



**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.

ADJOURNED ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – AGENDA

An ADJOURNED ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors, composed of thirty-eight (38) members, will convene at the Marathon County Courthouse, Assembly Room, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, on **Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.** to consider the following matters:

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

A. OPENING OF SESSION:

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Gibbs at 7:00 p.m., the agenda being duly signed and posted
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; Followed by a Moment of Silence/Reflection
3. Reading of Notice
4. Request for silencing of cellphones and other electronic devices
5. Roll Call
6. Acknowledgment of visitors

B. EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS:

7. Standing Committee Chairpersons or Designees

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

8. Approval of minutes from the April 20 & 25, 2023 County Board Meetings
9. Referral of bills and communications to respective committees
10. Authorizing the Clerk to issue orders, bills, and claims from the last session through this session
11. Ordinance:
 - a. Town of McMillan Rezone – Jason Plfieger for Larry Weigel #O-17-23
12. Resolutions:
 - a. Resolution in Support of the 2023-2025 Budget Requests of the State Public Defender’s Office, District Attorneys Association, Association of State Prosecutors, Department of Justice, and Director of State Courts #R-27-23

D. APPOINTMENT:

13. ADRC-CW Advisory Committee – Kue Her

RESOLUTIONS:

E. HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

14. Resolution Establishing 2024 Budget Priorities and Guidelines #R-28-23

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

15. Resolution Extending Encumbrance of ARPA Funds for Regional Forensic Science Center Project, Amending 2023 CIP Budget, and Authorizing Expenditure for Design Services #R-29-23

G. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

16. Announcements and / or Requests
17. Motion to Adjourn

WITNESS: My signature this 23rd day of May, 2023

Kim Trueblood
Marathon County Clerk

NOTE: The next meeting of the County Board will be the Educational Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. It will be held in the Assembly Room of the Courthouse.

NOTICE PROVIDED TO: County Board Members
Marathon County Departments
News Media
Posted on County Website: www.co.marathon.wi.us

Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 715-261-1500 or email countyclerk@co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting.

ORDINANCE # O - 17 -23

Town of McMillan 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 petition of Jason Pflieger on behalf of Larry Weigel to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from R-E Rural Estate to R-R Rural Residential, described as all of Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map #11276, located in the Northeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 17, Township 26 North, Range 3 East, Town of McMillan. Area to be rezoned is described as Lot 1, Lot 2, and Lot 3 of Preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel #056.2603.171.0998.

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 May 2, 2023 to consider the petition to amend Chapter 17; and

WHEREAS, the Committee being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, having reviewed the staff report, and duly advised of the recommendations of the Town of McMillan hereby recommends the petition be GRANTED AS APPLIED FOR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does ordain as follows: The General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code (and accompanying Zoning Map) is amended as stated above.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE



Jacob Langenhahn, Chair


Allen Drabek, Vice Chair



Rick Seefeldt



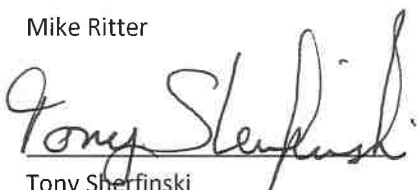
David Oberbeck



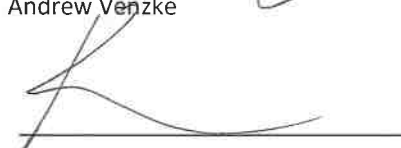
Mike Ritter



Andrew Venzke



Tony Sherfinski



Kim Ungerer



Rodney Roskopf

Kurt Gibbs – Marathon County Board Chair

Dated this 2nd of May, 2023

CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP

MARATHON COUNTY NO. _____

ALL OF LOT 1 OF CSM #11276, LOCATED IN THE NE1/4 OF THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, TOWN OF MCMILLAN, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

NORTHCENTRAL LAND SURVEYING, LLC
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 WEBSITE: www.NorthCentralLandSurveying.com
 PHONE: 715-297-8343
 EMAIL: JasonPflieger@gmail.com
 DRAFTED & DRAWN BY: JASON J. PFLIEGER
 OWNER OF PROPERTY: LARRY WEIGEL
 SURVEY PREPARED FOR: LARRY WEIGEL
 DATE OF FIELDWORK: 3/8/2023
 FILE NUMBER: 2023018 WEIGEL



