



OFFICE OF KIM TRUEBLOOD
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.

An educational meeting of the MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS will be held at the Marathon County Courthouse, Assembly Room, 500 Forest St, in the City of Wausau, at 6:00pm on Thursday, July 18, 2024.

Persons wishing to attend the meeting by phone may call into the telephone conference beginning ten minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number:

1-408-418-9388 Access Code: 146 235 4571

The meeting will also be broadcast on Public Access or at https://tinyurl.com/MarathonCountyBoard

AMENDED AGENDA

- 1. Meeting Called to order at 6:00pm by Chairperson Gibbs, 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 to Silence Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices
5. Roll Call
6. Acknowledgement of Visitors
7. 15 Minutes Public Comment (Any person who wishes to address the County Board during the "Public Comment" portion of County Board meetings may only provide comment pertaining to an item on the agenda. Any person who wishes to address any subordinate body of the County Board during the "Public Comment" portion of the meeting of said body may only provide comment that is germane to a topic within the jurisdiction of the body)
8. Educational Presentations/Reports
a) Standing Committee Chairs or Designees
b) Motion to Reconsider - Text Amendment Changes to Code of Ordinances Chapter 17 - Tyler Seehafer (recommended for denial by ERC)
9. Review and discussion of Tuesday meeting agenda items:
a) Appointment:
1. Marathon County Local Emergency Planning Commission - Brian Kowalski
b) Ordinances:
1. Town of Ringle Rezone #O-23-24
c) Resolutions:
1. Environmental Resources Committee:
a) Town of Knowlton Rezone - Tim Vreeland for Kieth Ziemba #R-30-24

SIGNED: Chair Kurt Gibbs
Presiding Officer or Designee

EMAILED TO: Wausau Daily Herald, City Pages, and other Media Groups
EMAILED BY:
DATE & TIME:

NOTICE POSTED AT COURTHOUSE
BY:
DATE & TIME:

2. Extension, Education, and Economic Development Committee and Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee:
 - a) Approval of Budget Amendment to Allocate up to \$50,000.00 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for Participation in the 2024 Uniquely Wisconsin Program #R-31-24
3. Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee:
 - a) Approval of 2025 Annual Budget Revenue and Expense Assumptions #R-32-24
 - b) Reauthorization of Self-Insurance for Worker's Compensation #R-33-24
10. Announcements and/or Requests
11. Adjourn

Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 261-1500 or e-mail countyclerk@co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting.

ORDINANCE #O - ____-24
Text Amendment Updates to Chapter 17

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 Tyler Seehafer, for text amendment changes to the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapters 17 Zoning Code regarding Farm Consolidations. The text amendments may be viewed online at <https://www.marathoncounty.gov/services/zoning> or at the Marathon County Conservation Planning and Zoning Office, 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI 54403. Copies may be obtained by contacting the CPZ Department at 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI 54403, or by calling (715) 261-6000.

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 June 4, 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 the recommendations, hereby recommends the petition be DENIED 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 4th day of June, 2024

Environmental Resources Committee

Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____ [] Voice Vote

Approved and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024

Denied this _____ day of _____, 2024

Approved as to Form:

SEAL

Michael Puerner, Corporation Counsel

Attest:

Kristi Palmer, Finance Director
Approved as to Financial Impact (if necessary)

Kim Trueblood, Marathon County Clerk

APPOINTMENT
Local Emergency Planning Committee

I, Lance Leonhard, Marathon County Administrator, do hereby upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, re-appoint the following to the Local Emergency Planning Committee as the media representative for a two-year term to expire at the 2026 Organizational Meeting:

Brian Kowalski, Wausau

DATED: July 23, 2024

Lance Leonhard
Marathon County Administrator

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
)SS.
COUNTY OF MARATHON)

I, Kim Trueblood, County Clerk in and for Marathon County, Wisconsin, hereby certify that the above appointment was confirmed by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors at their Adjourned Organizational meeting which was held July 23, 2024.

S E A L

Kim Trueblood
Marathon County Clerk

Marathon County
Administration

Memo

To: Marathon County Board of Supervisors
From: Lance Leonhard
Date: July 12, 2024
Re: Appointment of Brian Kowalski to Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

This brief memo is offered in support of my appointment of Brian Kowalski to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Mr. Kowalski, a Marathon County resident, has 20 years of experience as a journalist with a focus on local government and county operations.

Per Marathon County Ordinance section 6.01(3), the LEPC must include at least one representative from broadcast and print media. I believe that Mr. Kowalski current employment satisfies the profession requirement provided within the county's ordinance. Moreover, I believe that Mr. Kowalski's background and experience make him a good candidate for this position, as he has considerable experience and knowledge relative to local government and our community.

Given that Mr. Kowalski meets the expressed requirements of section 6.01(3) of the Marathon County ordinances and that he has a considerable knowledge of local government and the community based on his professional work and his longstanding residency, I believe he would be an asset to the LEPC.

Thank you for considering his appointment.



Lance Leonhard
County Administrator



Marathon County Citizen Participation Form

Thank you for your interest in becoming involved with Marathon County Boards, Committees or Commissions. Placement based, in part, on your responses to the following questions; please provide us with some information to use when considering your appointment by completing the questions below. You are welcome to attach additional information such as your resume or vitae that may further support your appointment. For additional information, visit Marathon County's Web Site at <https://www.marathoncounty.gov/>. This form will remain on file for three years. A list of existing Boards, Commissions and Committees (including general information) can also be found on our website. Please consider becoming a part of this important Community Resource Group.

Contact Information

Date

6/20/2024

First Name *

Brian

Last Name *

Kowalaki

Address: *

2424 Mount View Blvd

City: *

Wausau

Zip Code: *

54403

Phone *

(715)573-2595

Email *

brian.kowalski@mmclocal.com

Years as a Marathon County Resident *

WI

Occupation/Employer, if applicable

I am the editor of City Pages and the founder of The Wausonian news publication on Substack.

Business Information

Business Name

Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Choose Boards/Commissions and/or Committee *

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Review Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Highway Safety Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADRC-CW Board | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Emergency Planning Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Adjustment | <input type="checkbox"/> Marathon County Land Information Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Marathon County Park Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Task Force | <input type="checkbox"/> Marathon County Public Library Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Wisconsin Airport Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Metallic Mining Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central WI Economic Development Board (CWED) | <input type="checkbox"/> North Central Community Services Program Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Service Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Rib Mountain Metro Sewerage District |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Action Program Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Services Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Forest Citizens' Advisory Sub-Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste Management Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice Coordinating Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Coordinating Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Resources Committee (ERC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Service Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WI Valley Library Service Board of Trustees | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/> |

For a thorough understanding of the objectives, membership, term, and duties of these groups, kindly refer to the Marathon County Ordinances, [Chapter 2, Section 2.05 and 2.06.](#)

Why are you interested in serving on these particular Committees? *

I was invited by Supervisor Stacey Morache to apply for the media role on the Local Emergency Planning Committee. I welcome the opportunity as it's rare there is a chance for a local media person to ethically serve on a committee. I think I can bring a lot to the table based on my experience which I have outlined below.

What qualifications can you bring to these Committees? *

I have worked as a journalist for 20 years and have specifically covered local government including county government, as well as worked as a full-time crime reporter. Those experiences helped me understand the workings of local government, how counties operate and what they're statutorily required to perform, how budgets work, how policing agencies operate and some of the challenges involved in all of that.

On what other Committee(s) are you currently serving, if any?

None at the present, though I have served on the Medical College of Wisconsin's board evaluating student proposals.

Other Community Involvement

I have volunteered with The Joseph Project as a community member volunteer.

References(Please Include 3)

First Name *

Chad

Last Name *

Billib

Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Phone *

(715)261-1200

Relationship to You *

Sheriff/source

First Name *

Kate

Last Name *

Kipp

Address:

1431 Silver Circle Kronenwetter

City:

Kronenwetter

Zip Code:

54455

Phone *

(715)571-4616

Relationship to You *

Former source, former
county official

First Name *

Dan

Last Name *

Kontos

Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Phone *

(715)498-6762

Relationship to You *

Source, former Po Co Chief
Deputy

Additional Information

You are welcome to attach additional information such as your resume or vitae that may further support your appointment.

