



# MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, September 11, 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		EX
Arnie Schlei	X	
Chris Voll		EX

**Others Present:** Brad Karger, Lance Leonhard, Scott Parks, Sean McCarthy, Mike Puerner, Paul Mergendahl, Mary Palmer

**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 August 14, 2019**

**MOTION BY MASZK; SECOND BY SCHLEI TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 14, 2019, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES. MOTION CARRIED.**

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

- A. Recommendation by the Civil Service Commission To Amend County Ordinance 5.01 to Allow the Sheriff's Office to Recruit, Examine and Hire New Deputy Sheriff Candidates Without the Oversight of the Civil Service Committee (Capt. McCarthy)

**Discussion:**

Gone are the days of having a large number of good applicants. Civil Service Committee voted to amend the ordinance to take the Civil Service Commission out of the mix for new hires. They will still be involved in promotions, but hiring would be done in the Sheriff's Department in a very short period of time. Remove language from the Ordinance regarding deputy candidates.

**Action:**

**MOTION BY SCHAEFER; SECOND BY MASZK TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION BY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO AMEND COUNTY ORDINANCE 5.01 TO ALLOW THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO RECRUIT, EXAMINE AND HIRE NEW DEPUTY SHERIFF CANDIDATES WITHOUT THE OVERSIGHT OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Follow through:**

No follow through requested.

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

**6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports**

- A. Report on Annual Inspection of Secure Detention Facility

**Discussion:**

Secure Detention Facility passed their inspection with flying colors. Thank you to the entire staff at the juvenile and security detention facility along with the Jail Administrator and the Sheriff for keeping our facility safe and secure.

Any questions or concerns reach out to Paul Mergendahl or Sandra LaDu. The committee recognizes the outstanding job done at the facility.

**Follow through:**

No follow through requested.

B. Update on Forensic Science Center (Morque)

**Discussion:**

This is a tremendous amount of work. From an operational perspective we could make enough to pay staff, but have nothing left for capital. It would cost 2.6 million dollars, if we use the old pool area at NCHC.

There will be a meeting with Representative Snyder and Wipfli to put together a proposal. One million dollars needs to be raised outside what we are asking from foundations. Howard Young via Elizabeth Taylor Foundation has money for regional benefits. It's a challenge to work through. We have to come up with some money.

**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
  - 1. Evidence Based Decision Making (EBDM)
- B. Next meeting: **Wednesday, October 9, 2019** at the Courthouse Assembly Room.

**Announcements:**

- I. Next meeting will provide an educational update on the development at the state getting rid of Lincoln Hills and moving toward regional centers for youth. Brown County is going to apply for a grant and are looking for support from counties in that area. Vicki Tylka is sending a letter of support.
- II. Karen Kellbach update if all ok she is on her way to Oklahoma.

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION BY SCHLEI; SECOND BY SCHAEFER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED. (12:44 pm)**