LEGEND

- = SECTION CORNER AS NOTED
- = 3/4" X 18" REBAR 1.50lbs/ft SET
- = 7/8" REBAR FOUND
- $\langle \rangle$ = PREVIOUSLY RECORDED AS

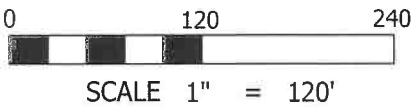
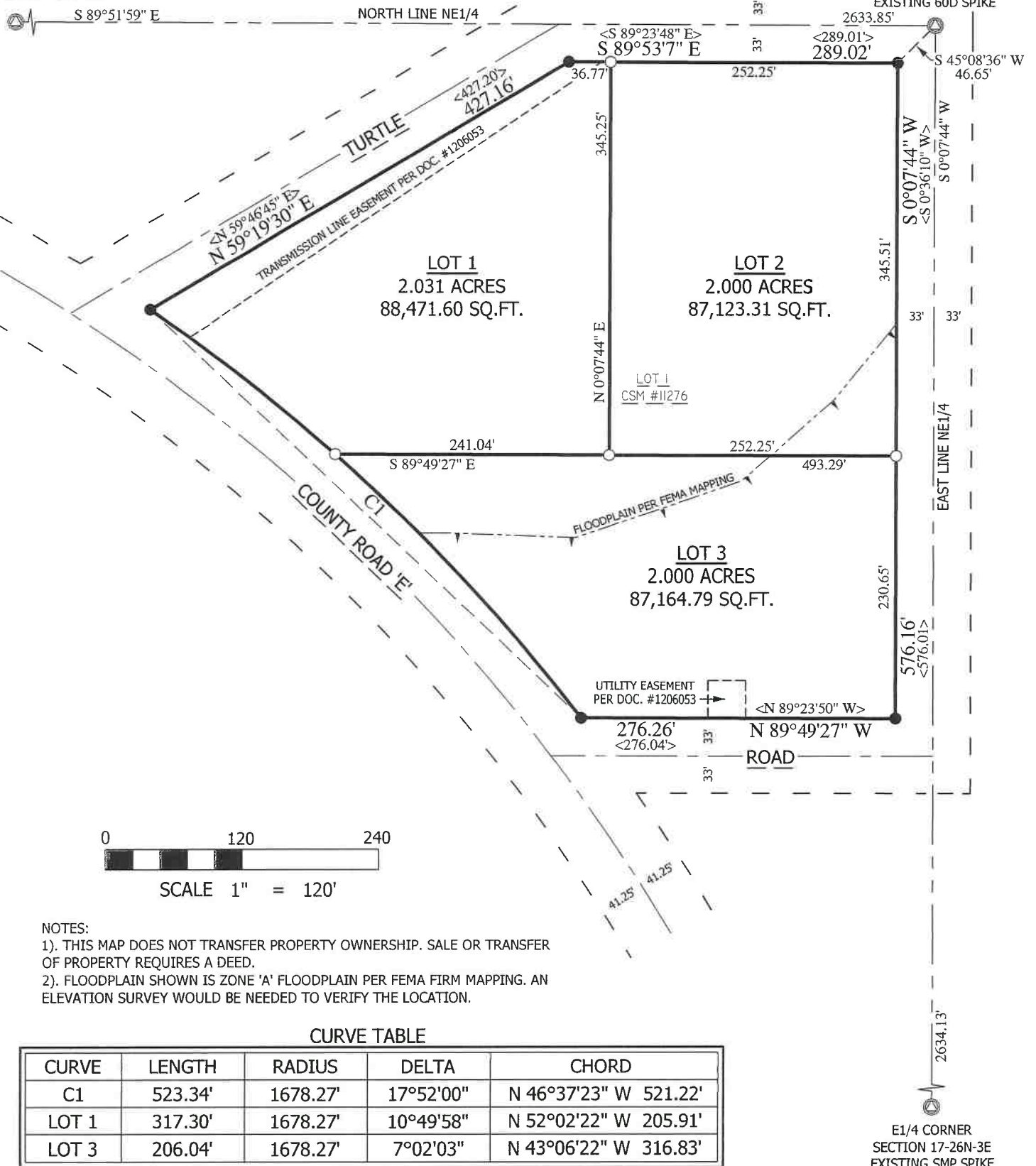
BEARING REFERENCE

BEARINGS REFERENCED TO THE EAST LINE OF THE NE1/4 BEARING S 89°51'59" E PER WCCS (MARATHON COUNTY) NAD83 (2011)

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N1/4 CORNER
SECTION 17-26N-3E
EXISTING STONE

NE CORNER
SECTION 17-26N-3E
EXISTING 60D SPIKE



- NOTES:
- THIS MAP DOES NOT TRANSFER PROPERTY OWNERSHIP. SALE OR TRANSFER OF PROPERTY REQUIRES A DEED.
 - FLOODPLAIN SHOWN IS ZONE 'A' FLOODPLAIN PER FEMA FIRM MAPPING. AN ELEVATION SURVEY WOULD BE NEEDED TO VERIFY THE LOCATION.