Attachment(s)

250 MB maximum file size

Signature *



Please sign here:

Contact

dr.applezoid@gmail.com

www.linkedin.com/in/b-c-kowalski-89639347 (LinkedIn)

Top Skills

Web Design

Writing

Page design

Languages

Japanese (Limited Working)

Spanish (Elementary)

Certifications

Google Analytics for beginners

B.C. Kowalski

Editor In Chief at The City Pages

Marathon County, Wisconsin, United States

Summary

I'm B.C. Kowalski, editor for the City Pages and founder of The Wausonian. I have worked for both daily and weekly newspapers, have written everything from short briefs to long, well-researched and sourced features, all with a mind toward relevance to the community. I have covered business, crime, local government and state issues. I currently direct the news coverage at City Pages, deciding what gets covered and how. I excel at developing sources and pride myself on building trust with them.

Parallel to my time as a news writer, I have built my reputation as a photographer. My work has been featured in the San Francisco Chronicle, the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel and many other publications. I've also shot photos for businesses to help promote their products.

I can also code data visualizations in Python, understand the mechanics and strategy of YouTube and video content, and consider myself an amateur data nerd.

I've also managed a store and worked in sales, developing valuable people skills and learning to work with a variety of personality types.

Experience

The Wausonian

Founder

October 2020 - Present (3 years 9 months)

Wausau

In October 2020 I founded The Wausonian, a substack-based news publication covering the Wausau area with depth, fairness and no political bias. The Wausonian is designed to meet readers where they are, delivered in a modern media format, and be easy to read.

The City Pages

9 years 8 months

Editor In Chief

July 2020 - Present (4 years)

Wausau-Stevens Point Area

News reporter and photographer

November 2014 - July 2020 (5 years 9 months)

Wausau, Wisconsin Area

I write, edit and take photos for our weekly publication, as well as direct the coverage with minimal input from my superior. That includes managing the Buzz column, our popular business column in the back of City Pages. I also write 1,800 words per week for our news page and a longer 2,000+ word feature for our cover story. I work almost completely unsupervised — my boss trusts me to get the job done and get it done right.

The Keep it Wausome! podcast

Founder

December 2018 - Present (5 years 7 months)

Wausau, Wisconsin, United States

The Keep it Wausome! podcast is a locally based cast focusing on interesting people in the Wausau area and beyond.

Gannett

9 years 5 months

City, Local Government and Crime Reporter

June 2010 - November 2014 (4 years 6 months)

Stevens Point

- Successfully covered four dynamic beats, including city, county, municipal governments and crime.
- Repeatedly scooped radio, TV and other newspapers on big stories, including the city of Stevens Point's redevelopment plans for the downtown mall.
- Received Wisconsin Newspaper Association first place award for beat writing, for coverage of the ongoing mall saga.
- Received Gannett Award for Excellence for expose on public official hiding evidence that a major project was built incorrectly.

Sports assistant

July 2005 - May 2010 (4 years 11 months)

J Geeks

Founder/Editor

March 2009 - June 2012 (3 years 4 months)

I founded, designed, edit and wrote all content for www.jgeeks.com, obtaining hundreds of hits per day. The site's domain was eventually sold.

City Pages

Arts and Entertainment Editor

January 2008 - August 2009 (1 year 8 months)

Wausau Daily Herald

Sports Writer

June 2005 - January 2008 (2 years 8 months)

Wausau, Wisconsin, United States

I worked the sports desk at the Wausau Daily Herald, covering sports for a three-county region. On this job, typing hundreds of names per night, I learned the importance of accuracy and organization.

Education

freeCodeCamp

Full Stack Web Development, Computer Software Engineering · (2017 - 2018)

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Bachelors, English · (2006 - 2010)

University of Wisconsin-Marathon County

Associate's degree, General · (2004 - 2006)

D.C. Everest High School

High School Diploma, General · (1994 - 1997)

From: [Toshia Ranallo](#)
To: [Toshia Ranallo](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: LEPC Application Received
Date: Friday, June 21, 2024 5:04:12 PM

From: Brian (B.C.) Kowalski <brian.kowalski@mmclocal.com>
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 2:22 PM
To: Lance Leonhard <Lance.Leonhard@co.marathon.wi.us>
Cc: Toshia Ranallo <Toshia.Ranallo@co.marathon.wi.us>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: LEPC Application Received

In addition, Yao Yang has agreed to be a reference for me. Here is his email: yauoyang@hotmail.com

Thank you,

Brian

Brian (B.C.) Kowalski
Editor, Reporter, Photographer
City Pages
Multi_Media Channels Corp.

ORDINANCE #O-23-24

Town of Ringle 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 Marathon County to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to zone lands to H-I Heavy Industrial, described as Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map number 10013, Recorded in Volume 41 on Page 36, as document number 1122630, filed in the Marathon County Register of Deeds Office; Located in the Southwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 23, Township 28 North, Range 9 East, Town of Ringle, Parcel Identification Number 072-2809-233-0994.

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 July 2, 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, 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 2nd day of July, 2024

Environmental Resources Committee

Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____ []Voice Vote

Approved and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024

Denied this _____ day of _____, 2024

Approved as to Form:

SEAL

Michael Puerner, Corporation Counsel

Attest:

Kristi Palmer, Finance Director
Approved as to Financial Impact (if necessary)

Kim Trueblood, Marathon County Clerk

ORDINANCE #O-30-24
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 behalf of Kieth Ziemba to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from L-D-R Low Density Residential to R-R Rural Estate and G-A General Agriculture shown on CSM 2076, CSM 2139, and part of the Northeast ¼ of the Fractional Northeast ¼ of Section 5, Township 26 North, Range 7 East, Town of Knowlton. The area proposed to be rezoned to R-R Rural Residential is described as Lot 1 and the area proposed to be rezoned to G-A General Agriculture is described as Lot 2 of the preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel #048-2607-051-0998, 048-2607-051-0998, and 048-2607-051-0992.

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 July 2, 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 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 2nd day of July, 2024

Environmental Resources Committee

Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____ [] Voice Vote

Approved and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024

Denied this _____ day of _____, 2024

Approved as to Form:

SEAL

Michael Puerner, Corporation Counsel

Attest:

Kristi Palmer, Finance Director
Approved as to Financial Impact (if necessary)

Kim Trueblood, Marathon County Clerk

RESOLUTION #R-31-24
Authorizing Participation in the Uniquely Wisconsin Tourism Campaign and
Amending the 2024 Budget

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, tourism was an area that was adversely affected as fewer people traveled; and

WHEREAS, as a result the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) has initiated a “Uniquely Wisconsin” tourism campaign in partnership with Discover Wisconsin to highlight interesting facts about Wisconsin to begin to attract tourists back to Wisconsin counties; and

WHEREAS, in addition to potential full-length Discover Wisconsin episodes, the campaign included social media, television network commercials, podcasts, WCA publications, and more; and

WHEREAS, interested counties were asked to participate with an investment of \$60,000 each, in anticipation that up to 20 counties would choose to participate, creating a \$1.2 million campaign; and

WHEREAS, prior to the pandemic, in 2019, Marathon County had tourism expenditures of \$258.1 million and Marathon County has historically ranked near the top 10 in total tourism expenditures for counties statewide; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) includes aid to the tourism industry as an allowable use of funds; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County’s participation in the campaign in 2022-23 was successful, resulting in the creation of considerable content highlighting Marathon County as a tourism destination and resulting in one of the Marathon County episodes being awarded a Midwest Regional Emmy award; and

WHEREAS, participating in the 2024-25 campaign would allow Marathon County to promote tourism at a lower cost than engaging with Discover Wisconsin in its own campaign, particularly given that Visit Wausau, the local Convention & Visitor’s Bureau, has again expressed a willingness to contribute \$10,000 to this campaign, while partnering with other counties to maximize exposure and leverage a unique marketing opportunity while also supporting the overall growth of tourism spending within the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors authorizes participation in the Uniquely Wisconsin tourism campaign at a commitment of no greater than \$50,000 using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator is empowered to further engage the local Convention & Visitors Bureau to partner in the development of the campaign.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the amendment of the 2024 budget to provide the necessary funding for participation in the program.

FISCAL NOTE:

These payments will be funded by no more than \$50,000 from Marathon County’s ARPA allocation.

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.

