



MARATHON COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.**

Meeting Location: **Courthouse Assembly Room, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

Committee Members: Kurt Gibbs, Chair; Craig McEwen, Vice-Chair; Matt Bootz, Michelle Van Krey, John Robinson, Rick Seefeldt, Jacob Langenhahn, Chris Dickinson, Jean Maszk

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: The Executive Committee of the Marathon County Board exists for the purpose of implementing the County Strategic Plan by coordinating policy formation among the Committees and providing leadership for all County Board policies through supervision of administrative staff.

Persons wishing to attend the meeting by phone may call into the **telephone conference beginning five (5) minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number:**

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1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment (15 minutes)** (Any person who wishes to address the committee during the "Public Comment" portion of meetings, must provide his or her name, address, and the topic he or she wishes to present to the Marathon County Clerk, or chair of the committee, no later than five minutes before the start of the meeting. All comments must be germane to the jurisdiction of the committee)
4. **Approval of the Minutes from June 8, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting**
5. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
 - A. Update from the Administrator on Work Plan
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution**
 - A. Discussion and Possible Action by EXEC
 - B. Discussion and Possible Action by EXEC to Forward to County Board
 1. Approval of Letter to Governor Evers and the State Legislature Regarding Local Control
7. **Policy Issues for Discussion and Possible Action**
 - A. Topics for Rules Review Committee to Address
8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Location, Announcements and Future Agenda Items:**
 - A. Next Meeting: Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 3:00 pm
9. **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 261-1500 or e-mail countyclerk@co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting

SIGNED _____ s/s Kurt Gibbs
Presiding Officer or Designee

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MARATHON COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 3:00pm**

Meeting Location: **Assembly Room, Courthouse, 500 Forest St, Wausau**

Kurt Gibbs	Present
Craig McEwen	Present
Matt Bootz	Excused
Chris Dickinson	Present
Jacob Langenhahn	Present
Jean Maszk	WebEx
John Robinson	Present
Rick Seefeldt	Present
Michelle Van Krey	Present

Staff Present: Kim Trueblood, Lance Leonhard, Dejan Adzic

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment** - None
4. **Approval of the May 11, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes** – Motion by McEwen, Second by Robinson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination**
 - A. Continue Discussion regarding 2024 Annual Budget and policy Recommendations from the Committee
 1. Mandatory vs Non-Mandated Programs
 2. Use of Fees and Rates
 3. Understanding a Department's Use of LevyChair Gibbs stated that these discussions are ongoing at the committee level and there is no specific topic for discussion by the Executive Committee at this time.
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution, or Policy**
 - A. Discussion and Possible Action by EXEC
 1. Discussion of a Letter in Support of Funding for the UniverCity Alliance Program in the 2023-2025 State Budget – Administrator Leonhard explained the request he received for a letter in support of the budgetary funding for this program. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. Motion by Robinson, Second by Van Krey to approve the request to author and send the letter. Motion carried on a voice vote, but was not unanimous.
 2. Approval of Letter to Governor Evers and the State Legislature Regarding Local Control - this agenda item has been pulled and will be discussed further by the Environmental Resources Committee.
 3. Consideration of Requesting Administration to Investigate Strategies to Develop Program Specific Expense and Revenue Data – Chair Gibbs stated this has been a request from supervisors to look more closely at program details related to budgeting. Administrator Leonhard added further information regarding the budget process, which makes allocation to specific programs difficult. He is looking for guidance from the committee as to whether he should further look into the options regarding program based budgeting. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. Motion by Robinson, Second by McEwen to direct administration to investigate strategies to develop approaches relative to specific expense and revenue data and report back by July 1, 2024. Motion carried on a voice vote, but was not unanimous.
 4. Discussion on Objective 3.8 of the Comp Plan – Supervisor Xiong has requested an update on how committees are progressing in the directive to look at their roles and responsibilities as spelled out in 3.8 and report back to the executive committee by September.
 - B. Discussion and Possible Action by EXEC to Forward to County Board for Consideration
 1. Resolution to Approve the Charter for Tax Incremental Finance Task Force – Supervisor Robinson summarized the action taken by the Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. Motion by Langenhahn, Second by Robinson to approve the charter for the TIF Task Force and move it to the full board for consideration. Additional

discussion and questions. Motion carried on a voice vote but was not unanimous.