CURVE TABLE

CURVE	LENGTH	RADIUS	DELTA	CHORD
C1	523.34'	1678.27'	17°52'00"	N 46°37'23" W 521.22'
LOT 1	317.30'	1678.27'	10°49'58"	N 52°02'22" W 205.91'
LOT 3	206.04'	1678.27'	7°02'03"	N 43°06'22" W 316.83'

E1/4 CORNER
SECTION 17-26N-3E
EXISTING SMP SPIKE

CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP

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SURVEYORS CERTIFICATE

I, JASON J. PFLIEGER, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT AT THE DIRECTION OF LARRY WEIGEL, I SURVEYED, MAPPED AND DIVIDED ALL OF LOT 1 OF CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NUMBER 11276, LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, TOWN OF MCMILLAN, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS AND RIGHTS OF WAY OF RECORD AND USE.

THAT SUCH MAP IS A CORRECT REPRESENTATION OF ALL EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE LAND SURVEYED AND THE DIVISION AND THE CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP THEREOF MADE.

THAT I HAVE FULLY COMPLIED WITH SECTION 236.34 OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES IN SURVEYING, MAPPING AND DIVIDING THE LANDS, CHAPTER A-E 7 OF THE WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND THE LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE OF MARATHON COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF MCMILLAN, ALL TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF IN SURVEYING, DIVIDING AND MAPPING THE SAME.

DATED THIS 8TH DAY OF MARCH, 2023

JASON J. PFLIEGER P.L.S. 3148-8

APPROVED FOR RECORDING UNDER THE
TERMS OF THE MARATHON COUNTY LAND
DIVISION REGULATIONS.

BY: _____

DATE: _____

MARATHON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
CONSERVATION, PLANNING & ZONING
CPZ TRACKING NO. _____

APPROVED FOR RECORDING UNDER THE
TERMS OF THE TOWN OF MCMILLAN LAND
DIVISION REGULATIONS.

BY: _____

DATE: _____

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
MARATHON COUNTY)
TOWN OF MCMILLAN)

RESOLUTION ON ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

TO THE MARATHON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

I, John Cokl, Clerk of the Town of McMillan, Marathon County, State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of McMillan Town Board at a meeting held on the 10 day of April, 2023.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 59.69(5)(e)3., Wisconsin Statutes, provides that if a town affected by a proposed amendment disapproves of the proposed amendment, the town board may file a certified copy of a resolution adopted by such board disapproving of the petition with the Environmental Resources Committee prior to, at or within ten (10) days after the public hearing, and

WHEREAS, if the town board of the town affected in the case of an ordinance relating to the location of boundaries of districts files such a resolution, the Environmental Resources Committee may not recommend to the County Board approval of the petition without change but may only recommend approval with change or recommend disapproval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of ^{McMillan} ~~Hull~~ Town Board considered on the 10 day of April, 2023, petition of Jason Pflieger on behalf of Larry Weigel to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from R-E Rural Estate to R-R Rural Residential, described as all of Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map #11276, located in the Northeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 17, Township 26 North, Range 3 East, Town of McMillan. Area to be rezoned is described as Lot 1, Lot 2, and Lot 3 of Preliminary CSM, Parent Parcel #056.2603.171.0998.

