



MARATHON COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: WebEx/Courthouse Assembly Room, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI

Committee Members: Kurt Gibbs, Chair; Craig McEwen, Vice-Chair; Matt Bootz; Michelle Van Krey; John Robinson; Rick Seefeldt; Jacob Langenhahn; Chris Dickinson; Jean Maszk

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)*

Executive Committee Mission Statement: *The Executive Committee of the Marathon County Board exists for the purpose of implementing the County's Strategic Plan by coordinating policy formation among the Committees and providing leadership for all County Board policies through supervision of administrative staff.*

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:**

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1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **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. All public comment must be germane to the jurisdiction of the committee.)*
4. **Approval of the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from November 10, 2022**
5. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution**
 - A. Discussion of Strategic Plan Updates from the Standing Committees and Possible Recommendations to the Board
 1. Environmental Resources Committee
 2. Health & Human Services Committee
 3. Infrastructure Committee
 - B. Motion to go into Closed Session (**roll call vote suggested**), pursuant to Wis Stat ss. 19.85(1)(c), for the purpose of considering compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, to wit: the County Administrator.
 - C. Motion to return to Open Session (roll call vote not required)
 - D. Possible announcements or action resulting from closed session.
7. **Policy Issues for Discussion and Possible Action: None**
8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Location, Announcements and Future Agenda Items:**
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
 - B. Next Executive Committee Meeting: Thursday, January 8, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.
9. **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: Chair Kurt Gibbs _____
Presiding Officer or Designee

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MARATHON COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: Thursday, November 10, 2022 @ 3 p.m.

Meeting Location: WebEx/Courthouse Assembly Room, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI

Kurt Gibbs	Present
Craig McEwen	Present
Matt Bootz	WebEx (3:30)
Chris Dickinson	Excused
Jacob Langenhahn	Excused
Jean Maszk	Present
John Robinson	Present
Rick Seefeldt	Excused
Michelle Van Krey	Present

Staff Present: Lance Leonhard, Kim Trueblood, Mike Puerner

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment** – None.
4. **Approval of the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from October 13, 2022** – Motion by McEwen, Second by Maszk to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote, unanimously.
5. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
 - A. Administrator's Annual Work Plan – Progress Update. Administrator Leonhard gave an update on the work plan due to the fact that the class comp study was recently passed and will go into effect on December 11. The updated work plan can be found in the packet. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered.
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution**
 - A. Discussion of Strategic Plan Updates from the Standing Committees and Possible Recommendations to the Board – Chair Gibbs explained that the Executive Committee is responsible to provide updates to the Strategic Plan to the full board. Vice-Chair McEwen requested that each standing committee chair provide a final update on the proposed changes to be discussed at the December meeting before they are forwarded to the full board. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered.
ERC Chair Langenhahn went through the ERC updates that are provided in the packet. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered.
HHS and INFR updates have already been provided to the EXEC committee, so those changes are finalized.
 - B. Motion to go into Closed Session (~~roll call vote suggested~~), pursuant to Wis Stat ss. 19.85(1)(c), for the purpose of considering performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, to wit: feedback on the work of the County Administrator – Agenda item pulled by Chair Gibbs. This item will be re-visited at the December meeting.
 - C. Motion to return to Open Session (~~roll call vote not required~~)
7. **Policy Issues for Discussion and Possible Action:** None
8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Location, Announcements and Future Agenda Items**
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
 - B. Next Executive Committee Meeting: Thursday, December 8 at 3:00 p.m.
9. **Adjournment** – Motion by Dickinson, Second by McEwen to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Kim Trueblood, County Clerk

Revisions to the Strategic Plan from the Environmental Resources Committee for Consideration by the Executive Committee (Completed August 30, 2022)

Objective 5.2: Promote sound land use decisions that conserve and preserve natural resources in decisions with economic development and growth.