EXTENSION, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE and HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____ [] Voice Vote

Approved and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024

Denied this _____ day of _____, 2024

Approved as to Form:

SEAL

Michael Puerner, Corporation Counsel

Approved as to Financial Impact (if necessary)

Attest:

Finance Director

Kim Trueblood, Marathon County Clerk



Season 1:

Washington County (6 stories):

- [It Takes a Village: Washington County Foster Closet](#)
 - The Foster Closet is an organization in Washington County that provides resources to children that are being placed in a foster care situations. In this short, we sit down with each co-owner and hear about their story, what they provide to kids across the country, and the importance of community.
- [Building Up Our Community: 9/11 Memorial](#)
 - After tragically losing their daughter, Andrea, on September 11th, the family decided to take their grief and make something positive out of it. In this piece, we explore their creation of a place in Wisconsin to remember lives lost on that tragic day.
- [Rocking Retirement: The Music Man of Germantown](#)
 - A music teacher that dedicated his career to the School District in Germantown is now enjoying retirement by creating bands and musical opportunities for community members.
- [World Champion & Olympic Speed Skater: Jordan Stolz](#)
 - One of the Nation's brightest up and coming talents is born and trained in Washington County. We take a journey through his life as this hometown product is showcasing his talents to the world.
- [Creating Wisconsin Careers: Kreilkamp Trucking](#)
 - A local company combines with the area Technical College to develop a program that keeps students in Washington County and provides trained employees for regional companies.
- [The Spirit of Community: Washington County's Jeff Szukalski](#)
 - A man that defines community support. This is a story that shines a light on an individual that dedicates his time, funding and passion to many local initiatives.

Marathon County:

- [Farm to Table Pizzas: The Little Red Barn \(Emmy Nominated\)](#)
 - Stoney Acres Farm is a farm-to-table pizza experience that brings organic, healthy food options to people. This explores the people who open their doors to create a community.
- [Preserving Hmong Culture: Life After War](#)
 - Wausau is home to one of Wisconsin's largest Hmong populations. We explore how one county has embraced diversity and provided opportunities for the Hmong community to flourish.
- [Small Business Success: Timekeeper Distillery](#)
 - A story of entrepreneurs that took the chance to start a business and transform an iconic Wausau landmark in the process.



Sauk County:

- [A Ringmaster's Final Bow: Al Ringling's Circus World](#)
 - We look at Circus World along and the people who make it happen. We talk with Dave SaLoutous, the ringmaster at Circus World for 33 years and is now stepping down from that position.
- [#1 Supper Club in the Midwest: Behind the Counter](#)
 - We go behind the scenes and see what makes Wisconsin's number supper club shine. This is a story that introduces the family legacy of the Ishnala owners and we meet the team that comes back to work season after season.
- [Shakespeare's Nature: American Players Theatre](#)
 - A world-renowned theatre under the stars in one of Wisconsin's most scenic areas. We visit with the artists, and team that brings Shakespeare to life in front of thousands of fans on the banks of the Wisconsin River.

Rock County:

- [Wisconsin's Underground Railroad: Escaping to the North](#)
 - We take a deep dive into the underground railroad and the freedom seekers who used it to escape to Wisconsin.
- [Helping our community: Friends of Rock](#)
 - Community support and volunteerism is highlight in a story that showcases a group of people who come together to take care of the trails that make Rock County special and maintain the southern most tip of the famous Ice Aged Trail
- [Emerging Talent: Spotlight on Kids](#)
 - Local children are given an opportunity build their courage and confidence on stage.

Portage County:

- [Polish Heritage in Portage County: The Backstory on the Blacksmiths](#)
 - Portage County is home to many Polish immigrants. The Kochanowski family is creating meaningful reminders of their culture for the whole city to enjoy using the time-honored craft of blacksmithing.
- [Generational Farming: Wisconsin's Dairy Industry](#)
 - Take a journey through a family that has grown their multi-generational farm into one of the largest producers in the world. While supplying the world with dairy, they also carved out the opportunity to educate others through their tour programs.
- [The Secret Behind the Sourdough: Portage County's Main Grain Bakery](#)
 - A UW-Stevens Point graduate, entrepreneur and community leader is highlighted as she shares her story from baking in a college dorm for friends to starting multiple businesses in downtown Stevens Point.



Monroe County:

- [Wisconsin Animal Rescue: Chasing Daylight](#)
 - Chasing Daylight Animal Shelter has rescued over 5000 animals. In this piece, we highlight the individuals who helped find those animals homes.
- [Barn Restoration: Music Before the Making](#)
 - When an old farm had reached its life, a new vision was created to take this barn and farm into the future. An old barn is transformed into a music studio allowing bands to come to the farm to spend days recording and growing together.
- [Fifth Generation Cranberry Farm: Reframing Farming.](#)
 - Cranberry farming is a staple in Wisconsin, and this story showcases one particular family that is watching their fifth generation take a role in producing the state fruit.

Sheboygan County:

- [Coasting with Confidence: Sheboygan Sailing](#)
 - We learn more about the journey with various students from the Sheboygan Youth Sailing Center and what it means to them to be apart of a program like this.
- [Supporting Sheboygan: From Environment to Economy](#)
 - Watch how a business can help a region grow to their potential. This female owned company takes pride in leading Sheboygan forward.
- [The Magic in the Melodies: The Sheboygan Symphony](#)
 - A symphony that combines local musicians offers an extraordinary musical experience that competes with symphony's across the globe.

Adams County:

- [The People Behind the Parks: Outdoors of Adams County](#)
 - In this piece, Darren Tolley, the park manager at Petenwell park, gives us a behind the scenes look into maintaining the natural beauty of Adams County.
- [Wisconsin Barns & Wedding Bells: A Diamond in the Rough](#)
 - A couple creates a new venue and blends old with new as they find a business that offers lasting memories for years to come.
- [The Family Behind Iconic Sod: Science in Wisconsin Soil](#)
 - A heartwarming story of a father and daughter who started a business no one thought could succeed in that soil and turned it into a massive success. Sod from Adams County is viewed by millions and is the grass of choice at some of sports most iconic venues.



Season 2:

Price County:

- [50 Years as a Snow Groomer: Frank Dusek](#)
 - Highlighting the person who started the grooming services in Price County. 50 years of volunteering, while showcasing the hundreds of miles of trails.
- [The Best Rods on Earth: St. Croix Rods](#)
 - Visit the global leader in fishing rods, based in a small town in Price County. Learn about the art form that goes into each rod.
- [Barrel Racer Turned Rodeo Wrangler](#)
 - Follow along with an entrepreneur who has taken her love of horses and rodeo and brought a major event to Price County.

Green Lake County:

- [A Legacy on Green Lake" The Nortons](#)
 - A multi-generational family is attached the water that makes Green Lake famous. We are guided through the artistic expression spent restoring classic boats, charter fishing, dining, etc. How one family has become a pillar of the community and posed to grow with the next generation.
- [Russell Moccasin: A Journey Through Time and Craftsmanship](#)
 - 125 year old business, known world wide in a small town in Green Lake County. A business that retains its employees and is a sense of pride in the community. Recently purchased by a young business leader from Alabama, the business is staying put to continue to grow and produce at the same quality the have always had. A beautiful look at how when times change and faster and less quality is the norm, this business embraces what has made them legendary.
- [Art is for Everyone: The Soul Hammer Collective](#)
 - Two entrepreneurs decided after decades of working to branch out and open an art studio that blows glass, paints, does blacksmith work, etc. See the behind-the-scenes journey on how and why they started their business. An inspiration for future entrepreneurs.

Wood County:

- [Behind the Aqua Skiers: Show Ski Capital of the World](#)
 - A national event is hosted right here in Wisconsin. The community of Wisconsin Rapids comes together to volunteer, support and attend the Show Ski Championships. We learn about the volunteers and performers that bring millions of eyes and attention to central Wisconsin.
- [Passion Behind Powers Bluff: The Bluff to Bluff Race](#)
 - Natural beauty and silent sports are showcased in this deep dive into an event that is put on by those who want to give back to their community.



- [Bridging Education to the Next Generation: C2 Makerspace](#)
 - A collaboration between a County, communities and secondary education comes to life in this story of the brand new C2 Makerspace. This opportunity in Marshfield could be a launching pad for new businesses and products.

Racine County:

- [Birthplace of the NEA: Racine's Connection to Art](#)
 - Art is strong in Racine County, and the idea for the National Endowment of the Arts was born in Racine. We learn the history of NEA, and visit the local arts scene and how there is opportunity for anyone with an artistic eye.
- [Giving Back to Burlington: Ardagh Group](#)
 - A small community, a global business and a school district come together in this story to show how a global manufacturer, that is key to major a major industry in Wisconsin, is working with the local school district to provide STEM based learning.
- [Racine's Legendary Kringle: O&H Danish Bakery](#)
 - Wisconsin's State Pastry, the Kringle, is celebrated in what is often referred to as the Kringle Capital of the World. This bakery is 95-years old and is a multi-generational family-owned business. We follow along as they guide us through the history of the Kringle, its relationship to Wisconsin and see how this company has a created a wonderful culture.