The Town of McMillan hereby has considered the following standards for rezoning above property (*use additional sheets if necessary*):

- 1) **Has the applicant provided what public facilities and/or services currently serve the proposed development, what additional services may be required, and how the additional services will be provided?**
 No Yes Explain: _____

- 2) **Has the applicant demonstrated how the provision of the public facilities will not be an unreasonable burden to local government?**
 No Yes Explain: _____

- 3) **Has the applicant determined that the land is suitable for the development proposed? Explain.**
 No Yes Explain: _____

- 4) **Has the applicant demonstrated what will have to be done so the development will not cause unreasonable air and water pollution, soil erosion, or adverse effects on rare or irreplaceable natural areas? Explain.**
 No Yes Explain: _____

- 5) **Is there any potential for conflict with existing land uses in the area?**
 No Yes Explain: _____

(OVER)

- 6) Has the applicant demonstrated the need for the proposed development at this location? Explain.
 No Yes Explain: _____

- 7) Has the applicant demonstrated the availability of alternative locations? Be specific
 No Yes Explain: _____

- 8) Is cropland is being consumed by this zone change? What is the productivity of the agricultural lands involved?
 No Yes Explain: _____

- 9) Has the applicant explained how the proposed development will be located to minimize the amount of agricultural land converted?
 No Yes Explain: _____

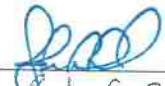



- 10) Is proposed rezone request consistent with the town's adopted Comprehensive Plan? Explain.
 No Yes Explain: _____

- 11) Is there anything else the Town wishes to present or comment on regarding this application to the Marathon County Environmental Resources (ERC) Committee?
 No Yes Explain: _____

The Town of McMillan recommends: **Approval** **Disapproval** of the amendment and/or zone change.

OR **Requests an Extension*** for the following reasons: _____

*Wis. Stats §59.69(5)(e), (3), and (3m) authorizes Towns to extend the time to disapprove a zone change for a total of thirty (30) days beyond the date of the public hearing. The extension must be by Town Board Resolution and remains in effect until the Town Board adopts a resolution rescinding the extension.

Clerk 
Town Board 



NOTE: If you recommend disapproval of this request, please make every effort to send a representative to the Environmental Resources Committee Public Hearing. Town input at the hearing is always appreciated. Please return this form before March 20, 2023 to:

Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning Department
210 River Drive
Wausau, WI 54403

RESOLUTION #R-27-23

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 2023-2025 BUDGET REQUESTS OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER’S OFFICE, DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION, ASSOCIATION OF STATE PROSECUTORS, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND DIRECTOR OF STATE COURTS

WHEREAS, the criminal justice system is a core constitutional responsibility of the State of Wisconsin with key services provided by the State Public Defender’s Office, District Attorneys, the Department of Justice, and the judiciary; and

WHEREAS, though each of these offices have different fundamental roles and responsibilities, they are interrelated such that if one part of the system is under-resourced or inefficient, it impacts all others; and

WHEREAS, adequate resources for this constitutional service are necessary to protect constitutional rights and to protect public safety; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County is a critical partner with the state, providing resources, staffing, and infrastructure through the county jail, Sheriff’s Department, Health and Human Services, and support staff in the District Attorney’s office; and

WHEREAS, the State Public Defender’s Office, District Attorneys, the Department of Justice, and the judiciary have collaborated to offer a thorough review of investments that are critical to ensure that Wisconsin meets its constitutional obligations to all citizens impacted by the justice system; and

WHEREAS, without these resources, Marathon County will face increased fiscal pressure to continue to provide these critical services using county resources or we will face additional threats to public safety and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors hereby requests that the Governor and the State Legislature fully support the 2023-25 Biennial Budget requests proposed jointly by the State Public Defender’s Office, District Attorneys, the Department of Justice, and the judiciary to provide critical support to our state’s criminal justice system services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to submit the resolution to the Governor, Marathon County Legislative Delegation, the Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin State Public Defender Kelli Thompson, Wisconsin District Attorney’s Association President Eric Toney, Director of State Courts, and Attorney General Josh Kaul.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 2023

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Fiscal Impact: There is no direct fiscal impact as a result of the resolution; however, should the state budget provide funding as requested in the Justice Coalition white paper, Marathon County would likely see indirect fiscal benefits.



**AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF CENTRAL WISCONSIN BOARD MEETING
ADRC-CW, 2600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 25, Wausau, WI.**

January 12th, 2023

Mission: The Aging and Disability Resource of Central Wisconsin promotes choice and independence through personalized education, advocacy, and access to services that prevent, delay, and lessen the impacts of aging and disabilities in the lives of adults.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Call to order by Board Chair, Ann Lemmer at 9:31 am
2. Roll Call Attendance: Roll taken by Angela Hansen
 - a. Board attendance: Norbert Ashbeck, Robert Benishek, Bill Clendenning, Mike Feirer, Jim Hampton, Will Hascall, Ann Lemmer, John Medo, Kathy Meyer, Tony Omernik, Greta Rusch, Dona Schwichtenberg,
 - b. Board members absent: Chris Dickinson, Adam Fischer
 - c. Staff members in attendance: Mike Rhea, Traci Zernicke, Steve Prell, Barb Hartwig, Kit Ruesch, Angela Hansen, Erin Wells, Ronda James, Mary Rheinschmidt
 - d. Others in attendance: Penny Hurlbert, Kim McCann
3. Public Comments:
 - a. Dona Schwichtenberg asked to delete the closed session meeting recording. Ann Lemmer didn't believe we could delete the record once it was created. The record is not public, and can be retrieved electronically. Further discussion later in the meeting.
 - b. Mike Rhea acknowledged that the Langlade Senior Center purchased a new building.
4. Approval of Minutes – 12/08/22
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes by Greta Rusch, seconded by Kathy Meyer.
 - b. Motion passed, minutes approved.
5. Discussion/possible action: Finance committee report
 - a. Steve Prell discussed the report. The application Workday may delay year end reporting.
 - b. Correction to posting date on the finance agenda to 1.6.2023.
 - c. No finance committee meeting in February.
 - d. Motion to approve the finance committee report by Mike Feier, seconded by John Medo.
 - e. Motion passed, report approved.

6. Education Item: Quality manager/continuous improvement
 - a. Kit Ruesch discusses the types of reports and data he tracks as part of his role.
 - i. Progress and contact statistics across the teams and community reach.
7. Discussion/possible action: Customer Satisfaction Survey results
 - a. Kit Ruesch discusses the overall results of the Customer Satisfaction Survey.
 - i. The overwhelming majority reported hearing about the ADRC-CW through word of mouth.
 - ii. Board asks for some connections with rescue, clinics, hospitals, senior centers, and advertising.
 - b. Complete report in packet.
 - c. No action taken.
8. Discussion/possible action: Advisory Board Member appointment
 - a. Marathon County applicant Kue Her
 - b. Motion to approve application by Norbert Ashbeck, seconded by Dona Schwichtenberg.
 - c. Motion passed, application approved.
 - i. Application forwarded to the member counties for approval.
9. Discussion/possible action: 2023 Board meeting schedule.
 - a. Motion to approve the 2023 ADRC-CW Board meeting schedule by Greta Rusch, seconded by Dona Schwichtenberg.
 - b. Motion passed, schedule approved.
10. Discussion/possible action: Wausau office update
 - a. Mike Rhea shows a map and layout of the new Marathon County Lakeview Center.
 - i. The proposed space Marathon County would allocate to the ADRC-CW if the board approves a move in the future.
 - b. Discussion no action taken.
11. Discussion/possible action: development of ad hoc committee to develop board meeting policy
 - a. Jim Hampton suggests creating the ad hoc committee with members from each member county. As a way of collecting the best practices from each county's experience.
 - b. Langlade board members decline to participate in the ad hoc committee.
 - i. Board Chair appoints: Norbert Ashbeck, Bill Clendenning, Ann Lemmer, and Mike Rhea. Marathon County Corporation Counsel, Mike Puerner is available to advise.
12. Discussion/possible action: Strategic Goals/outcomes update, development of Organizational Ends statements
 - a. Mike Rhea suggests the board create end statements that the ADRC-CW can operationalize.
 - i. Not necessarily a goal but rather a big picture aim.
 - ii. Qualitative data rather than quantitative.
 - b. Operational tasks lead to the organization's end statements.
 - c. Board asks for a bit more information to clarify the concept of End Statements.



13. Operations Report

- a. Mike Rhea presents the operational report.
- b. Full report in the packet.

14. Future Agenda Items

- a. Wausau office proposal
- b. Closed session discussion
- c. Update to current strategic goals.

15. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bill Clendenning, seconded by Norbert Ashbeck.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 11:54 am

Name: Kue Her

Phone number: 7152120706

Home address: 9848 Siberian Drive, Weston, Marathon, 54476

Email address: kueherfnp@gmail.com

Consumer group you represent: You are or you care for an adult with disabilities.

Please describe your past or current experience with older adults or adults with disabilities.:
Currently caring for my mother with Parkinson's. RN with 12 years of experience, currently a Family Nurse Practitioner.

