5 Loaves & 2 Fish Christian Bookstores in Wausau, WI. Through the bookstore ministry, Todd sought to equip people and churches with resources and tools that would strengthen their faith.

Todd served his community in many ways. He served as a pastor, teacher, and chaplain in the Central Wisconsin area, most recently at Goodrich Community Church. He was also an integral part of the Bridge Street Mission. He loved speaking the Spanish language and worked closely with a number of Spanish ministries and pastored several Spanish speaking churches.

Todd was appointed to the Marathon County Board of Supervisors representing District 11 in 2017 and served for the remainder of that term. During his appointment, he served on the Health & Human Services Committee.

In the passing of Todd Van Ryn, we have lost a faithful leader who was dedicated to serving his community in numerous ways. He is hereby honored and remembered for his faithful public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors that they enter this Memorial into the proceedings of the Board out of respect for the memory of Todd Van Ryn. A copy of this memorial shall be sent to his family with the sympathies of the Board.

Dated this 21st day of May, 2024

APPOINTMENTS

Environmental Resources Committee – Marilyn Bhend and Tom Mueller

I, Kurt Gibbs, Chairperson of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors, do hereby, upon confirmation of the Board, appoint the following as the citizen representatives to the Environmental Resources Committee, replacing Eric Vogel, for a two-year term to expire at the April 2026 Organizational Meeting:

Marilyn Bhend – Towns Association Representative

Tom Mueller – Agriculture Representative

Dated this 21st day of May, 2024

Solid Waste Management Board – Marilyn Bhend

I, Lance Leonhard, Marathon County Administrator, do hereby upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, appoint and the following individuals to the Solid Waste Management Board for a three-year term to expire April 30, 2027, replacing Brad Lenz:

Marilyn Bhend (citizen member), 113445 County Road A, Athens

Mileage/expense reimbursement will be paid to all members of the Board. Per diem will be paid to citizen members.

Dated this 21st day of May, 2024.

NACO Representatives – Kurt Gibbs and Matt Bootz

I, Kurt Gibbs, Chairperson of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors, do hereby, upon approval of the Board, appoint the following to serve as National Association of Counties (NACo) Representatives for the 2024-2026 term: Kurt Gibbs and Matt Bootz.

Dated this 21st day of May, 2024.

WCA Representative – Kurt Gibbs

I, Kurt Gibbs, Chairperson of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors, do hereby, upon approval of the Board, appoint the following to serve as Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Representatives for the 2024-2026 term: Kurt Gibbs

Dated this 21st day of May, 2024.

WCA CAP Team Representative – John Robinson

I, Kurt Gibbs, Chairperson of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors, do hereby, upon approval of the Board, appoint the following to serve as Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Representative – CAP Team for the 2024-2026 term: John Robinson.

Dated this 21st day of May, 2024.

ORDINANCES

#O-14-24 – Town of Easton Rezone, Rob Anderson and Matt Bayer

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 The petition of Rob Anderson and Matt Bayer to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential described as all of Lot 1 of CSM #18047 and part of the Northeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 33, Township 29 North, Range 9 East, Town of Easton. The area being rezoned to R-R Rural Residential is described as Lot 1 of the preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel #018-2909-331-0973 and 018-2909-331-0974.

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 April 30, 2024 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 Easton 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 30th day of April, 2024

Environmental Resources Committee

#O-15-24 – Town of McMillan Rezone – Tim Vreeland for John Seehafer and Doug Seehafer

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 John Seehafer

and Doug Seehafer to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from F-P Farmland Preservation and R-R Rural Residential to G-A General Agriculture located in part of the Southwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 27 and the Northwest ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 34, Township 26 North, Range 3 East, Town of McMillan. Area to be rezoned to G-A General Agriculture is described as Lot 2 of the preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel #056-2603-341-0996 and 056-2603-274-0990.

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 April 30, 2024 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 McMillan 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 30th day of April, 2024

Environmental Resources Committee

#O-16-24 – Town of McMillan Rezone – Tim Vreeland for Doug Seehafer

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 Doug Seehafer to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from F-P Farmland Preservation to G-A General Agriculture described as all of Outlots 1 & 2 of CSM #16772, located in the Southeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 27, Township 26 North, Range 3 East, Town of McMillan. Area to be rezoned to G-A General Agriculture is described as Lot 1 of the preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel #056-2603-273-0979 and 056-2603-273-0978.

