



# MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, December 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		EX
Kelley Gabor	X	
Jean Maszk	X	
David Nutting	X	
Arnie Schlei	X	
Chris Voll		EX

**Others Present:** Brad Karger, Lance Leonhard, Gina Cornell, Ruth Heinzl, Jon Graveen, Jim Griesbach, Sean McCarthy, Jamie Polley, Scott Parks, Chad Billeb, Dave Mack, Preston Vande Voort, Scott Parks, Sandra LaDu, Theresa Wetzsteon, Media, 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)** – Jon Graveen, 1650 Naugart Drive, Jon stated that he sounded off and apologized for his attitude relating to the District Attorneys budget when he didn't have the facts..

## 3. Approval of the Minutes of the Public Safety Meeting on November 11, 2019

**MOTION BY MASZK; SECOND BY SCHLEI TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 11, 2019, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES. MOTION CARRIED.**

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

### A. County Support of Sports Events Occurring on County Highways

#### Discussion:

Administrator Karger met with a team from Highway, Parks, Recreation and Forestry, and the Sheriff's Department about events in and especially outside the metro area. Safety is an issue. This policy should bring all four departments together and the committee. Highlights of the policy are:

- Organizers must have a plan in place
- The event has to be during a time that other events are not taking place.
- No event will interfere with the most important work of the County departments
- Full recovery of costs, except for a portion that Marathon County may be part of and then that cost may be reduced.
- An application must be completed and the County will help fill it out.
- The event must have insurance and Marathon County must be named in the policy
- Criteria will be established and updated annually (how much money brought into County)
- The policy and events will be reviewed at year end and report to County Board
- There will be up to five sporting events to start.

The Team is in agreement.

#### Action:

**MOTION BY MASZK; SECOND BY GABOR TO ACCEPT THE POLICY FOR COUNTY SUPPORT OF SPORTS EVENTS OCCURRING ON COUNTY HIGHWAYS AND FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Follow through:

Send to County Board.

## 5. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution:

### A. Change in Ordinance 5.01 Eliminating Residency Requirement for Deputy Applicants

#### **Discussion:**

Although the Ordinance is listed on the agenda as 5.01 it is actually 5.04; however the rest of the agenda item is accurate.

The request is to eliminate the residency requirement (under 5.04(5), for deputy sheriffs as long as they reside within a 15 minute response time to the Marathon County border. Several resent applicants have 12 to 17 years' experience, but live outside Marathon County. Eastern County Supervisors are in favor if a deputy lives in Langlade County because response time could be better than it is now.

A concern came up about having a take home vehicle. However, that could be an opportunity at the beginning or ending of a shift to transport inmates to and from jails.

#### **Action:**

**MOTION BY SCHLEI, SECOND BY MASZK TO SUPPORT THE CHANGE IN ORDINANCE 5.04 TO ELIMINATE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR DEPUTY APPLICANTS WHO LIVE WITHIN A 15 MINUTE RESPONSE TIME TO MARATHON COUNTY'S BORDER. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **Follow through:**

No follow through needed.

### B. Uniform Addressing System Policy and Administrative Guidance

#### **Discussion:**

Dave Mack, Manager, Conservation, Planning & Zoning (CPZ) is confident that all of the signs are installed in the County. They are now moving into the maintenance phase of the program.

Highlights of the policy and administrative guidance are:

- The County will pay for new address signs and posts, but towns will install them. Once installed on the property, it is the resident's responsibility to contact CPZ to get a replacement sign.
- Business may affix signs to front and back of buildings.
- Towns are responsible for street signs and posts moving forward. They can work with CPZ or another vendor for replacement street signs.
- The Enforcement section was deleted.
- CPZ will be coming back to County Board to administer an ordinance to allow the program to be administered through CPZ and law enforcement so both can issue citations. A patrol car would be available for standby, if a threat was perceived.

#### **Action:**

**MOTION BY SCHLEI; SECOND BY GABOR TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO THE MARATHON COUNTY UNIFORM ADDRESSING SYSTEM POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE ORDINANCE. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **Follow through:**

None needed.

### C. Resolution asking the State to Provide Funding for Assistant District Attorneys Consistent with their own Analysis of Need.

#### **Discussion:**

The committee agrees that the District Attorney's (DA) office is understaffed. A resolution should be prepared and taken to the board showing the additional work taken on by the District Attorney's office such as Drug Court and point out that the State did the analysis of need and ask them to fill the gap. The community is surprised the DA is a State employee and not being funded.

#### **Action:**

No action taken.

#### **Follow through:**

Karger will work with Chad Billeb and Theresa Wetzsteon to come up with a resolution for January's meeting.

## 6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

### A. Update on Strategic Plan

#### **Discussion:**

County Board Vice-Chair Craig McEwen has met with all Standing Committees that are taking the leads on the 12 Strategic objectives. He is looking for any ideas or suggestions for discussion on 7.1 or other healthiest and safest areas of the strategic plan. Continue moving forward. He suggests committee members review the comprehensive plan and LIFE report.

**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. Resolution asking the State to Provide Funding for Assistant District Attorneys Consistent with their own Analysis of Need.(bring back in January)
  
- B. Next meeting: **Wednesday, January 8, 2020** at the Courthouse Assembly Room.  
Rules Review is suggesting all standing committee meetings meet the first week of the month on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday except HR/Finance and Executive Committee.
  
- C. Announcement: The State Department of Transportation is having a Public Hearing in the Town of Knowlton regarding 5-6 dangerous intersections on U.S. Highway 34 and old Highway 51.

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION BY MASZK; SECOND BY SCHLEI TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.  
(1:50 pm)**

Tour of the jail was taken by some committee members.