Kenosha County:

- [Field of Dreams: AAGPBL 80th Reunion](#)
 - A League of Their Own was based in this area of Wisconsin. We go back and touch on history and how a community came together to celebrate women in sports. The 80th reunion of these players was held in the summer of 2023, and Uniquely Wisconsin was able to capture powerful moments of courage and pride as we visit the past.
- [Unearthing the Past: A Hidden Gem in Archeology and Paleontology](#)
 - A hidden gem that all of Wisconsin should be proud of. Archaeology & Paleontology has become front and center in Kenosha, with mammoths found during construction projects. We visit the people that have developed a museum, planned future digs and invite the community to participate.
- [Revitalization of our Community: Past, Present, and Beyond of Kenosha's History](#)
 - A look at a community that put the focus of revitalization along one of the areas key natural landscapes. The history of AMC is shared, and how the community leaders looked at the shoreline of Lake Michigan and revitalized the area to set the stage for future generations to grow and enjoy.



Season 3: (Stories TBD)

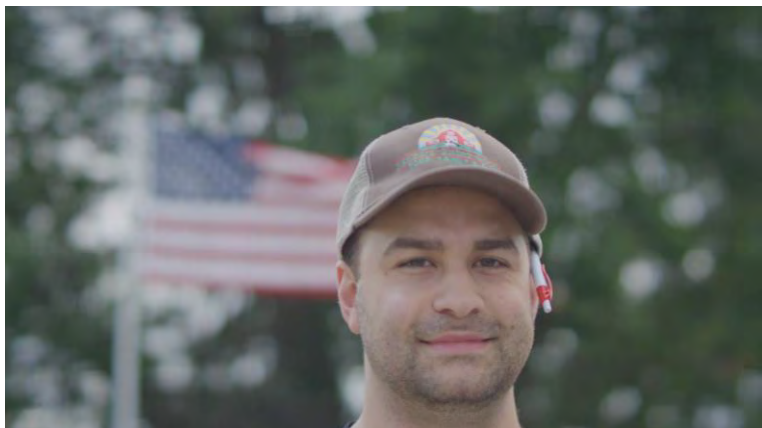
Lincoln County

Oconto County

Ashland County

Calumet County

Jefferson County



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Uniquely Wisconsin

What is Uniquely Wisconsin?

Uniquely Wisconsin is an Emmy Nominated series that spotlights the untold stories of Wisconsinites and highlights the communities in which they live. From the emotional and heartwarming, to the humorous and the historic, the Uniquely Wisconsin brand captures the essence of the people of America's Dairyland. Each story is shown through the lens of any of the following: ***Economic Development, Community Engagement, Quality of Life & Tourism.***

Participating Counties

Season 1: Washington, Adams, Rock, Sauk, Sheboygan, Marathon, Portage & Monroe

Season 2: Racine, Kenosha, Price, Green Lake, Wood

Season 3: Calumet, Jefferson, Lincoln, Oconto, Ashland

Types of Stories

- **Washington County: Wisconsin 9/11 Memorial**
 - Highlight the dedication and community support behind making the State's 9/11 Memorial in Washington County
- **Marathon County: Preserving Hmong Culture – Life After War**
 - See and feel the history of the Hmong culture that lives in Wausau, while listening from multiple generations
- **Monroe County: Barn Restoration – Music Before the Making**
 - A young entrepreneur purchased an old farm and restored the barn into a music studio to provide new life into the heart of Monroe County





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County Exposure

Outreach Platforms

Uniquely Wisconsin takes advantage of the built audience of Discover Wisconsin and is shared across the platforms in an affiliated marketing partnership.



Television

- 590 Episodes
- Commercial Spots, featured segments, etc.
- 23 Emmy Nominations, 3 Wins (2012, (2) 2023)

Podcast

- 1,000,000+ podcast downloads
- Weekly Production
- 54% Listenership - Wisconsin

Social Media

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- Pinterest

Digital Streaming

- Digital series (shorts)
- OTT Channels for streaming distribution

discoverwisconsin.com

- 12-month placement in Calendar of events

Blog

- Dedicated editorials

eNewsletter

- Monthly e-Newsletters
- 24,000+ email recipients

- Youtube
- Roku
- Amazon Fire TV
- Apple TV
- Chromecast



Discover Wisconsin Audience Profile

	Facebook	Instagram	YouTube	TV	Podcast
Stats	193,000+ Followers	129,000+ Subscribers	18,000+ Subscribers	198,000+ weekly viewers 7,750,000+ 2023 Broadcast Viewers	1,000,000+ podcast downloads 250,000+ unique listeners 4,000 – 8,000 downloads/week
Gender	30.9% Male 69.1% Female	30.9% Male 69.1% Female	67.3% Male 32.7% Female	54% Female 46% Male	
Age	Age 18-34: 14.1% Age 35-54: 46.1% Age 55-64: 21.0%	Age 18-34: 26.2% Age 35-44: 32.0% Age 45-54 : 21.3%	Age 18-34: 35.9% Age 35-44: 21.8% Age 45-54 : 15.6% Age 55+: 26.0%	Core demo: Adults 35-54 & Adults 55+	
Top Locations	1. Milwaukee 2. Madison 3. Janesville 4. Appleton 5. Green Bay	1. Madison 2. Milwaukee 3. Appleton 4. Green Bay 5. Chicago	1. Milwaukee 2. Chicago 3. Madison 4. Minneapolis 5. Green Bay	1. Green Bay 2. Milwaukee 3. Madison 4. Wausau	1. Wisconsin (54%) 2. Illinois (10%) 3. Minnesota (5%)

Uniquely Wisconsin Documentary Shorts

The Idea

- Documentary style video that focuses on an organization, business, area of a County and the human story within.

Video Content

- Acquire on-site footage, interviews with key representatives, etc.
- Video footage will be shared as an embedded link to be used on websites, social media, etc.

Production

- Video shared on Discover Wisconsin platforms
- Includes full day(s) of field production, as well as pre- and post-production per original short video
- Three (3) – six (6) minutes of content per original short video

Current Results:

15,360,686 Digital Impressions
3,857,406 Total Views
256,477 Social Engagements



Regional Television Network

Capitalize on an audience that has followed Discover Wisconsin for 37 years, and has built reputation as a reliable and authentic source for Wisconsin destinations, businesses and culture.

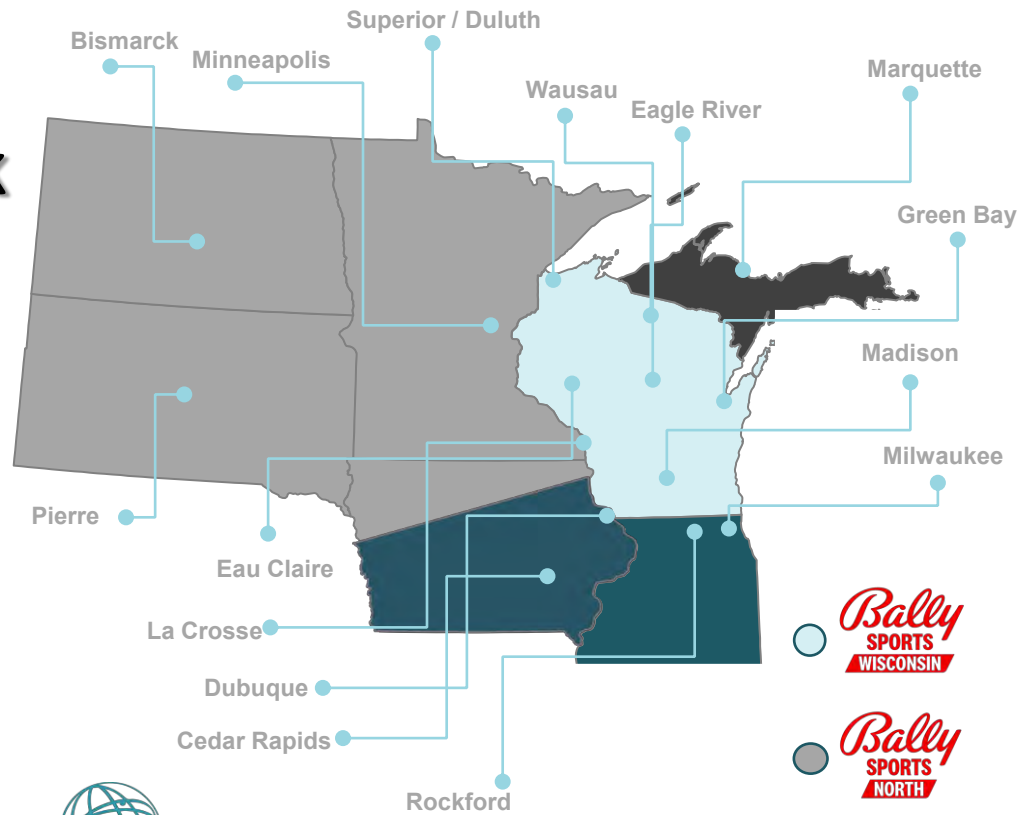
Uniquely Wisconsin Special Episode

- Limited commercial episode compiling the stories will air on the Discover Wisconsin Regional Television Network



