



MARATHON COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 3:00pm**

Meeting Location: **Wausau Board Room, North Central Health Care, 1100 Lake View Drive, Wausau**

Kurt Gibbs	Present
Craig McEwen	Present
Matt Bootz	Present
Chris Dickinson	Present
Jacob Langenhahn	Present
Jean Maszk	Excused
John Robinson	Present
Rick Seefeldt	Present
Michelle Van Krey	Present

Staff Present: Kim Trueblood, Lance Leonhard, Christa Jensen, Michael Puerner, Chris Holman

Others Present: Supervisor Lemmer, Supervisor Aarrestad, Elsa Duranceau

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment** – Elsa Duranceau, rep from the Marathon County DreamUp! Committee addressed the committee regarding the child care grant and child care and housing issues currently going on in the county.
4. **Approval of the February 9, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes** – Motion by Langenhahn, Second by Seefeldt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination**
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution, or Policy**
 - A. Discussion and Possible Action by EXEC
 - B. Discussion and Possible Action by EXEC to Forward to the County Board for Consideration
 1. 2024 Budget Timeline – HRFC Chair Robinson talked through the proposed budget timeline that is in the packet. There will be a special committee of the whole meeting held in April as a Budget 101 overview. Administrator Leonhard also addressed the potential timeline and priorities as laid out in the packet. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. Motion by Langenhahn, Second by Robinson to approve the 2024 budget timeline and move it to the County Board for consideration. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously. At a future meeting, there will be an educational presentation of the expectations of each committee relative to budget priorities.
 2. Creation of Energy Task Force Charter – HRFC approved an amended version of the proposed charter at their March 8 meeting. Supervisor Lemmer stated that some of the suggestions made at the last EXEC meeting were considered in the amended version. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. Motion by Langenhahn, Second by Robinson to approve the resolution to create the Energy Task Force and approve the charter. Additional discussion occurred. Motion by Langenhahn, Second by Robinson to amend the charter to adjust the date in Section G, Item 4 to change the due date of the report to February 28, 2024 with the report to the full board at its March meeting. Motion to adopt the amendment carried on a voice vote unanimously. Additional discussion and questions. Motion to adopt the resolution and forward to the full board as amended carried on a voice vote, but was not unanimous.
 3. Update to Strategic Plan – The updates from each committee are present in the packet. Vice Chair McEwen thanked everyone for their work on updating the Strategic Plan and encouraged its support. Additional discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. Motion by Bootz, Second by Van Krey to approve the Strategic Plan and move it to the full board for approval. After discussion, Bootz withdrew the motion and Van Krey withdrew the second to move to the full board. Motion by Langenhahn, Second by Bootz to send the strategic plan back to the EEED and HRFC committees for further discussion relative to the 10.6 E & F and 10.8 C Outcome Measure 3. Discussion followed. Bootz called the question without objection. Motion to refer back to committee failed on a voice vote. Motion by Bootz, Second by Van Krey to approve the document. Motion by Bootz, Second by Robinson to amend 10.6 E to read “Explore and implement recruiting strategies aimed at population centers with significant linkage to

Marathon County.” Motion carried on a voice vote, but was not unanimous. Motion by Langenhahn, Second by Robinson to strike 10.8, C and outcome measure 3. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously. Motion by Dickinson, Second by Van Krey to remove 10.6 F as a strategy. Discussion followed. McEwen called the question without objection. Motion carried on a voice vote, but was not unanimous. Motion by Dickinson, Second by Bootz to mark 12.3, Outcome Measure 2 as complete and remove it from the Strategic Plan. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously. Bootz called the question without objection on approval of the main motion to forward the strategic plan as amended to the full board for its consideration. Motion carried on a voice vote, but was not unanimous.

7. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion

- A. Committee Agenda Process – Committee chairs were reminded of the board rules which state that agenda and packet items are due to the clerk’s office by Wednesday the week before the scheduled meeting.
- B. Impacts of the Governor’s Budget on Marathon County to be Shared with Legislators – Chair Gibbs attended the WCA legislative conference last week. He noted that the legislature will be starting from a base budget and not the governor’s budget. Supervisor Robinson commented on the items in the budget that do impact the County. Discussion followed and questions were asked and answered.
- C. Follow-up on the County Board presentations on workforce shortage, childcare, and housing. How do we determine what role, if any, the county will take in addressing these issues, both internally and externally? This item has been on the agenda of different committees and it is impacting the ability of Marathon to recruit and retain employees. The issue will likely be solved by the private sector. The HRFC will be dedicating much of an upcoming meeting to this topic. Additional discussion was had. Consensus is that something needs to be done and it will take some time to come up with options.

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, April 13, 2023 at 3:00pm

- 9. **Adjournment** – Motion by Langenhahn, Second by McEwen to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Some members of the committee stayed at North Central Health Care for a tour of the facility.

Minutes prepared by Kim Trueblood, County Clerk