



MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 2:00 pm

WebEx/Courthouse Assembly Room, (B105), Courthouse, 500 Forest St., Wausau

Members	Present/Web-Phone	Absent
Chair Matt Bootz	X	
Vice Chair Jennifer Bizzotto	W	
Brent Jacobson	W	
Bruce Lamont	W	
Jean Maszk	W	
Allen Opall	W	
Vacant		

Also Present: Lance Leonhard, Toshia Ranallo, Theresa Wetzsteon, Chad Billeb

VIA Web or Phone: Craig McEwen, Ruth Heinzl, Sandra La Du, Michael Puerner, Peter Weinschenk, David Baker, 3 unidentified callers.

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bootz at 2:00pm.

2. Public Comment (15 Minutes) - None

3. MOTION BY B. LAMONT; SECOND BY B. JACOBSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2021 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination: None

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

6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. Update from Sheriff's Office

- 1.State Reimbursement for Housing Inmates Pending Transfer to Prison, Jail Huber/Electronic Monitor Pilot (Sandra LaDu)

Discussion:

Jail Administrator Sandra La Du reported the State will be transferring 52 inmates currently retained in the county jail to prison between April 8th– 20th. All other Marathon County inmates booked in other counties will return to our jail. The State will reimburse costs for housing inmates in other counties at a higher rate, but they do not account for the increase in expenses for medical and mental health services, religious dietary requirements and transporting costs.

Many counties stopped offering the Huber Law when the pandemic hit last year and increased the use of electronic monitors. The jail is tracking all groups using monitors and will evaluate the data and review the process in September to determine if it is an effective method.

Follow-up:

No follow up needed.

B. Update on System Budgeting efforts

Discussion:

Administrator Leonhard reported the following eight projects were identified at the System Budgeting meeting on March 17th, and proposes to bring Capital Improvement Program Plan amendments to this committee in the near future.

1. Remote court room access
2. Evaluating Securus Technology (jail phone call system)
3. Digital process maintenance and access to evidence
4. Expanding Electronic Monitoring Program
5. Pretrial Case Management
6. Electronically calendaring project
7. Information sharing between departments (child protection and support, Youth Justice)
8. Second hearing Court Room B

Other topics discussed at the March 17th meeting and will be discussed further.

- Evaluated Pretrial Case Management Spending
- Criminal Justice New position Requests (ranking)

Follow-up:

Prepare Capital Improvement Plan amendments.

- C. Discussion of the Governor's Proposed Budget and how it Impacts County Departments over which this Committee has Policy Oversight Responsibility
1. What priorities do you believe Marathon County Board leadership should express to legislative representatives through the budget process

Discussion:

Chair Bootz noted the following Governor's Budget priorities to be moved forward to the Executive Committee.

1. Additional Prosecutors in the State (1 proposed for Marathon County)
2. Youth and Juvenile Justice Systems
3. Technology Upgrades (911 dispatchers)

Follow-up:

Move priorities to Executive Committee.

- D. Marathon County Strategic Plan Objective 7.1 – Provide Cost-Effective and High Quality Public Safety Services.

Discussion:

Vice Chair Craig McEwen recognized the committee's designated 2018-2022 Strategic Plan Objectives 7.1, 7.2, 3.3, 3.7. He requested the committee to consider the three questions below and reflect on last year's agenda item discussions and actions to distinguish what the focus will be for 2021. He pointing out the following bullet points.

1. What was accomplished in 2020 by this committee relating to implementation of the Strategic Plan?
 - Approved funding for the new Drug Task Force
 - Approved funding for the new Dispatcher's Communication Channel
 - Supported new deputy hiring Process
 - Supported restructuring courthouse security
 - Support of new ADA Position in DA's Office
2. What are the plans for 2021 relating to the implementation of the Strategic Plan?
 - Review [May 6, 2020 Minutes](#) (Priorities listed for the next two years)
3. Does this committee understand their role for implementing the Strategic Plan?
 - Each member is responsible for implementing the committee's Strategic Plan Objectives

Follow-up:

Administrator Leonhard will send the following links to committee members: The Strategic Plan, Strategic Plan update, and the committee's objectives. New committee members are encouraged to reach out to Vice Chair McEwen if they are in need of hard copies. Review topics from past minutes and discuss them at the next meeting; begin to fill out the template included in today's packet.

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

- A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion
1. Securus Technology Contract Update
- B. Next meeting: **Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 2:00 pm**

8. Adjournment

MOTION BY J. MASZK SECOND BY J. BIZZOTTO TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 2:55P.M. MOTION CARRIED