



## MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 1:30 pm**

Meeting Location **WebEx/Courthouse Assembly Room, (B105), Courthouse, 500 Forest St., Wausau**

Committee Members:

Matt Bootz	Present
Jean Maszk	WebEx
Bruce Lamont	WebEx
Stacey Morache	Present
Allen Opall	Absent
Tim Sondelski	Present
Jason Wilhelm	Present

Staff Present: DA Theresa Wetzsteon; Chief Deputy Chad Billeb; Captain Bill Milhausen; Kelly Schremp, Acting Clerk of Court, Jessica Blahnik, Medical Examiner; Phil Rentmeester, Emergency Management, Lance Leonhard; Kim Trueblood, Michael Puerner

Others Present: Chief Tim Miller, Stratford; Chief Terry McHugh, Kronenwetter PD; Captain Melinda Pauls, Wausau PD; Craig Studeman, Abby Bank

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Public Comment** - None
- 4. Approval of the April 6, 2022 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**  
Motion by Wilhelm, Second by Maszk to approve the minutes. Motion carried on a voice vote, unanimously.
- 5. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination** – None.
- 6. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution** – None.
- 7. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports:**
- 8. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
  - A.** Overview of Committee Responsibility relative to [2018 – 2022 Strategic Plan](#)  
Chair Bootz emphasize the fact that the majority of the departments over which the committee has jurisdiction have elected Department Heads. That makes the relationship to the departments somewhat different than other committee / department relationships. Administrator Leonhard talked about the Strategic Plan and how the Public Safety Committee operates within those objectives.
  - B.** Review of [2020 Annual Update to the Strategic Plan](#)  
Administrator Leonhard detailed the updates and achievements relative to the Strategic Plan that were highlighted in the 2020 update document. Questions were asked and answered.  
Chair Bootz gave an overview of how the committee arrived at their priorities related to the Comp plan and Strategic plan. He also talked about some ways that board policy and staff function together to improve efficiencies in the various departments.
  - C.** Committee Reporting relationships overview
    - 1) Updates from District Attorney's Office (Theresa Wetzsteon)  
DA taken out of order on the agenda immediately after 6A. She had a presentation covering the department (presentation included in the packet). She referenced several successful initiatives that have been started or are currently in place in the County.

- 2) Updates from Sheriff's Office (Scott Parks)  
Chief Deputy Chad Billeb introduced Dave Torkko to present the LEAP update. After the LEAP presentation, Chief Deputy Billeb spoke about the Sheriff's Department and the departments relation to the Public Safety Committee. He highlighted several of the divisions within the department and many of the successful initiatives that are in place. Questions were asked and answered.
  - a) Law Enforcement Appreciation Project (LEAP) Updates  
Dave Torkko spoke about LEAP (Law Enforcement Appreciation Program). He explained the program and introduced the board. The program has been in existence for just over two years. Donated funds provide gift cards to Law Enforcement Agencies for officers to use to purchase coffee and soda while on duty. He recognized Craig Studemann from Abby Bank as one of the primary supporters of LEAP.
- 3) Updates from Clerk of Courts' Office (Kelly Schremp)  
Acting Clerk of Court Kelly Schremp explained the duties and responsibilities of the clerk's office. She highlighted some of the successes the department has had in regards to collecting old fines through the Department of Revenue.
- 4) Updates from Medical Examiner's Office (Jessica Blahnik)  
Jessica explained the duties and responsibilities of the office. Last year, they were involved in 1400 deaths within the County. She referenced the Regional Morgue project that is in process.
- 5) Updates from Emergency Management Director (Phil Rentmeester)  
Phil spoke about the mission and duties of the department and how they accomplish those missions. He highlighted the County wide EMS and how those services are delivered. Consideration of a feasibility study is in the works for potential changes.

**D. Review of committee work during last term and areas where members would like to focus this coming term.**

Chair Bootz talked more about reporting relationships to the departments the committee oversees and a breakdown of what the County is required to supply to the elected department heads and judges. Tours of the various departments will be scheduled with those members who are interested. Questions were asked and answered.

In regards to the jail tour, the 2021 report from the Department of Corrections will be sent to the committee members.

**Next Meeting Time, Location, Announcements and Agenda Items:**

- E. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion
- F. Next meeting: **Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 1:30 pm**

**9. Adjournment**

Motion by Maszk, Second by Morache to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote, unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Kim Trueblood, Marathon County Clerk