



MARATHON COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Wednesday, March 8, 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	WebEx

Staff Present: Lance Leonhard, Mike Puerner, Kim Trueblood, David Holcomb, Chris Holman

Others Present: Peter Weinschenk, Supervisor Baker

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment** – Peter Weinschenk gave public comment regarding TIF and his support of creating a task force to address the issue in Marathon County.
4. **Approval of the February 21, 2023, Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee Meeting Minutes** – Motion by Leahy, Second by Lemmer 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 – Question regarding some details on the February 10 payment. Information will be provided at the next meeting. Motion by Gibbs, Second by Leahy to approve the claims and questioned costs as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
 2. Discussion of [Tax Deed Parcel 2014-5](#) - A bid was received for this old property that was well below the assessed and posted price. Discussion followed. Motion by Gibbs, Second by Lemmer to postpone the discussion to the next meeting and bring the old posted properties back to the committee for re-evaluation, potentially through the Wisconsin surplus property auction process. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
 3. Discussion of County Budget Priorities – Discussion about the decision matrix and proposed timeline for the 2024 budget. Administrator Leonhard went through the info included in the packet. Questions were asked and answered. No formal action was taken.
 - B. Discussion and possible Action by HRFC to Forward to County Board for Consideration
 1. Budget Amendment – DreamUp! Grant Funding – Supervisor Leahy presented an update to the DreamUp! process that has been ongoing for the last several months. Additional discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. HHS Chair Seefeldt will be given the opportunity to have a special meeting before the March 16 County Board meeting if he would like to have the committee get this presentation. Motion by Gibbs, Second by Hart to approve the budget transfer. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
 2. Consideration of Resolution creating Energy Task Force and Amending County Strategic Plan objective 12.3 – Discussion of changes made to the task force charter. No formal action taken. The Executive Committee will take up the task force creation at their March 9 meeting.
7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
 - A. Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and its Impact on Marathon County Government
 1. Consideration of whether to support creating of a Task Force to examine the use of TIF and, if so, what would be the purpose of the Task Force – Discussion as to whether to explore creating a task force to look into Tax Increment Financing in Marathon County. Questions were asked and answered. Topic will be discussed in more detail at a future meeting.

- B. How should we deliver an update on our proposed Budget Process to the County Board of Supervisors
 - C. Follow-up on the County Board presentations on workforce shortage, childcare, and housing. How do we determine what role, if any, the county will take in addressing these issues, both internally and externally? There will be a Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting in April to do a Budget 101 education and nail down some of the preliminary budget assumptions and priorities. The info that is in the packet will be used as a baseline starting point for the 2024 budget process.
8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements and Future Agenda Items**
- A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
 - B. Next meeting: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 3:00pm
9. **Adjournment** – Motion by Hart, Second by Gibbs to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Kim Trueblood, County Clerk