



MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at Noon**

Meeting Location: **Courthouse Assembly Room B-105 – 500 Forest St., Wausau**

Committee Members: Craig McEwen, Chair, Jim Schaefer, Vice-Chair, Karen Kellbach, Jean Maszk, David Nutting, Arnold Schlei, Chris Voll

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 public safety initiatives of Marathon County.*

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Public Comment (15 minute limit)

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Public Safety Meeting on May 8, 2019

4. Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration

A. Report on the Voluntary Mediation Program in Marathon County and the benefits to the court system and parties involved

<https://wisconsincentraltimenews.com/2018/07/23/lets-see-if-we-can-work-this-out-civil-court-mediation/>

1. Exploration of the possibility of county funding to expand the program

B. Cost Recovery in the form of fees assessed to those who benefit from services involving public safety

a. Under what circumstances should the fees represent 100% cost recovery?

b. Under what circumstances should cost recover target partial cost recovery?

c. Should our calculation of service costs include indirect costs and overhead?

d. How should we handle situations when the person or family does not have the ability to pay?

C. Status of County priorities in the State Budget:

a. Public Defender Pay

b. 17 year olds in the Juvenile Justice System

c. Additional District Attorneys

5. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution: None

6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports-None

7. Next Meeting Time, Location, Announcements and Agenda Items:

A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion

B. Next meeting: **Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at Noon***

8. 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 715-261-1500 or e-mail infomarathon@mail.co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting.

SIGNED /s/ Craig McEwen
Presiding Officer or Designee

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MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at 12:00 p.m.
Courthouse Assembly Room – B-105, 500 Forest St, Wausau

Attendance:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Craig McEwen, Chair	X	
Jim Schaefer, Vice-Chair	X	
Karen Kellbach		EX
Jean Maszk	X	
David Nutting	X	
Arnie Schlei	X	
Chris Voll	X	

Others Present: Lance Leonhard, Phil Rentmeester, Paul Mergendahl, Chad Billeb, Scott Parks, Laura Scudiere, Ruth Heinzl, Theresa Wetzsteon, Mary Palmer, Media

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Craig McEwen at 12:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment (15 minute limit) None

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Public Safety Meeting on April 10, 2019

MOTION BY SCHAEFER; SECOND BY MASZK TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 10, 2019, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration

A. Capital Improvement Project – Emergency Management

Discussion:

Phil Rentmeester, Emergency Management Director asked approval from the Standing Committee for 2 trucks the pickup in 2020 and the commercial chassis truck in 2022. Emergency Management is using used equipment now and the 1990 pickup needs replacing.

Action:

MOTION BY NUTTING; SECOND BY MASZK TO APPROVE THE CIP ROLLING STOCK REQUEST FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR A CREW CAB PICKUP TRUCK 4 X 4 WITH TOWING PACKAGE AND A CIP FORECAST FOR 2022 FOR THE COMMERCIAL TRUCK. MOTION CARRIED.

Follow through:

No follow through requested.

B. Raising the daily fees for the Juvenile Detention Center from \$150 to \$200 as of January 1, 2020

Discussion:

Paul Mergandahl, Assistant Jail Administrator, proposed to increase the daily rate at the Juvenile Detention Center from \$150 to \$200 per day. It's been over a decade since we raised rates. When reviewing several county rates, it became apparent that this discussion is happening throughout the State. Tax intercept is done for in County people who are not paying.

Action:

MOTION BY SCHAEFER; SECOND BY SCHLEI TO TAKE THE DAILY FEE RATE FOR THE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER FROM \$150 TO \$200 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

Follow through:

No follow through requested.

5. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution: None

6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. Update on Crisis Assessment Response Team (CART)

Discussion:

Chief Deputy Billeb gave a handout on the Crisis Assessment Response Team. Both the Sheriff's

Department and Wausau Police Department have assigned an officer to this program along with two mental health professionals. These teams are more proactive than reactive. It has been a very successful program for mental health responses and is cost saving for the City, County and North Central Health Care. 44% of all law enforcement in Marathon County are trained in CIT as a Critical Incident Team member. Everest Metro is also looking at this for their department.

Follow through:

No follow through requested.

B. Update on current jail population and efforts to divert from initial incarceration

Discussion:

Chief Deputy Billeb explained that jail numbers are watched daily. Numbers are starting to drop. Two days ago only 41 inmates were housed out of the County. Last year at this time we had 116 housed out of the County.

Evidence Based Decision Making has come up with several areas for best practices:

- Case processing is being used and we are processing cases faster.
- The Proxy is a new program – Before taking someone to Jail every officer is asked to do a quick assessment with the following three questions: 1) how old are you today, 2) how old were you at your first arrest, 3) how many times have you been arrested? Then they use software and the quick assessment to determine if someone should go to jail or are they reliable to stay home and then summon them into court rather than have an initial jail sentence. Through Proxy we love the jail numbers going down, but it's a best practice for a low level, low risk offender to keep them out of jail and getting them the right level of intervention.
- Hot sheets are created for each judicial branch every 2 weeks to show each branch how many inmates are in jail over 180 days. Having this intentional review of those cases has really helped to move the cases through court faster.

Future programs being developed:

- Probation violations and bail jumping – can we do a referral rather than incarcerate. Do we look at having a different model for sentencing inmates? If sentencing was done on the front end, imposed and number of days in jail would be drastically reduced.
- Pretrial Services Program – laying groundwork for those on bond who have violations of a new crime or sobriety rule and have a response that the person is to work with a case manager and not send them back to jail. Give the courts some reassurance and monitoring for higher risk offenders when out on bond. Should be up and running by end of the year.
- Medically assisted program for opioid addicted inmates.

Last year housing inmates out of the County cost \$1.5 million dollars. Our budget this year is \$1.1 million and if we continue the way we are we will come in under budget.

Follow through:

No follow through requested.

C. Strategic Plan Update and Priorities for 2019

Discussion:

Will be reviewed monthly. Look at 7.1 on a continuing basis. Keep fresh with the committee.

Follow through:

No follow through requested.

7. Next Meeting Time, Location, Announcements and Agenda Items:

- A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion
- Keep Strategic Plan Update and Priorities for 2019 on each month's meeting
 - ACEs update/review
 - SIU office space tour in July
- B. Next meeting: **Wednesday, June 12, 2019**, at the Courthouse Assembly Room.

8. Adjournment

MOTION BY MASZK; SECOND BY VOLL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED. (1:04 pm)

Respectfully submitted
Mary Palmer