



MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 1:30 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; Arnold Schlei

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

The meeting will also be broadcast on Public Access or at <https://tinyurl.com/MarathonCountyBoard>

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

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Public Comment (15 Minutes)** *(Any person who wishes to address the County Board, or one of its committees, during the "Public Comment" portion of meetings, must provide his or her name, address, and the topic he or she wishes to present to the Marathon County Clerk, or chair of the committee, no later than five minutes before the start of the meeting.)*
3. **Approval of the September 1, 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. WI Circuit Court Access Program Data Subscription
 - B. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council – report of discussion of first meeting
 - C. Recent Discussions in the Community Regarding Emergency Medical Services Challenges and Our University Year Project and Next Steps
7. **Next Meeting Time, Location, Announcements and Agenda Items:**
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion
 - B. Next meeting: **Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 1:30 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 261-1500 or e-mail countyclerk@co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting*

SIGNED /s/ Matt Bootz
Presiding Officer or Designee

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FAXED TO: Wausau Daily Herald, City Pages, and

FAXED TO: Other Media Groups

FAXED BY: Toshia Ranallo

FAXED DATE & TIME: 10/1/2021 3:00 p.m.

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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 16th. 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 7th meeting. This resolution will need a $\frac{3}{4}$ 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