- Deprioritize Strategy D. Keep all other strategies.
- Revisions to the outcomes as follows:

Outcome Measure 1: By December 31, 2024, phosphorus from cropland and farmsteads in the Fenwood Creek Watershed will be reduced by 20% or 14,016 pounds.

~~**Outcome Measure 2:** By December 31, 2022, four or more additional towns will adopt Marathon County Zoning Code.~~

By December 31, 2024, Marathon County will hold one continuing education event per year for all towns, to better educate them on sound land use development options.

Outcome Measure 3: By December 31, 2024, an average of 320 acres of land per year will be acquired for the Marathon County Parks and Forest System.

Objective 6.3: Protect and enhance the quantity and quality of potable groundwater and potable surface water supplies.

- Keep all strategies.
- Revisions to the outcomes as follows:

Outcome Measure 1: By December 31, 2024, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors will adopt a groundwater protection plan that provides state outcome measures of groundwater quality and quantity.

~~**Outcome Measure 2:** By December 31, 2022, the number of POWTS discharging sewage to ground surface will be reduced by 750 systems or more.~~

By December 31, 2024, the number of failing POWTS will be reduced by 750 systems or more.

~~**Outcome Measure 3:** By December 31, 2022, discharges of animal waste to surface and groundwater will be reduced by ensuring all idle animal waste facilities are closed in compliance with ordinance requirements.~~

By December 31, 2024, an inventory of wellhead protection areas, their associated land use, and delineation of their recharge areas will be compiled. Marathon County will reach out to each municipality to educate them on potential groundwater contamination sources and how to prevent the contamination of its wells.

3.3 Ensure that every child person makes it to adulthood with health, stability, and growth opportunities.

- A) ~~Develop a plan to reduce childhood trauma.~~ Provide resources to reduce childhood trauma.
- B) Create a trauma informed care system.
- ~~C) Develop a comprehensive risk-based assessment to address juvenile offenders to reduce the likelihood of recidivism.~~
- D) Develop a framework for building resilient children and providing parent resources.
- ~~E) The County Board will approve a plan that creates a trauma-informed response system for services we provide.~~
- F) Develop a plan to address how to support persons of all ages with disabilities and the changing demographics of persons with disabilities.
- G) Continue work towards reducing truancy.
- H) Develop policies that support affordable, high-quality child care.

Outcome Measures

- 1) By December 31, 202~~4~~, there will be an increase in graduation rates ~~from 92%~~ to 95~~3~~% or above in Marathon County.
- 2) By December 31, 202~~4~~, there will be a reduction in out of home placement in Marathon County by 10% with data driven results provided. ~~the number of out-of-home care days experienced by children in Marathon County.~~
- ~~3) By December 31, 2019, at least one practice change will be implemented that is aimed at decreasing the number of young adults (age 17-21) in Marathon County Jail who were the subject of a court order for services as a child.~~
- 4) By December 31, 2024, there will be an increased number of affordable, high-quality child care spots in Marathon County.

3.7 Ensure that every person has local access to effective mental health treatment. PRIORITY

- A) Develop a continuum of services within a therapeutic community.
- B) Attract and retain qualified treatment providers and behavioral educators.
- C) Develop more mechanisms to ensure access to treatment across the County.
- D) Develop a more comprehensive approach to crisis prevention and serving people (adults and children in crisis).
- E) Develop comprehensive mental health treatment options for criminal justice populations and others with criminogenic treatment needs.
- F) Conduct a community needs assessment and create a plan to address identified gaps in service.

Outcome Measures

- 1) By December 31, 202~~4~~ Emergency Detentions in Marathon County will decrease. ~~by 25%.~~
- 2) By December 31, 202~~4~~ the percentage of Life Report community survey respondents who reported not seeing a mental health provider when needed will be less than 15% 20% and barriers to mental health care will be reduced.