Out-of-State TV Affiliates:

- CBS** WIFR – Rockford, IL
- WJMN – Marquette
- Bally Sports North

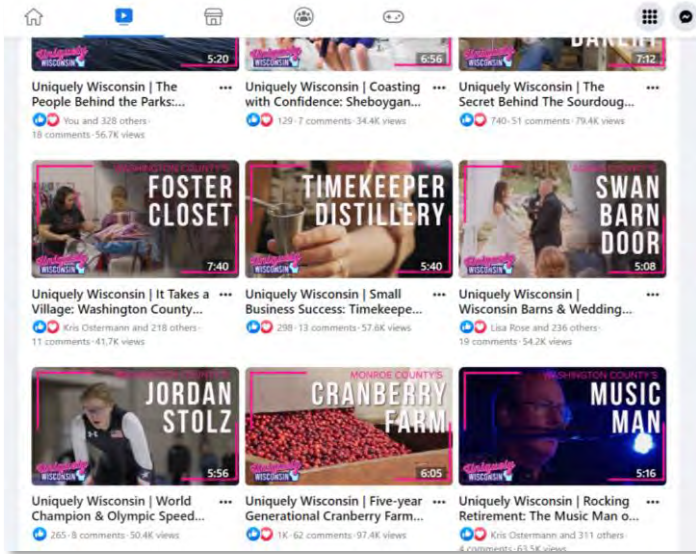


- SAT 6:30 pm
- SAT 7:30 pm EST
- SAT 10 am

Wisconsin TV Affiliates:

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| FOX | WITI – Milwaukee | SAT 9:30 am |
| abc | WKOW – Madison | SAT 6:30 pm |
| CBS | WFRV – Green Bay | SAT 6:30 pm |
| abc | WAOW – Wausau | SUN 11 am |
| abc | WQOW – Eau Claire | SUN 5 pm |
| abc | WXOW – La Crosse | SUN 5 pm |
| abc | WMOW – Eagle River | SAT 6:30 pm |
| CBS | CBS 3 – Superior/Dul. | SAT 6:30 pm |
| NBC | KBJR 6 – Superior/Dul. | SAT. 5:30 am |
| | Bally Sports Wisconsin | SAT 10 am |

Streaming - Distribution



Binging Discover Wisconsin & Uniquely Wisconsin

Uniquely Wisconsin episodes, original shorts and social videos are also released on all of the Discover Wisconsin streaming and digital platforms.

- Video content (Episodes & Shorts) will air and live on OTT platforms and discoverwisconsin.com
 - **Available on OTT for up to five (5) years**
 - **Available on discoverwisconsin.com for up to two (2) years**
- Video content will also air and live on Discover Wisconsin YouTube channel and Discover Wisconsin Facebook & Instagram page
 - **Available on YouTube into perpetuity**
 - **Available on Facebook & Instagram into perpetuity**



The Cabin Podcast

Welcome to *The Cabin*, a weekly 35-40 minute podcast produced by the crew that brings you the nation's longest-running tourism TV show, *Discover Wisconsin*.

Joined by producers, travel experts and tourism leaders, Eric, Ana and Guests take you behind-the-scenes to the heart of the Midwest.

The Cabin Episode

- **Dedicated/Bonus:** Bonus podcast episode dedicated entirely to destination, business or event and released across Discover Wisconsin podcast and social platforms
 - Includes dedicated social posts, e-newsletter and blog editorial

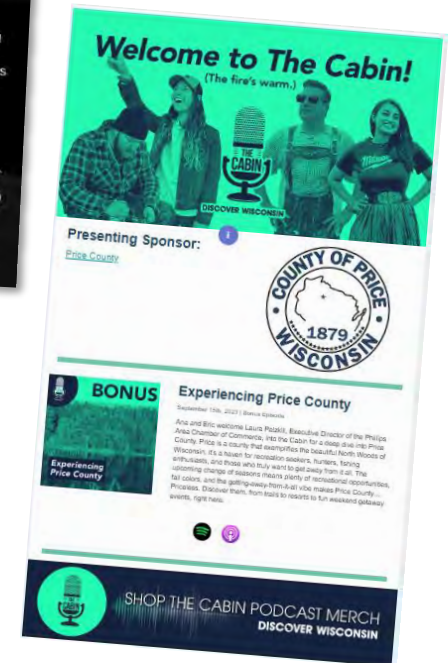
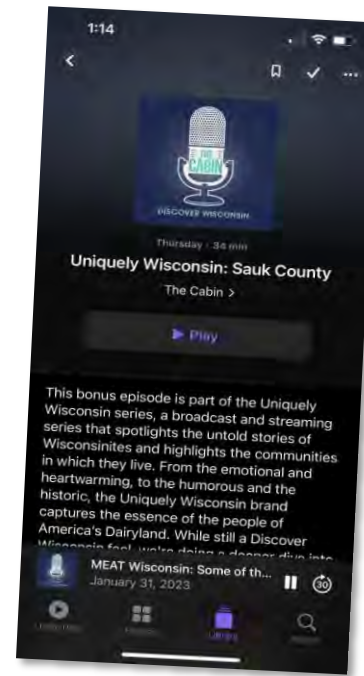
Podcast By The Numbers

- **1,000,000+** total downloads
- 250,000+ total unique listeners
- 4,000 – 8,000 downloads per week
- 60,000+ impressions per week on Discover Wisconsin Facebook & Instagram on average
 - Top listeners by state:
 - Wisconsin (54%), Illinois (10%), Minnesota (5%)

*Data updated April 2024



Trending “Places & Travel” Podcast on Apple Podcasts



Social & Digital

Discover Wisconsin Social Posts and Giveaways

- Posts across Discover Wisconsin social platforms based on guaranteed impressions or number of posts.
- Ability for data acquisition with engaging giveaway contests.
 - Giveaway contests run for a week and include guaranteed impressions

The Bobber Blogs

- Editorials written by Discover Wisconsin team that align with client focused information. Shared across social and digital platforms.

Discover Wisconsin E-Newsletters

- Ability to reach thousands of engaged Discover Wisconsin fans on a monthly basis, with blog editorials, video stories, logo placement, etc.
 - e-Newsletter subscribers: 24,695
 - Average open rate: 24.4%



Video Edits

B-Roll

Video acquired and utilized during shorts is available in b-roll form.

- Transferred via a downloadable link

Social Video Editing

Video acquired during shorts will be available to be edited into social media and digital marketing assets

- :15-:60 social media ads





YOUR STORIES, OUR WISCONSIN

Total Cost: \$60,000

***Each County Recieves**

VIDEO STORIES

- THREE (3) DOCU-SERIES SHORT-FORM VIDEOS UP TO SIX (6) MINUTES IN LENGTH EACH
 - DEVELOP STORIES THAT TOUCH ON A COMBINATION OF CULTURE, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM
- ONE (1) :60 SOCIAL MEDIA EDIT VIDEO
 - SOCIAL MEDIA AND DIGITALLY EDITED VIDEOS DESIGNED FOR USE ON COUNTY-SPECIFIC PAGES
- FIVE (5) MINUTE PORTION OF BROADCAST DOCUMENTARY ACROSS DISCOVER WISCONSIN REGIONAL TELEVISION NETWORK
 - HAVE THE STREAMING-ONLY DOCU-SERIES DEVELOPED INTO A BROADCAST EPISODE
- SHARED B-ROLL OF FOOTAGE ACQUIRED