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 April 30, 2024 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 McMillan 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 30th day of April, 2024

Environmental Resources Committee

RESOLUTIONS

#R-21-24 – Resolution to Accept \$3,000.00 Grant Funds from United Way

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, Marathon County is the proposed recipient of a \$3,000.00 grant from the United Way for the purpose of providing rental assistance to 4-6 individuals receiving case management services from Marathon County Child Support Agency through its ELEVATE or Children First programs; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2024, the Health and Human Services Committee recommended that the \$3,000.00 in grant funds be accepted and that the County Board of Supervisors approve a budget transfer to permit the grant funds to be expended as a part of the Marathon County Child Support programs; and WHEREAS, on May 8, 2024, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee accepted the \$3,000.00 grant funds and recommended that the County Board of Supervisors approve a budget transfer to permit the grant funds to be expended as a part of the Marathon County Child Support programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the budget transfers as listed below:

Transfer from: 291 Grants Fund GR-00xxxx Emergency Food and Shelter Program Grant, Child Support CC_54515 Federal Grant Revenue RC_43250 Revenues

Transfer to: 291 Grants Fund GR-00xxxx Emergency Food and Shelter Program Grant, Child Support CC_54515 other leases/rentsSC_55390

Amount: \$3,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Class 1 Notice of this Transaction be published within ten (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.

Fiscal Impact: this Resolution would transfer \$3,000.00 in grant funds to be utilized as a part of the Marathon County Child Support programs.

May 21, 2024

Health and Human Services Committee & Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee

#R-22-24 – Resolution to Accept \$20,000.00 Grant Funds for Family Keys Program

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 Marathon County Board of Supervisors previously approved funding for a program, called Family Keys, which supports child welfare families for whom housing insecurity is a barrier to reunification between parents and children; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County is the proposed recipient of a \$20,000.00 grant from the Greenheck Foundation for the Family Keys program to provide additional investment in up-front costs to support more children and families in their own homes and to build up and strengthen relationships with community-based services; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2024, the Health and Human Services Committee recommended that the \$20,000.00 grant funds be accepted and that the County Board of Supervisors approve a budget transfer to permit the grant funds to be expended as a part of the Family Keys program; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2024, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee accepted the \$20,000.00 grant funds and recommended that the County Board of Supervisors approve a budget transfer to permit the grant funds to be expended as a part of the Family Keys program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the budget transfers as listed below:

Transfer from: 291 Grants Fund GR-00xxxx Family Keys Grant, Child Welfare CC_54509 CNT-0049 Donations from Private Organizations RC_48500 Other Misc Revenue CNT_0049 Child Protective Services

Transfer to: 291 Grants Fund GR-00xxxx Family Keys Grant, Child Welfare CC_54509 Cost Center SC_55390 Other Rents/leases CNT_0049 Child Protective Services

Amount: \$20,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Class 1 Notice of this Transaction be published within ten (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.

May 21, 2024

Health and Human Services Committee & Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee

#R-23-24 – Resolution to Accept Dive Team Equipment Grant Through the Aligned Law Enforcement Response Team Program

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Emergency Management, Aligned Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT) offers grant funds, which are issued to Wisconsin counties or municipalities that participate in Regional Response Teams. The grant provides law enforcement agencies with specialty equipment; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County is an eligible applicant for Aligned Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT) Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Sheriff's Office has identified the purchase of a Maritime Remote Operated Vehicle to overcome the limitations of its current underwater dive/recovery efforts. The purchase of the Remote Operated Vehicle would better serve the Sheriff's Office Dive Team in underwater search and recovery efforts in Marathon County and throughout the ALERT region; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the Sheriff's Office Dive Team has had multiple calls for service in areas where current equipment nor divers can safely operate. These operations include the search for drowning victims, evidence, and vehicle recoveries. The purchase of a Maritime Remote Operated Vehicle would allow the Dive Team personnel to respond to service calls such as these; and

WHEREAS, when unable to respond to a service call in these cases due to the lack of equipment, the Sheriff's Office has had to either delay response / recovery efforts or rely on additional outside resources, often times not arriving on scene in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has received approval from Wisconsin Emergency Management, Aligned Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT) for the purchase of a Maritime Remote Operated Vehicle boat under this ALERT grant; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County would be awarded the full purchase amount required, having no financial impact to the Sheriff's Office or the Marathon County Budget.

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office, its Dive Team, and citizens and visitors of Marathon County would greatly benefit from the provision of a Maritime Remote Operated Vehicle that provides a greater ability to respond to incidents regardless of location or water conditions; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors approves the receipt and use of \$108,450.00 in grant funds to procure a Maritime Remote Operated Vehicle for use by the Marathon County Sheriff's Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board authorizes the amendment of the 2024 budget to reflect the encumbrance and expenditure of the funds identified herein.

FISCAL NOTE: This resolution authorizes the acceptance of the ROV equipment with a value \$108,450.00 via the ALERT Grant via Wisconsin Emergency Management to the Marathon County Sheriff's Office. No additional County levy is required to obtain the equipment.

LEGAL NOTE: The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2024 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to § 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

May 21, 2024

Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee & Public Safety Committee

Minutes prepared by Kim Trueblood, County Clerk