Please tell us why you are interested in serving on the ADRC-CW Advisory Committee.: I would like to use my personal and professional experiences to continue to advocate for marginalized populations, address social determinants of health, and build an inclusive community. My son (8), has autism, and I feel that participating on this committee could possibly influence programs that would ensure he, and other children, have the supports they need as they grow up and grow older in our community.

Resolution #R-28-23
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2024 BUDGET PRIORITIES AND GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, Marathon County is an economically diverse county with a growing population and variety of rural, suburban, and urban communities; and

WHEREAS, County staff provided background information on historical revenues and expenses at the April 20th and 25th meetings of the Board of Supervisors and the May 10th meeting of the Human Resource and Finance Committee meeting; and

WHEREAS, revenue limitations by the State continue to require tough decision prioritizing which expenses will be covered with limited revenues; and

WHEREAS, prudent financial management and maintenance of fund balance reserves are essential to the long-term fiscal health of the county and the retention of a strong credit rating; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors is sensitive to the nature of the tax burden on the residents of Marathon County, and prioritizes a stable, sustainable tax levy rate;

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board adopted a budget development timeline that calls for the establishment of budget priority guidelines for the County Administrator to consider when putting together a budget recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors hereby establishes the following categorical priority guidelines for the County Administrator to consider, in conjunction with the direction to maintain the county's long-term fiscal health and strong credit rating, when creating the 2024 budget:

- 1 – Capital Reserves (Structural Deficit) – proposed budget should not utilize capital reserves to fund operating costs and debt services, while using remaining ARPA for capital needs.
- 2 - Employee Compensation – proposed budget should be based on a 3% increase in employee compensation.
- 3 - Health Insurance – proposed budget should maintain the quality of health care program currently offered to employees, while also evaluating the delivery vehicle and cost.
- 4 - New Positions – proposed budget should not include any new positions unless they are fully funded through non-levy resources.
- 5 - Operating Expenses – proposed budget process should strive to pursue efficiencies in service delivery to reduce costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the seven (7) standing committees of Marathon County are hereby called upon to continue the review of the 2023 mandated services report and the rate and fee documents during the ensuing months to develop additional recommendations for consideration by the Board of Supervisors in the 2024 budget development and approval process.

HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION #R-29-23

Extending Encumbrance of ARPA Funds for Regional Forensic Science Center Project, Amending 2023 Capital Improvement Program Budget, and Authorizing Expenditure for Design Services

WHEREAS, Marathon County is the recipient of funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Marathon County is authorized to expend ARPA funds pursuant to rules promulgated by the United States Department of the Treasury and Section 602(c)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors previously authorized the allocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 to serve as a portion of the funding plan for a Regional Forensic Science Center. The Board further authorized these funds to be encumbered through July 2023 and returned to the County's ARPA fund balance for reallocation for other uses if the remaining funding necessary for the Regional Forensic Science Center project are not received by July 31, 2023. The Regional Forensic Science Center has been a project studied by the Marathon County Board through the creation of a Regional Morgue Task Force in 2017; however, the project does not yet exist in the Marathon County 2023 Capital Improvement Program budget; and

WHEREAS, state funding for a Regional Forensic Science Center is being considered by the Wisconsin Legislature as a part of the state's budget process. The funding source being considered by legislative representatives is the State Building Commission, which, by policy, requires that the project requestor agree to secure no less than 50% of the overall project cost prior to initial review by the Commission. Additional funds may be received in 2023 through federal sources. A funding decision relative to a Regional Forensic Science Center may not be made, and funds relative to the Center may not be received, prior to July 31, 2023; however, available funding is likely to be known by September 2023; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County staff have had ongoing discussions with Northcentral Technical College (NTC) regarding a potential location for a Regional Forensic Science Center on or near property currently owned by NTC and near that college's existing campus in the City of Wausau. NTC is willing to engage Marathon County in a transaction relative to land for the Regional Forensic Science Center and is interested in developing an operational partnership with County staff to provide for significant professional educational experiences at the future Forensic Science Center site; and

