



## MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.  
Courthouse Assembly Room – B-105, 500 Forest St, Wausau

Attendance:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Matt Bootz, Chair	X	
Brent Jacobson, Vice-Chair	X	
Kelley Gabor	W	
Bruce Lamont	W	
Jean Maszk	W	
Allen Opall	W	
Arnie Schlei	W	

**Others Present:** Lance Leonhard, Chad Billeb, Bill Millhausen, Mary Palmer, Public and Media; Via Web: Ruth Heinzl. Kurt Gibbs, Phil Rentmeester, Theresa Wetzsteon

### 1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Matt Bootz at 2:00 p.m.

2. **Public Comment (15 minute limit)** – The Public Comment portion of the agenda has been temporarily suspended, pursuant to Marathon County Resolution # R-18-20, dated March 17, 2020.

### 3. Approval of the Minutes of the Public Safety Meeting on May 6, 2020

**MOTION BY JACOBSON; SECOND BY MASZK TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE May 6, 2020 COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.**

4. **Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration - None**

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

A. Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Requests from the Sheriff's Department

1. New Roof over a Portion of the Jail
2. New Roof at the Juvenile Detention Facility

#### Discussion:

Chad Billeb – reported on two facilities that need roofs. The Jail needs a new roof over the recreation area and it will cost about \$200,000. The Juvenile Facility roof was submitted through CIP last year but was not funded. It will cost about \$500,000, not substantially different than last year's quote. Internally the Sheriff's Department along with Facilities and Capital Management ranked the Juvenile Facility as a priority over the Jail, if they both can't be done this year.

#### Action:

**MOTION BY MASZK; SECOND BY LAMONT TO FORWARD THE CIP REQUESTS TO THE CIP COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED**

#### Follow through:

Forward to CIP Committee.

### 6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. Marathon County Sheriff's Office Update

- a. Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Rib Mountain for Law Enforcement Services
- b. 911 Emergency Dispatch Center Completed Renovation

#### Discussion:

Over the past year conversations have been ongoing between the Town of Rib Mountain and the Sheriff's Department regarding Rib Mountain contracting for a 40 hour per week deputy. The Town will

pay wages and fringe for the deputy and part of the squad car/equipment. The target date is September 1, 2020 for the deputy to start in Rib Mountain. It's a great opportunity for the Town and the County. It will be a four year commitment. The deputy will work when most needed in the Town. Some nights, some weekends, working special events like Black Friday. It will also open up more services in the county, as the deputy assigned there now will be able to answer other calls in the County when needed.

Captain Bill Millhausen gave an update on the 911 Emergency Dispatch Center Renovation. The renovations have been completed. It turned out extremely well and we are next generation 911 compliant. We are not able to do text nor video yet.

**Follow through:**

No follow through requested.

B. Marathon County Emergency Management

a. Application for UniverCity Year Grant to move forward Strategic Plan objective 7.1

**Discussion:**

This Grant is a new project based off our Strategic Plan. It's an opportunity to work in partnership with the University of Madison to put together a plan on something that the county would move forward that is the interest of the county and build it into the university curriculum. Objective 7.1 is to consolidate public services. There is a cost of \$30,000. Looking for permission to move forward. It was approved through the Administrator's Work Plan. Looking at consolidating Emergency Medical Services.

**Follow through:**

No follow through requested.

C. Update on COVID-19 Courthouse Operations

a. Development of Court Safety and Operational Plans

**Discussion:**

Judge Michael Moran is the lead person on Court Safety and the Operational Plan. In person court has been suspended, jury trials postponed until certain benchmarks are met. Each county needs two plans. One is a Safety Plan for more in court appearances. The safety plan is an interim step. The other is the Operational Plan which has three phases to reopening the courts. The last step needs to be in place before jury trials can happen. Leonhard explained the process and who participated in developing the Safety Plan. We have signage at all entries discouraging entry into the courthouse if you are ill or having COVID signs. Rooms have revised occupancy limits to ensure physical distancing. Scheduling is done to enhance social distancing. Hearings are done via Zoom. Language is being developed for consistency in courtrooms. Air handling capacity in the courthouse has been enhanced along with sanitation practices. Masks are required in courtrooms via the Supreme Court. We are working to be ready and prepared when the courtrooms open up for trials and prioritization.

Courtroom 2 will be ready the fastest. We need no less than two courtrooms ready for jury trials.

Judge Moran arrived and recapped what is being done:

- The safety plan is for in-person appearances and goes into effect July 6:
- Realistically, it will be October or November before we start jury trials
- Signage is at all entries
- Cleaning supplies are in each courtroom
- Concern about social distancing, but are limiting number of people in the courtrooms for social distancing
- Wearing masks is encourage in courthouse, but ordered to wear in courtrooms
- Continue to use remote options for court, but for those that can't use web, in-person will be available
- Screening will be done at the doors

After the plan is approved/signed by the chief judge of the district, it will be available to anyone. Our plan is more comprehensive than other counties.

**Follow through:**

No follow through requested.

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

A. Next meeting: August 5, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

B. Announcements: None

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION BY JACOBSON; SECOND BY OPALL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED. (2:47 pm)**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Mary Palmer