



# MARATHON COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 3:00pm**

Meeting Location: **Courthouse Assembly Room, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI 54403**

John Robinson	Present
Alyson Leahy	Present
Kurt Gibbs	Present
Gayle Marshall	Excused
Kody Hart	Present
Ann Lemmer	Present
Yee Leng Xiong	Excused

Staff Present: Lance Leonhard, Mike Puerner, Kim Trueblood, Kristi Palmer, Gerry Klein

Others Present: Jack Phillips, Frontier

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment** - None.
4. **Approval of the February 8, 2023, Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee Meeting Minutes** – Motion by Gibbs, Second by Hart to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination**
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution, or Policy**
  - A. Discussion and Possible Action by HRFC
    1. Approval of Claims and Questioned Costs – Report was provided via email and will be customized going forward so that it's more user friendly. Motion by Gibbs, Second by Leahy to approve the claims and questioned costs as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
    2. PSC Broadband Expansion Grant Application – Frontier – Consider Support and Match – Jack Phillips from Frontier was available via WebEx and presented the request. Information is in the packet. Discussion followed. Questions were asked and answered. Motion by Gibbs, Second by Leahy to support the two grant opportunities and use \$20,000 of funding from HRFC contingency funds with the understanding that at a later time this will go to the board for a request for ARPA funding to be used for the project.
  - B. Discussion and possible Action by HRFC to Forward to County Board for Consideration
    1. 2024 Budget Process – Administrator Leonhard went over the documents in the packet regarding the budget timeline. Supervisor Hart presented the document breaking down the committees / departments of jurisdiction. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. Motion by Gibbs, Second by Hart to forward the 2024 Budget Timeline to the Executive Committee and to the full board as an educational presentation on the budget process. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
    2. Energy Task Force Charter – Supervisor Lemmer presented updates to the task force charter. Details are in the packet. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. The desire is to capture elements of the strategic plan and incorporate them into the charter. It was suggested that the strategic plan also be updated to include language inclusive of the task force. Additional suggestions were made for addition to the resolution language. Corporation Counsel will work on a new draft of the task force charter and resolution or presentation to the Executive Committee at their March meeting.
    3. Current and Proposed Impacts to Marathon County of Tax Increment Financing – Chair Robinson gave some background on this. Supervisor Marshall is working on putting together a spreadsheet with all the active TIFs in the county and their impacts. Discussion followed combined with the next agenda item. Further discussion will be postponed until the next meeting when Supervisor Marshall can be present.
7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**

- A. Impact of Governor's Proposed Budget on Marathon County – high level discussion of the budget with the recognition that the legislature will start from a base budget. WCA is working with the legislature to ensure maximum benefit for local governments. Public hearings are being scheduled, with one potentially in the Wausau area. Area legislators are interested in sitting down with county government leaders to get feedback. There are things in the governor's budget that would benefit local governments. The county priorities can be explored and given to the Executive Committee to share with the legislature – this will be discussed at the next meeting.

[Microsoft Word - 2023-2025 WCA Initial Budget Summary.docx \(constantcontact.com\)](#)

8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements and Future Agenda Items**

- A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.

- B. Next meeting: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 3:00pm

- 9. **Adjournment** – Motion by Hart, Second by Leahy to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Kim Trueblood, County Clerk