PODCAST & SOCIAL MEDIA

- ONE (1) DEDICATED "THE CABIN" PODCAST FOR COUNTY
 - CELEBRATE WHY THE COUNTY IS UNIQUE AND THE CULTURE WITHIN FOR EACH SPECIFIC COUNTY
- ONE (1) DATA ACQUISITION SIGN-UP CONTEST ON DISCOVER WISCONSIN SOCIAL MEDIA
 - OPPORTUNITY TO GROW DATABASE FOR COUNTY-SPECIFIC ITEMS (JOB BOARDS, RELOCATION, ETC.)
- MULTIPLE BLOGS, E-NEWSLETTERS, SOCIAL IMPRESSIONS, ETC. IN PROMOTION OF THE SERIES



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Post-Plans

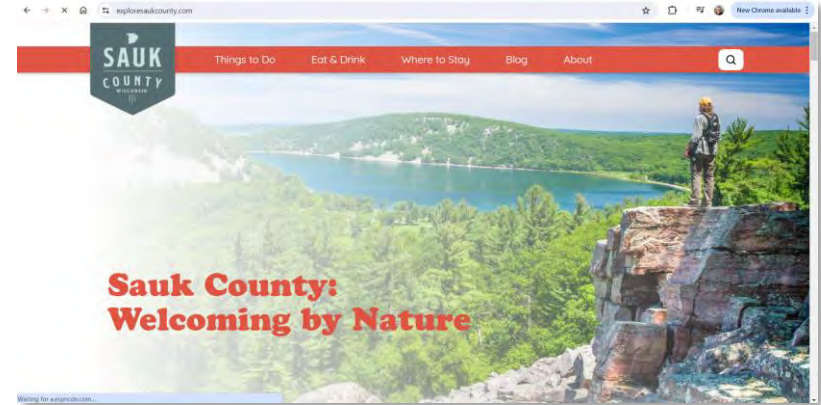
Continue the Momentum

Campaign Recap

- Receive information from Uniquely Wisconsin campaign to gauge success of program
 - Example Results – Marathon County
 - Broadcast Viewership: **218,642**
 - Digital Impressions: **937,641**
 - Digital Views: **218,192**
 - Digital Engagements: **14,159**
 - Podcast Downloads: **3,399**
 - Emails Contacted: **159,326**

How to Use Content

- All video stories, blog and podcast will be shared with county for placement on their pages, as well as Discover Wisconsin
- All b-roll videos will be shared with county for use on their sites and outreach campaigns
 - Example Uses:
 - Development of County specific page to drive economic development and/or Tourism
 - DMW can provide a landing page to assist counties in creation of information hub





Discover Mediaworks - *Discover Wisconsin*

Multi-Year County/Destination Campaigns

Utilizing the funding presented from the ARPA program, shared revenue or budget capabilities counties and communities throughout Wisconsin have started to build their exposure as both a tourism and employment destination, while expanding economic development.

Jefferson County

Balance of Tourism and Economic Focus

Three-Year campaign

- ***Television Episode***
 - 2022 Full episode
 - 2023 Themed Episode
- ***Original Shorts Series***
 - **Seven**-part short series
- ***Know Your Wisconsin***
 - 2-minute news stories
- ***Cabin Podcast***
 - Podcast episode
 - Inside Sponsor
- ***Ad Development***
 - Still photography to grow County's stock library
 - Social media :15 & :60 ad productions
 - Television :30 ad production
- ***Broadcast – Social – Digital Marketing***
 - Commercials in Discover Wisconsin
 - Blogs, e-newsletters, social media posts

Sauk County

Balance of Tourism and Economic Focus

Three-Year campaign

- ***Television Episode***
 - 2023 Full episode
- ***Original Shorts Series***
 - **Five**-part short series
- ***Digital Minis***
 - **Six**-part mini series
- ***Cabin Podcast***
 - Podcast episode
 - Inside Sponsor
- ***Ad Development***
 - Social media :15 & :60 ad productions
- ***Broadcast – Social – Digital Marketing***
 - Blogs, e-newsletters, social media posts

Washington County

Balance Economic Development and Community Growth with County-Wide Tourism

Three-Year campaign

- ***Television Episode***
 - 2023 & 2024 Full episodes
- ***Original Shorts Series***
 - **Ten**-part short series
- ***Digital Minis***
 - **Six**-part mini series
- ***Cabin Podcast***
 - Podcast episodes
 - Inside Sponsorship
- ***Broadcast – Social – Digital Marketing***
 - Commercials in Discover Wisconsin
 - Blogs, e-newsletters, social media posts
- ***Corporate Footage Development***
 - County initiative videos to build out websites, digital marketing and social
 - Social media :15-:30 ad productions
 - Television :30 ad production

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RESOLUTION #R-32-24
ADOPTION OF BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS FOR 2025 BUDGET PROCESS

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute Section 65.90(1) requires Marathon County to annually, and prior to the determination of the sum to be financed in whole or in part by a general property tax, funds on hand or estimated revenues from any source, formulate a budget and hold public hearings thereon. In 2024, the deadline for Counties to provide tax apportionment forms to the State Department of Revenue is November 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 65.90(4) requires that a public hearing be held by the County Board of Supervisors at least 15 days after publication of a proposed budget prior to adoption of the annual budget by the board; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has sought to implement a timeline for adoption of its annual budget that allows for more engagement with Standing Committees and provides additional opportunity for all supervisors to provide input earlier in the process. On June 18, 2024, the County Board of Supervisors adopted a budget timeline for the 2025 budget process consistent with this approach; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2024, consistent with the adopted budget timeline, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee approved the attached proposed budget assumptions for the 2025 Budget Process and forwarded the proposed assumptions to the Marathon County Board for consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does hereby adopt the attached budget assumptions for the 2024 Budget Process to guide the creation, review, and approval of a 2025 Marathon County budget.

Dated the 23rd day of July, 2024.

HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____ [] Voice Vote

Approved and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024

Denied this _____ day of _____, 2024

Approved as to Form:

SEAL

Michael Puerner, Corporation Counsel

Approved as to Financial Impact (if necessary)

Attest:

Finance Director

Kim Trueblood, Marathon County Clerk

MARATHON COUNTY 2025 BUDGET YEAR FINANCIAL PROJECTION

Revenue Assumptions

Actual	Budgeted	Estimate %	Estimate \$	Revenue Type	Rationale
2024	2024	2025	2025		
\$8.08M*	\$16M	0%	\$16M	Sales Tax	2024 budget was very aggressive
\$5.2M	\$5.2M	2.3%	\$5.339M	Shared Revenue	Based on new Shared Revenue Formula
**	\$2.083M	0.0%	\$2.083M	Utility Tax / Utility Aid	Based on state formula (includes megawatt prod.)
\$2.832M	\$2.832M	0.0%	\$2.832M	Transportation Aids	No increase-Rolling 5-year average
		1.5%		Intergovernmental Charges	Slight Increase (Cost of Service delivery)
		1.0%		Fines/Licenses	Slight Increase (Cost of Service delivery)
		3.0%	3.0%	Public charges	Slight Increase (Cost of Service delivery)
		3.5%		Misc. Revenues	Interest and treasurer fees
			≈\$2M	Remaining ARPA Balance	Anticipated Balance Remaining
\$100K	\$100K	0.0%	\$100K	Conduit Bonding Revenue	Bug Tussle payment schedule (current)

* Sales Tax receipts are through June of 2024

** Utility Tax/Aid is received in November

Expenditure Assumptions

ACT	EST	Appropriation Unit
2024	2025	
3.0%	3.00%	Salaries /Wages
6.5%	8.0%	Health Insurance
0.36	0.35%*	WRS
3.00%	3.00%	Dental
2.0%	2.00%	Workers Compensation
2.0%	0.00%	Unemployment
5.0%	6.0%	Other insurance
N/A	4.5%	Utility Costs

*ETF announced a 0.05% increase for general employees, a 0.65% increase for Protective with Social Security, and a 0.15% decrease for Protective without Social Security

RESOLUTION # R-33-24
Reauthorization of Self-Insurance for Worker's Compensation

WHEREAS, the County of Marathon is a qualified political subdivision of the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Worker's Compensation Act (Act) provides that employers covered by the Act must either insure their liability with worker's compensation insurance carriers authorized to do business in Wisconsin or self-insure and thereby assume the responsibility for their own worker's compensation risk and payment; and

WHEREAS, the State and its political subdivisions may self-insure worker's compensation without a special order from the Department of Workforce Development (Department) if they agree to report faithfully all compensable injuries and agree to comply with the Act and rules of the Department; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the State implemented a requirement that political subdivisions pass a resolution every 3 years to continue to self-insure their worker's compensation program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors at their February 27, 2018, meeting adopted Resolution #R-17-21 confirming Marathon County's election of self-insurance for the period of 2021 to 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee, at its June 18, 2024, meeting recommended the continuation of the County's self-insured worker's compensation program, in compliance with Wisconsin Administrative Code DWD 80.60(3).