7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion** – None.
8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements and Future Agenda Items**
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
 - B. Next meeting: Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 3:00pm
9. **Adjournment** – Motion by McEwen, Second by Langenhahn to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Kim Trueblood, County Clerk

DRAFT

RESOLUTION #R-37-23

APPROVAL OF LETTER TO GOVERNOR EVERS AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE REGARDING LOCAL CONTROL

WHEREAS, Chapter 293 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Section NR 130 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code bind counties in Wisconsin relative to their ability to regulate metallic mining; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute Section 196.491(3)(i) and Section PSC 128 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code limits the ability of counties to address concerns relative to the siting of wind energy projects; and

WHEREAS, Section NR 151 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code binds state enforcement efforts relative to regulation of runoff and limits the tools available for local governments to address runoff issues; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2023, the Environmental Resources Committee voted to approve the attached letter to the Wisconsin Legislature relative to the importance of local control and forward the same on to the County Board for consideration and approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does hereby authorize the Marathon County Board Chair to forward the attached letter to the Wisconsin Legislature and appropriate Wisconsin state officials on behalf of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors.

Dated the 18th day of July, 2023.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Fiscal Impact: None.



July 19, 2023

Governor Evers and Members of the Wisconsin State Legislature:

The purpose of this letter is to express Marathon County's concern over the lack of local control of important environmental matters in counties and municipalities in the State of Wisconsin. Over time, through legislative and state agency action and preemption, local governments have become less adept to address challenges in their communities. Marathon County asks that the State of Wisconsin return the tools necessary to exercise local control to the counties and municipalities best situated to address these issues.

While the regulatory framework developed in the State of Wisconsin may create efficiencies in the regulation of certain industries, events in recent years in Marathon County have highlighted the strain between state authority and local control and the effect that limiting local input has on important environmental issues. Citizens in Marathon County have expressed their concern over a proposed metallic exploration operation in Eastern Marathon County, yet our county is bound to the standards in NR 130 and Wis. Stats. 293. Local government is unable to effectively engage mining interests or address citizen concerns. Similarly, our County Board of Supervisors has been made aware of significant citizen concerns over the potential siting of wind projects in Western Marathon County, yet Marathon County is limited in its ability to address these concerns by the standards in PSC 128 and the preemption of local ordinances in Wis. Stat. 196.491(3)(i). Lastly, regulation of runoff from farm operations is often not supported by state enforcement efforts, which is bound by the standards set forth in NR 151 (and NR 243 for CAFO operations), limiting local tools available for us to address runoff issues.

Ultimately, the result of these strict limitations on local action is a collection of local ordinances that largely mimic the State's standards but fail to address the problems they were designed to solve or adapt to citizen concerns and complaints. County residents continue to be frustrated over their concerns being largely ignored due to the standards promulgated in state statutes and administrative rules. The existing framework is inefficient and burdensome for communities.

The proliferation of "one size fits all" regulations, coupled with preemption, creates a policy environment where local input is stifled, and site-specific solutions are disregarded. Marathon County firmly believes that we can create our own systems for success. We ask that the State of Wisconsin consider strengthening, rather than limiting, the role of local government in these matters.

Thank you for your time and consideration relative to the Marathon County's residents and communities.

Sincerely,
The Marathon County Board of Supervisors

District 1 – Michelle Van Krey

District 14 – Rick Seefeldt

District 27 – Tom Seubert

District 2 – Ann Lemmer

District 15 – Joel Straub

District 28 – Dennis Gonnering

District 3 – Kody Hart

District 16 – Tony Sherfinski

District 29 – Chris Dickinson

District 4 – John Robinson

District 17 – Jennifer Aarrestad

District 30 – Andrew Venzke

District 5 – Gary Gisselman

District 18 – Craig McEwen

District 31 – Allen Drabek

District 6 – Stacey Morache

District 19 – Yee Leng Xiong

District 32 – Kurt Gibbs

District 7 – Becky Buch

District 20 – Gayle Marshall

District 33 – Ron Covelli

District 8 – Kim Ungerer

District 21 – Tom Rosenberg

District 34 – Jason Wilhelm

District 9 – David Oberbeck

District 22 – Jasper Hartinger

District 35 – Jacob Langenhahn

District 10 – Donna Krause

District 23 – David Baker

District 36 – Bruce Lamont

District 11 – Alyson Leahy

District 24 – Crystal Bushman

District 37 – Allen Opall

District 12 – Matt Bootz

District 25 – Tim Sondelski

District 38 – Bobby Niemeyer

District 13 – Mike Ritter

District 26 – Jean Maszk