



MARATHON COUNTY SPECIAL MEETING HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 5:30pm**
Meeting Location: **Courthouse Assembly Room, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI 54403**
Committee Members: Matt Bootz, Chair; Jennifer Aarrestad, Vice-Chair; Ron Covelli, Bill Conway, Chantelle Foote, Randy Radtke, Yee Leng Xiong

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. (Last updated: 12-20-05)

Committee Mission Statement: Provide leadership for the implementation of the strategic plan, monitoring outcomes, reviewing, and recommending to the County Board policies related to health and human services initiatives of Marathon County.

Persons wishing to attend the meeting by phone may call into the **telephone conference beginning five (5) minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number:**

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

When you enter the telephone conference, **PLEASE PUT YOUR PHONE ON MUTE!**

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

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment (15 Minutes)** (Any person who wishes to address the committee during the "Public Comment" portion of the meetings, must provide his or her name, address, and the topic he or she wishes to present to the Marathon County Clerk, or chair of the committee, no later than five minutes before the start of the meeting. All comments must be germane to a topic within the jurisdiction of the committee.)
4. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution, or Policy**
 - A. Discussion and Possible Action by HHSC to Forward to County Board for Consideration
 1. Approve Operation Green Light Resolution for Veterans
5. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements and Future Agenda Items**
 - A. Next meeting: Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 3:00pm
6. **Adjournment**

*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 email countyclerk@marathoncounty.gov one business day before the meeting.

SIGNED s/s Matt Bootz
Presiding Officer or Designee

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

NOTICE POSTED AT THE COURTHOUSE
BY: _____
DATE & TIME: _____

JOIN OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS



America's counties have a long and proud history of serving our nation's veterans, a legacy that continues to this day as we work with our federal, state and local partners to ensure that the former service members in our communities have access to the resources they need to thrive.

This coming Veterans Day, the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO) invite the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes and boroughs to **join Operation Green Light and show support for veterans by lighting our buildings green from November 4 to November 11**. By shining a green light, county governments and our residents will let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated and supported.

HOW TO JOIN

- Visit www.naco.org/operationgreenlight to access the Operation Green Light for Veterans County Toolkit.
- Use the County Toolkit template to pass a resolution declaring your county's participation in Operation Green Light for Veterans.
- Coordinate with your county Director of Facilities or Building & Grounds to light municipal buildings in green. Options include using projections, flood lights or green filters for existing lights.
- Use the templates and social media resources in the County Toolkit to promote the campaign to local press, businesses, county residents and Members of Congress.
- Upload details about your county's participation through the form included in the County Toolkit.
- Encourage individuals, businesses and community partners to show support by turning on a green light from November 4 to November 11!
- Support veterans year-round by purchasing supplies from veteran-owned businesses on Amazon Business at www.amazon.com/veteran-owned.

Scan the QR code for more about Operation Green Light, including a county toolkit.



AMAZON IS PROUD TO SUPPORT OPERATION GREEN LIGHT

Amazon values the unique skills and experience that the military community brings, and we surpassed our 2021 pledge to hire 100,000 veterans and military spouses by 2024.

Military Community Outreach

We are committed to supporting the military community around the world by leveraging our diverse resources and technology to solve critical problems. We focus on supporting disabled veterans, providing mental health and suicide prevention resources, empowering military families and addressing urgent needs like homelessness and food insecurity.

World-Class Veteran & Military Spouse Recruiting

Veterans and military spouses in your community can learn more about career opportunities at Amazon by visiting our military-specific landing page, where they can attend Global Military Affairs webinars to engage with recruiters directly, and search for jobs tailored to their experiences. Visit amazon.jobs/en/military to learn more.

Corporate Leader In Veteran & Military Spouse Retention

We offer extensive resources to assist our veteran employees in their transition from the military, including our Military Mentoring Program, a network of support and tailored training experiences, and a wide array of resources and tools to empower veteran career success.

COUNTIES MATTER FOR VETERANS

County Veteran Service Officers (CVSOs) in 29 states are responsible for successfully processing more than \$52 billion in compensation, pension, health care and other benefits for veterans each year.

Counties across the nation operate Veterans Treatment Courts, through which we can connect justice-involved veterans with programs and benefits that can treat underlying mental health and substance abuse conditions.

Counties support veterans' access to stable housing, employment and education and critical mental health services that treat trauma and prevent suicide.

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RESOLUTION #R-____-24

SUPPORTING OPERATION GREENLIGHT FOR VETERANS

WHEREAS, the residents of Marathon County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our county and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County seeks to honor individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veterans Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability, and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes, and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Marathon County hereby declares from October 22 through Veterans Day, November 11, 2024, as a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Marathon County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their place or business or residence from November 4 through November 11, 2024.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2024

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES 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:

Samantha Fenske, Finance Director

Kim Trueblood, Marathon County Clerk