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

- (1) Marathon County shall provide for the continuation of a self-insured worker's compensation program for its employees for the period of July 2024 to July 2027.
- (2) The Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Clerk to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Worker's Compensation Division, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Department.

Dated: July 23, 2024

Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____ [] Voice Vote

Approved and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024

Denied this _____ day of _____, 2024

Approved as to Form:

SEAL

Michael Puerner, Corporation Counsel

Approved as to Financial Impact (if necessary)

Attest:

Finance Director

Kim Trueblood, Marathon County Clerk



DRAFT MINUTES
OF
STANDING COMMITTEES



MARATHON COUNTY EXTENSION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 3:00pm**

Meeting Location: **Courthouse Assembly Room, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI 54403**

Stacey Morache	Present
Randy Fifrick	Present
Wayne Hagen	Present
Ann Lemmer	Present
Tom Rosenberg	Present
Rick Seefeldt	Present
Kim Ungerer	Present

Staff Present: Administrator Leonhard, Supervisor Robinson, Jeremy Solin, Kris Heils, Melissa Ulrich, Leah Giordano

Others Present: Dave Eckmann,

[Meeting Recording](#) *Agenda taken out of order.

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chair Stacey Morache called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Approval of the June 6, 2024, Extension, Education & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes** – (:00.40) Motion by Rosenberg, Second by Fifrick to approve the minutes. Motion carried on voice vote, unanimously.
5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination (1:35.20)**
 - A. Discussion regarding 2025 Annual Budget Development and policy recommendations from the committee, including Review of the Mandatory / Discretionary Program document and discussion of Rates and Fees
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution, or Policy**
 - A. Discussion and Possible Action by EEED: NONE
 - B. Discussion and Possible Action by EEED to Forward to County Board for Consideration (1:43.0)
 1. Consideration of Budget Amendment to allocate up to \$50,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds for participation in 2024 Uniquely Wisconsin Program. Motion made by Rosenberg second by Ungerer to move the Budget Amendment forward to HR Finance. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
 - A. Regional Economic Threats presentation by Dave Eckmann from Greater Wausau Regional Chamber of Commerce (:15.0)
 - B. Updates from Marathon County Historical Society (:53.25)
 - C. Update from Marathon County Public Library, including recent security services (1:15.30)
 - D. Update from UW Madison-Extension, including Civil Rights Review and Extension Natural Resources Education Program Overview (1:05.0)
 - E. Update on North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board (1:24.0)
 - F. 2024 1st Quarter Financial Reports (Budget to Actual) for Departments of Jurisdiction (1:24.50)
8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements and Future Agenda Items**
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
 - B. Next meeting: Thursday, August 1, 2024, at 3:00pm (1:48.0)
9. **Adjournment**

Motion by Rosenberg, second by Hagen to adjourn. Motion Carried on voice vote, unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.
Tour of Marathon County Historical Society
Minutes Prepared by Kelley Blume



**Marathon County
Environmental Resources Committee Minutes
Tuesday, July 2, 2024
500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

Attendance:	<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not present</u>
<i>Chair</i>	Jacob Langenhahn.....X		
<i>Vice-Chair</i>	Mike Ritter.....X		
	Randy DeBroux.....X		
	Al Drabek.....X		
	John Kroll.....X		
	Jay Schoenborn.....X		
	Kim Ungerer.....X(Excused)		
	Rick Seefeldt.....X		
	Marilyn Bhend.....X		
	Tom Mueller.....X		

Via in person, Webex Or phone

[MEETING RECORDING](#)

Also present via Webex, phone or in person: Laurie Miskimins, Shad Harvey, Nicole Delonay, and Garrett Pagel- Conservation Planning and Zoning; Lance Leonhard – Administrator, Chris Holman - Deputy Administrator, Michael Puerner -Corporation Counsel; Kurt Gibbs – County Board Chair, Jamie Polley – Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Dave Hagenbucher – Solid Waste Department, Dustin Vreeland, Keith Ziemba, Al Christensen, Jessica Tlusty, Leon Falkowski, Diane Wolff

1. **Call to order** – Called to order by Chair Langenhahn at 3:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Approval of June 4, 2024, Committee minutes** (0:01)
Motion / second by Kroll/Drabek to approve of the June 4, 2024, Environmental Resources Committee minutes with corrections provided by Supervisor Kroll. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.
5. **Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution**
 - A. **Public Hearings, Review, Possible Actions, and Possible Recommendations to the County Board for its Consideration (County Zoning changes)**
 1. ~~Michael and Sue Gosse – CV-RC Conservancy and Recreation to F-P Farmland Preservation and CV-RC Conservancy and Recreation and F-P Farmland Preservation to L-I Light Industrial Town of Hull~~
 2. Tim Vreeland on behalf of Kieth Ziemba - L-D-R Low Density Residential to R-R Rural Estate and G-A General Agriculture - Town of Knowlton (0:07)

Discussion: Pagel noted the staff report and decision sheet had been included in the packet. Pagel reviewed the rezone request shown on the Preliminary Certified Survey Map (CSM) that was submitted with the petition. Pagel additionally reviewed the reasoning behind why Conservation Planning and Zoning (CPZ) staff are recommending approval of the rezone request, citing the rezone standards, requirements, and pertinent site characteristics. The Town Knowlton has reviewed the application and recommends approval without any concerns or additional comments.

Dustin Vreeland, Bob Swieda and Keith Ziemba were sworn in and provided testimony. There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request virtually or in person. The



**Marathon County
Environmental Resources Committee Minutes
Tuesday, July 2, 2024
500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:15 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

The public hearing was reopened at 3:17pm.

Shad Harvey & Mike Puerner were sworn in and provided clarification to the Public Hearing Notice and Agenda.

The committee continued discussions and deliberated.

Action: Motion / second by Seefeldt/Ritter to recommend approval to County Board, of the Keith Ziemba rezone request. Noting the reasoning provided in the staff report and conclusions of law, the Committee determined the rezone is consistent with the Marathon County and Town comprehensive plans. Adequate facilities are present or will be provided and providing any necessary public facilities will not burden local government. Based on the proposed land division and existing land uses onsite the rezone should not result in any adverse effect on natural areas. The committee made their recommendation of approval based on the information, findings of fact, and conclusions of law as described in the CPZ staff report included in the ERC packet.

Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

3. Marathon County - H-I Heavy Industrial or, in the alternative, a specified Solid Waste or Landfill Gas designation specific to the landfill gas processing facility located on site - Town of Ringle (0:19)

Discussion: Mike Puerner provided information regarding the Marathon County - H-I Heavy Industrial rezone or, in the alternative, a specified Solid Waste or landfill gas designation specific to the landfill gas processing facility located on site within the Town of Ringle.

The public hearing was reopened at 3:25pm.

Jessica Tlusty was sworn in.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request virtually or in person. The testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:29 p.m. The committee deliberated.

Action: Motion / second by Kroll/Drabek to recommend approval to County Board, of the Town of Ringle rezone to H-I Heavy Industrial. The committee made their recommendation of approval based on the information and testimony presented as well as information contained in the meeting packet.

Motion **carried** by roll call vote: Mueller - No, Schoenborn - No, Kroll - Yes, Drabek - Yes, Seefeldt - Yes, Ritter - Yes, Langenhahn – Yes, DeBroux - No. Motion passed by roll call vote 5 to 3.

Follow through: Forward to County Board for action at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

- B. Review and Possible Recommendation to County Board for its Consideration (Town Zoning changes pursuant to §60.62(3) Wis. Stats.) – None.

- C. Review and Possible Recommendations to County Board for its Consideration

1. Marathon County Assemblies Ordinance (12.04): Review of Draft Update & Consideration of forwarding to County Board (<https://www.marathoncounty.gov/services/zoning>) (0:56)

Action: Motion / Second by Drabek/Schoenborn motion to send back to the Assemblies Ordinance Workgroup, with suggestions to look further at fee structures and engage the Dairy Breakfast group.

Follow through: Proceed with an educational presentation to Public Safety and Infrastructure Committees.

