



# MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 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	WEB	
Jim Schaefer, Vice-Chair		X
Kelley Gabor	WEB	
Jean Maszk	WEB	
David Nutting	WEB	
Arnie Schlei	WEB	
Chris Voll		X

**Others Present:** Lance Leonhard, Ruth Heinzl, Chad Billeb, Theresa Wetzsteon, John Robinson (via web)  
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)
- The Public Comment portion of the agenda has been temporarily suspended, pursuant to Marathon County Resolution # R-18-20, dated March 17, 2020, because the technology necessary to afford the public the opportunity to address the County Board, or its subgroups, during public Comment is difficult to guarantee, if a large number of individuals have elected to call in

- ## 3. Approval of the Minutes of the Public Safety Meeting on February 12, 2020 and the Joint Meeting with the Infrastructure Committee on March 5, 2020, 2020
- MOTION BY MASZK; SECOND BY SCHLEI TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2020, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AND THE JOINT MEETING WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE ON MARCH 5, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.**

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

A. County's role in Ensuring Access to 9-1-1 Service Municipal Code

### Discussion:

Supervisor John Robinson, Infrastructure Chair – Some ideas that came out of the joint meeting were to find out where fiber is in place and where is the best location for potential towers. Follow-up with Design 9 and start a Task Force. Greater Wausau Prosperity is interested in working with us on broadband. Let Supervisor Robinson know if there are more issues with Frontier.

Incomplete and inaccurate information has been given to FCC by various companies. There have been complaints across the state, but only one formal complaint from Marathon County. Encourage anyone you know having problems with Frontier or other carriers to file formal complaints. Frontier has been working very well with the Sheriff's department and have been responsive with dispatch.

It was suggested that Public Safety should take the lead to notify people in the County that they should submit a complaint. Possibly sending out a post card with the information on it would get almost all citizens. We can also get the information out through the Eastern and Western Towns meetings and ask town chairs to take the information back to their municipalities. One caution is that the County will not be the collector of the complaints. And if the complaints come back to us, what do we do with them? Give this some more thought and what would be the cost and who would pay for it and is a postcard the best way to go?

### Action:

No action taken.

### Follow through:

CPZ may be contacted to see about the postcard process they used for Uniform Addressing.

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

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

- A. Update on Operational Changes at Courthouse in light of COVID-19 prevention efforts and Safer at Home Order.

**Discussion:**

Some of the changes in the courthouse due to Covid-19 are:

- Additional disinfecting to high use areas
- Public hours are from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Many are working from home
- DA's office is closed and are in contact through instant messaging
- Courts have cancelled all jury trials; and essential hearings are handled through Zoom
- Sheriff's Office is controlling the influx to jail and outlying jails will not take any of our inmates
- Sheriff's Office has also received a grant and have purchased UV light and fogging system to clean small offices and patrol cars.

**Follow through:**

No follow through requested.

- B. Update on Policy Development - County Support of Sport/Large Events Proposed to Occur on County Highways and Other Property or Request County Staff Resources

**Discussion:**

Administrator Leonhard - The last meeting was held in early March and then a couple days later the Covid19 response team started meeting. He's not sure if Wausau Police Department and Public Works will participate in the near future. Right now it's not a top priority, but we need to keep working on it. Just prior to the last meeting he found policy 12.04 and that will be a start to a new policy.

**Follow through:**

No follow through requested.

- C. Update from Committee Chair on NACo Legislative Conference

**Discussion:**

Chair McEwen attended the NACo Legislative Conference February 29 through March 4 in Washington DC. There were several really good sessions that he attended.

The Rural Action Caucus outlined success of the Testit App (test internet speeds). It has been successful App and shows that 65% noted below minimum downloads and uploads. This supports the inaccurate connectivity data given to FCC by providers and prohibiting local solutions on municipal owned broadband.

Technology Innovations listed the importance of data to reduce recidivism. We are doing this through Evidence Based Decision Making (EBDM).

The 2020 NACo policy has 9 priorities that they will be working on with congress.

**Follow through:**

No follow through requested.

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

- A. Next meeting: ~~Wednesday, May 13, 2020, Noon~~. May 6, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

- B. Announcement: Thank you committee members for all the support given to citizens of Marathon County. We got a lot of work done over the last two years. Thank you to Vice-Chair Schaefer. Supervisor Nutting thanked Chair McEwen for his leadership and insight.

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION BY NUTTING; SECOND BY GABOR TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.  
(1:20 pm)**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Mary Palmer