WHEREAS, the design phase of a Regional Forensic Science Center project will likely require five to six months for completion; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the \$2,000,000.00 in encumbered ARPA funds could be utilized to engage with a firm for the design of the Regional Forensic Science Center. Allocation of a portion of these encumbered funds would permit work to be started on the design of the Regional Forensic Science Center as soon as procurement for design services is completed. Delays in completion of the design phase of the project would likely lead to higher project costs should the state-funding be allocated and the construction of the facility be approved by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, On May 9, 2023, and May 10, 2023, respectively, the Public Safety Committee and the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee voted to support the extension of the encumbrance of ARPA funds for the Regional Forensic Science Center through December 31, 2023, voted to recommend use of up to \$178,095 of the \$2,000,000.00 in encumbered ARPA funds to procure design services for the Regional Forensic Science Center building and infrastructure, and voted to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Program budget to add as a project the Regional Forensic Science Center; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2023, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee voted to amend the amount of funding authorized for procurement of design services to up to \$219,368, based on the actual responses received for the project, and the committee similarly voted to support the Chairperson to contact

appropriate elected officials regarding Marathon County's commitment to the Regional Forensic Science Center project, including the County's intent to work diligently to secure the funding and contributions necessary to fund the project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors hereby extends its encumbrance of ARPA funds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 to serve as a portion of the funding plan for Regional Forensic Science Center through December 31, 2023. The Board authorizes these funds to be encumbered through December 31, 2023, and to be returned to the County's ARPA fund balance for reallocation for other uses if the remaining funding necessary for the Regional Forensic Science Center project are not allocated to Marathon County by December 31, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors hereby amends the 2023 Capital Improvement Program budget to create as an additional project in 2023 the Marathon County Regional Forensic Science Center with funding for the project to include the \$2,000,000.00 in encumbered ARPA funds to be supplemented by state or federal grant dollars upon receipt.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors approves the use of up to \$219,368 of the \$2,000,000.00 in encumbered ARPA funds to procure design services for the Regional Forensic Science Center building and infrastructure. The Board finds that this expenditure is consistent with the use of ARPA funds for capital improvements to public facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and as revenue replacement, both allowable uses of ARPA funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board authorizes the amendment of the 2023 budget to reflect the encumbrance and expenditure of the funds identified herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board authorizes the County Board Chair to contact appropriate State Legislature members regarding Marathon County's commitment to the Regional Forensic Science Center project, including the County's intent to work diligently to secure the funding and contributions necessary to fund the project.

FISCAL NOTE:

This Resolution extends the encumbrance of no more than \$2,000,000.00 of Marathon County's APRA allocation for expenditure towards the costs of a Regional Forensic Science Center contingent upon receipt of the remaining required funds from other sources. If the required alternative funds are not allocated to Marathon County by December 31, 2023, these ARPA funds shall be returned to the County's ARPA fund balance for reallocation.

This resolution also authorizes the expenditure of up to \$219,368 of the \$2,000,000.00 in encumbered ARPA funds to procure design services for the Regional Forensic Science Center building and infrastructure.

Finally, this resolution amends the 2023 Capital Improvement Program budget to add the Regional Forensic Science Center as a project with the funding sources identified herein. The total project cost estimate is \$14,841,266.00, of which up to \$2,000,000 would be funded by ARPA funds and the remaining funding sources would be state and/or federal grants or appropriations.

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 2023 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.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

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May 24, 2023

Dear Joint Committee on Finance Members,

On behalf of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors, I would like to formally express our appreciation for the State of Wisconsin Legislature's consideration of providing funding for the proposed Marathon County Regional Forensic Science Center.

A forensic science facility centrally located in Marathon County will address a significant, longstanding lack of forensic pathology resources in the State of Wisconsin. The facility would serve to benefit medical examiners (coroners), law enforcement, health care professionals, and numerous other groups. It will also have considerable ancillary benefits, creating jobs and considerable economic opportunities in Central Wisconsin.

Marathon County is committed to making this project a reality. Should fifty percent (50%) of the \$14.8 million project funding be provided through the State of Wisconsin Building Commission, Marathon County will work diligently to secure the remaining funding and in-kind contributions necessary to complete the project. The County Board of Supervisors has already allocated \$2 million and is in the process of securing construction designs. Moreover, we have built a strong network of stakeholders that we intend to partner with as we work to secure the remaining funding. Finally, we are in the process of drafting agreements providing for the purchase of the property proposed for the facility, a transaction valued at approximately \$350,000, and ongoing operational partnerships.

Thank you again for your time and consideration relative to the Marathon County Regional Forensic Science Center Project. We are excited about the possibility of working together to make this project a reality and believe it will be a great asset for the State of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Kurt Gibbs
County Board Chair