6. Educational Presentations/ Outcome Monitoring Reports and Committee Discussion

Commented [SH1]: Since this is not a normal rezone there was no staff report/conclusions of law this process was derived from 59.69(9)a



**Marathon County
Environmental Resources Committee Minutes
Tuesday, July 2, 2024
500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

- A. Department Updates: Conservation Planning and Zoning (CPZ), Parks Recreation and Forestry (PRF), Solid Waste –
 - 1. 2024 1st Quarter Financial Reports (Budget to Actual) for Departments of Jurisdiction (1:33)
 - 2. Comprehensive Plan Update to incorporate updated Farmland Preservation Plan (2024-2033) (1:40)
 - 7. Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration**
 - A. Discussion regarding 2025 Annual Budget Development and policy recommendations from the committee, including Review of the Mandatory / Discretionary Program document and discussion of Rates and Fees (1:43)
 - 8. Next meeting date, time & location, and future agenda items:**
 - Tuesday, July 16, 2024, 8:30 a.m. *Marathon County Courthouse, Assembly Room 500 Forest Street Wausau WI (see below) &***
 - Tuesday, July 30, 2024, 3:00 p.m. *Marathon County Courthouse, Assembly Room 500 Forest Street Wausau WI***
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
 - B. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence
 - 1. Scheduling Special ERC Meeting for Educational Topics Only on July 16, 2024, 8:30AM at Marathon County Courthouse, Assembly Room 500 Forest Street, Wausau, WI.
 - 9. Adjourn – Motion/** second by Seefeldt/Ritter to **adjourn** at 4:56 p.m.
- Laurie Miskimins, CPZ Director
For Jacob Langenhahn, Chair
cc: (via email/web site) ERC members; County Administrator; Corporation Counsel; County Clerk

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MARATHON COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 3:00pm**

Meeting Location: **Courthouse Assembly Room, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI 54403**

Matt Bootz	Present
Jennifer Aarrestad	Present
Bill Conway	Present
Ron Covelli	Excused
Chantelle Foote	WebEx
Randy Radtke	Present
Yee Leng Xiong	WebEx

Staff Present: Administrator Leonhard, Chris Holman, Christa Jensen, Vicki Tylka, Laura Scudiere

Others Present: John Robinson

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1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chair Matt Bootz called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Approval of the June 5, 2024, Health and Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes (:00.44)**
Motion by Conway, Second by Aarrestad to approve the minutes. Motion carried on voice vote, unanimously.
5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination** - None
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution, or Policy (:01.00)**
 - A. Discussion regarding 2025 Annual Budget Development and policy recommendations from the committee, including Review of the Mandatory / Discretionary Program document and discussion of Rates and Fees
 - B. Discussion and Possible Action by HHSC - None
 - C. Discussion and Possible Action by HHSC to Forward to County Board for Consideration - None
7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
 - A. Update from Social Services Director, including the Youth Opportunity Center pilot and Family Keys Program (:25.16)
 - B. 2024 1st Quarter Financial Reports (Budget to Actual) for Departments of Jurisdiction (:32.25)
8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements and Future Agenda Items (:38.0)**
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
 - B. Next meeting: Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 3:00pm
9. **Adjournment**
Motioned by Name, Second by Name to adjourn. Motion Carried on voice vote, unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by Kelley Blume



MARATHON COUNTY

HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY

COMMITTEE AGENDA with MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 3:00 pm

Meeting Location: Assembly Room, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI 54403

John Robinson	Present
Gayle Marshall	Present
Kurt Gibbs	Excused
Kody Hart	Present
Ann Lemmer	Present
Scott Poole	Present
Jordan Reynolds	Present

Staff Present: Molly Adzic, Michael Puerner, Kim Trueblood, Lance Leonhard, Gerry Klein, Connie Beyersdorff
 Others Present: Eric Porter (USI Insurance Services)

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1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment** – None
4. **Approval of Minutes from the June 18, 2024 HRFC meeting** (Part 1 :20) – Motion by Lemmer, Second by Poole to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination**
 - A. Discussion regarding 2025 Annual Budget Development and Policy Recommendations from the committee, including Review of the Mandatory / Discretionary Program Document and Discussion of Rates and Fees (Part 1 :50)
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution, or Policy**
 - A. Items for Discussion and Possible Action by HRFC
 1. Land Records Software Updates Related to Rib Mountain Incorporation (Part 1 29:45) – Motion by Poole, Second by Lemmer to direct the administrator to come up with the appropriate funding for the service. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
 - B. Items for Discussion and Possible Action by HRFC to Forward to County Board
 1. Abolish 1 FTE DA Investigator and Create 1 FTE Deputy Sheriff Position Within the Sheriff’s Office by Way of Interagency Agreement Between the District Attorney’s Office and the Sheriff’s Office (Part 2 :30)
 2. Development of 2025 Annual Budget Revenue and Expense Assumptions (Part 2 4:08) Motion by Robinson, Second by Lemmer to forward the budget revenue and expense assumptions to the full board, including an increase to public charges at a rate of 3% and reducing the utility cost increases from 6% to 4.5%.
 3. Motion to go into Closed Session (roll call vote suggested), pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(e), for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, to wit: review of offer to purchase and discussion of strategy regarding the potential sale of certain county property located, to wit: real property with a parcel identification number of 168-2807-034-0982, in the Village of Rib Mountain; and the discussion of health clinic contract options and the impact of clinic options on future employee benefit plans. (Part 1 38:00) Motion by Lemmer, Second by Marshall to go into closed session. Motion carried on a roll call vote unanimously.
 4. Motion to Return to Open Session (Roll Call Vote not Required) – Motion by Marshall, Second by Hart to return to Open Session. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
 5. Discussion and Possible Action Resulting from Closed Session Discussion (Part 2 :12) – Nothing to report; there will be additional meetings in the future.
7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
 - A. 2023 Audit Update (Part 2 29:36)
 - B. 2024 Sales Tax Revenue Update (Part 2 29:36)
8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements and Future Agenda Items**
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
 - B. Next meeting: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 3:00 pm
9. **Adjournment** – Motion by Marshall, Second by Poole to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Kim Trueblood, County Clerk



MARATHON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 9:00am**

Meeting Location: **Courthouse Assembly Room, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI 54403**

Rand Fifrick	Present
Chris Dickinson	Present
Gary Gisselman	Present
Jasper Hartinger	Present
Brandon Jensen	Present
Tom Seubert	Present
Chris Voll	Present

Staff Present: Jim Griesbach, Erin Andrews, Garrett Pagel, Shad Harvey, Aaron Anklam, Gerry Klein, Lance Leonhard, Dejan Adzic,

Others Present: John Robinson, Ann Lemmer, Kristin Hanson

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1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chair Fifrick called the meeting to order at 9:00AM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment** – None
4. **Approval of the June 6, 2024, Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes** – (Part 1 0:01)
Motion by Dickinson, Second by Seubert to approve the minutes. Motion carried on voice vote, unanimously.
5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination**
 - A. Discussion regarding 2025 Annual Budget Development and Policy recommendations from the committee, including Review of the Mandatory / Discretionary Program document and discussion of Rates and Fees – (Part 1 0:02)
 - B. Motion to go into closed session (Roll Call vote required) pursuant to sec. 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchase of properties or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, to wit: update and discussion regarding purchase of property for possible future county facility building site. – (Part 1 00:17)
Motion Voll, Second by Jensen to go into closed session. Motion carried on roll call vote unanimously.
 - C. Motion to Return to Open Session (Roll Call Vote not Required)
Motion by Voll Second by Dickinson to return to open session. Motion carried on voice vote unanimously.
 - D. Discussion and Possible Action Resulting from Closed Session Discussion – (Part 2 0:00)
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution, or Policy** - None
 - A. Discussion and Possible Action by INFR
 - B. Discussion and Possible Action by INFR to Forward to County Board for Consideration
7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
 - A. Update on IT Projects including Workday project status – (Part 2 0:01)
 - B. 2025 Capital technology plans – (Part 2 0:03)
 - C. BEAD Timeline Update – (Part 2 0:04)
 - D. Marathon County Assemblies Ordinance (12.04): Review of Draft Update – (Part 2 0:06)
 - E. 2024 Summer Construction update – (Part 2 0:25)
8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements and Future Agenda Items**
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
 - B. Next meeting: Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 9:00am
9. **Adjournment**
Motioned by Seubert, Second by Voll to adjourn. Motion Carried on voice vote, unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 11:20am

Minutes Prepared by David Holcomb