



# MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 1:30 pm

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

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

**Also Present:** John Robinson, Donna Krause, Lance Leonhard, Michael Puerner, Jessica Blahnik, Gerald Klein, Mitch Olsen and Toshia Ranallo.

**WebEx/Phone:** Craig McEwen

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bootz at 1:30 p.m.

**2. Public Comment - None**

**3. MOTION BY MASZK; SECOND BY OPALL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 4, 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. Morgue Task Force Update**

*Discussion:*

Medical Examiner Jessica Blahnik gave an update from the last Regional Task Force meeting held on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Somerville Architectural Firm gave a presentation on results for space needs. They reviewed an existing space offered by Aspirus and compared it to new construction. Based on the firms recommendations, there were too many limitations identified with the existing building and it was determined it would not be a feasible option. It was the consensus of the committee to focus on new construction. The Marshfield clinic campus identified potential land they would like to consider for discussion and Aspirus is also exploring potential land options. County owned land may also be a possibility, however the Task Force is hoping to have a location identified soon to keep the project moving forward. A presentation will be provided to the full county board in the near future to discuss the goals of the project and a financial outline of operations.

**B. Bug Tussel Broadband Expansion Update**

*Discussion:*

John Robison informed the committee of progress and initiatives relative to expanding broadband services in the county. Mitch Olsen from Bug Tussel Wireless was present to give an overview of a program including concepts taken from the Design Nine Broadband Assessment Plan study that was done for the county, and shape it into fixed wireless broadband with an expanded fiber concentration. The County Board will be asked at their September meetings to discuss a resolution authorizing revenue bonding with Bug Tussel. Bug Tussel's coverage statistics, grants applied for, project costs, and conduit bonds information can be found in the [packet located here](#).

*Follow Up:*

HR Property & Finance Committee will discuss the Initial *Resolution Approving Revenue Bond Financing for Bug Tussel Wireless, LLC* at their September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. This resolution will need a ¾ vote in favor to pass due to statutory requirements. This information will also be presented to each relating committee.

C. Continued discussion of Public Safety Committee Strategic Plan objectives

- 1) What have we done?
- 2) What do we need to discuss?

Committee members identified the following topics that could be presented at future meetings.

- 911 access to rural areas – Being addressed by the Broadband Task Force
- Support for large events held in the county
- Body and vehicle cameras with wider views for the Sheriff's Dept.
- Support for the Central WI Narcotics Task Force
- Continue to support CART
- Support the Regional Morgue Task Force
- Possible consolidation of Fire & EMS services countywide – Emergency Management/contact Director Phil Rentmeester
- Monthly reports from the CJCC
- NCHC update on inpatient adult and youth sites

*Follow Up:*

Please reach out to Chair Bootz, Administrator Leonhard, or Executive Assistant Ranallo for topics to be considered on future agendas.

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

A. Next meeting: **Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 1:30 pm**

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION BY MASZK; SECOND BY LAMONT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 2:09 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Toshia Ranallo