



**MARATHON COUNTY  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
AGENDA**

**Faxed To:** Wausau Daily Herald, City Pages, Other Media Groups  
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**Date & Time:** 3/26/2021 12:00pm

Date & Time of Meeting: **Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 2:00 pm**

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

Committee Members: Matt Bootz, Chair; Brent Jacobson; Vice-Chair, Jennifer Bizzotto; Bruce Lamont; Jean Maszk; Allen Opall; Vacant

**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:** *Provide leadership for the implementation of the Strategic Plan, monitoring outcomes, reviewing and recommending to the County Board policies related to public safety initiatives of Marathon County.*

The meeting site identified above will be open to the public. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health directives, Marathon County encourages Public Safety Committee members and the public to attend this meeting remotely. Instead of attendance in person, Committee members and the public may attend this meeting by **telephone conference**. If Committee members or members of the public cannot attend remotely, Marathon County requests that appropriate safety measures, including adequate social distancing, be utilized by all in-person attendees.

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:**

**Phone#: 1-408-418-9388**

**Access Code: 146-159-7938**

When you enter the telephone conference, **PLEASE PUT YOUR PHONE ON MUTE!**

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Public Comment (15 Minutes)**
3. **Approval of the February 3, 2021 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**
4. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination**
5. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution:**
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)
  - B. Update on System Budgeting efforts
  - 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
  - D. Marathon County Strategic Plan Objective 7.1 – Provide Cost-Effective and High Quality Public Safety Services
    - 1.What was accomplished in 2020 by this committee relating to implementation of the Strategic Plan?
    - 2.What are the plans for 2021 relating to the implementation of the Strategic Plan?
    - 3.Does this committee understand their role for implementing the Strategic Plan?

*\*Committee members are encouraged to review past agendas and minutes to prepare for discussion*

7. **Next Meeting Time, Location, Announcements and Agenda Items:**
  - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion
  - B. Next meeting: **Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 2:00 pm**
8. **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 715-261-1500 one business day before the meeting.***

**SIGNED**           /s/ Matt Bootz            
Presiding Officer or Designee



# MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

## MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 2:00 pm**

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

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

**Others Present:** Lance Leonhard, Kurt Gibbs, Jason Hake, Laura Yarie, Toshia Ranallo, Aaron Trotzer, Clint Ruesch, Judge Huber, Ted Teske, Aaron Franson and Shane Hardrath.

**Via Web or Phone:** Ruth Heinzl, Craig McEwen, Public Defender Kay Yanke, Angie Wanta, Trevor Peterson, Erika Braatz, Trevor Peterson, six unidentified call-ins.

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

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

**2. Public Comment (15 Minutes) - None**

**3. MOTION BY B. LAMONT SECOND BY J. MASZK TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2020 COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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

- A. Resolution – Support for Amendments to 2019 Wisconsin Act 106 and WIS. STATS. § 343.31(1M)(B) Regarding Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) Offenses

**Discussion:**

Administrator Leonhard provided a brief overview of the OWI Treatment Court operations and recent WIS. STATS. § amendments relating to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> OWI violations.

Judge Huber and Justice Coordinator Laura Yari reported on benefits and statistics supporting the program and urged the committee to approve the resolution.

Marathon County Jail Administrator Sandra La Du gave a brief presentation on positive outcomes of recidivism rates and jail cost savings when compared to housing these offenders while they wait to go to prison, versus sending them to treatment court. She urged the committee to pass the resolution.

Public Defender Kat Yanke spoke in favor of the resolution stating the Marathon County Treatment Court is working. She is a liaison with state legislators and reported this topic will be discussed at their next session.

Testimonies were given from the following participants who have successfully completed the program. Clint Ruesch, Arron Trotzer, Aaron Franson, Shane Hardrath and Ted Teske. Letters were submitted by Erika Braatz and Wayne Baierl. They all shared their stories from hitting rock bottom to celebrating many years of sobriety and acclaimed their accomplishments to the OWI Treatment Court. "It is not about just keeping me sober, it helped me be successful and responsible in the world, it repaired my relationships that had suffered greatly. If I would have

been sent to prison instead, today I would have nothing. No wife, no job, no home, no reason to stay sober.” All participants praised the OWI Treatment Court and requested the committee to pass the resolution in hopes it would help to continue the program.

Numerous supervisors thanked and commended the participants for coming forward and sharing their stories and questioned whether the WI County Association would be lobbying in favor to continue treatment for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> OWI offenders.

**Action:**

**MOTION BY J. MASZK SECONDED BY B. LAMONT TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENTS TO 2019 WISCONSIN ACT 106 AND WIS. STATS. §.343.31(1M)(B) REGARDING OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED (OWI) OFFENSES. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Follow Through:**

Forward to County Board for approval. Administrator Leonhard will follow up with the WI County Associations to see if it is on their docket for discussion.

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

- A. Update on System Budgeting Progress

**Discussion:**

Chair Bootz reported the criminal justice workgroup met on 1/19/21. Jason Hake gave a brief overview of the highlights of the meeting which included participation from the Sheriff's and District Attorney's offices, County Administration, Clerk of Courts, Judges Huber and Moran as well as Supervisors Jacobson and Bootz. The focus of the discussion were goals, needs, and opportunities which lead to reduction in expenditures, creating efficiencies, sharing positions, and increasing revenues. Another meeting is scheduled for 2/15/2021 to continue the process to meet the June deadline discussed at a previous meeting.

**Follow Through:**

No follow through needed.

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

- A. Next meeting: **Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 2:00 pm**

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION BY J. MASZK SECOND BY B. LAMONT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 3:15 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Toshia Ranallo

Information regarding Governor Ever's Budget

([Budget in Brief](#), [Full Budget](#), [WCA summary](#))

Update on potential Federal COVID package – [NACo overview](#)

**STRATEGIC PLAN OUTCOMES – \_\_\_\_\_ – \_\_\_\_\_**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**PUBLIC SAFETY GOAL:** *Marathon County is a safe and secure community for all residents and visitors.*

**Objective 7.1: Provide cost-effective and high quality public safety services.**

Strategy	Actionable Item	Contributors	Status	Action
A. Consider the potential to consolidate emergency service agencies.				
	a.			
	b.			
	c.			
	d.			
B. Respond to maltreatment allegations and provide protective services for vulnerable populations.				
	a.			
	b.			
	c.			
	d.			
C. Report every 2 years on the response time with advice for municipalities (ex: consolidation, realignment, or targeted education).				
	a.			
	b.			
	c.			
	d.			