- ~~3) By December 31, 2022, the percentage of high school students in Marathon County who felt so sad or hopeless every day for two or more weeks in a row that they stopped doing usual activities during the 12 months before the survey will be less than 20%.~~
- 4) **Measure trauma and suicidal tendencies and report results by the end of the 2024. Reduce suicidal tendencies by 50%.**

7.2 Mitigate the impacts of ~~heroin and methamphetamine epidemics~~ drug and alcohol abuse in Marathon County through evidence-based practices.

- ~~A) Develop a comprehensive approach to address use of heroin and meth.~~
- ~~B) Complete an inventory of programs, services, and community initiatives in relationship to best practices led or supported by Marathon County Government that contribute to mitigating and preventing drug misuse and abuse.~~
- ~~C) Identify gaps in programs/services and community initiatives and opportunities for public/private partnership to further efforts to mitigate and prevent drug misuse and abuse.~~
- D) Identify and advance public policy **and programs** that would support the mitigation and prevention of drug and **alcohol** misuse and abuse among residents of Marathon County
- E) Identify and track data points to measure the impact of drug **and alcohol** misuse and abuse among residents of Marathon County.
- F) **Develop a comprehensive approach to address use of drugs and alcohol in the children and young adults of Marathon County.**

Outcome Measures

- 1) By December 31, 202~~2~~**4** an outcome measure will be established to measure the quality of life for all people in counseling, mental health, or AOD related treatment programs seen at North Central Health Care.
- 2) By December 31, 202~~2~~**4**, 3% or less of high school students in Marathon County will report having taken prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription one or more times in the past 30 days.
- 3) By December 31, 202~~2~~**4**, the rate of overdose deaths among residents in Marathon County will hold steady or decrease.

Suggested Modifications from the Infrastructure Committee to the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan

8.7 – Strive to provide affordable, reliable, high-speed internet access throughout the county

A – Mark as complete, and modify to add a new strategy

- A(1)
 - o Support the Broadband Task Force in executing continued comprehensive approach to delivering county-wide high-speed internet access, including fiber, copper, powerline, cellular, Wi-Fi, new radio frequencies, satellite, and other emerging technologies, with a particular focus on addressing underserved areas.

B – strike the last two words of the strategy (otherwise leave as is).

- Promote partnerships between carriers/providers and government

C – No Change Suggested

- Develop financial incentives to encourage carriers/providers to commit to helping accomplish this objective in Marathon County

D – No Change Suggested

- Establish a dig-once policy for county roadway reconstruction and bridge projects that engages providers in a discussion about whether to include conduit for fiber.

E – Modify to provide as follows:

- Assist Marathon County citizens by providing information regarding available carriers within their general areas of the county.

Outcome Measures

- Deem the outcome measure complete as currently drafted.
- Add the following two measures:
 - o By December 31, 2024, develop an improved data inventory relative to internet service speeds available through the county.
 - o By December 31, 2023, ensure 85% of households have access to high-speed internet (50 MBPS/10 MBPS)

10.12 – Maintain Infrastructure to support economic growth

A – No Change Suggested

B – Modify to provide as follows:

- Support technology in the workplace and at home, particularly through access to broadband.

C – Eliminate this strategy

- Committee expresses that this is not viewed as a primary function of county government, but rather an obligation of municipalities.

D – No Change Suggested

E – Eliminate this Strategy

- Committee views this as a primary function of municipalities, as opposed to county government

F – Modify to provide as follows:

- Secure state and federal funding to maintain and/or develop infrastructure—including multimodal transportation features—and support economic growth.

ADD strategy G

- Maintain an updated County Highway Safety Plan

ADD strategy H (See Objective 10.13 from Comprehensive Plan)

- Maintain the partnership between Portage and Marathon Counties to support and strengthen Central Wisconsin Airport as a regional airport.

Outcome Measures

- 1 – No Change Suggested
- 2 – Eliminate as drafted and replace with the two following measures:
 - o Implement at least three Federal Highway Administration Safety Countermeasures based on information from the 2021 Marathon County Roadway Safety Plan, or its successor, on an annual basis.
 - o Convene a meeting of local municipal leaders (elected or appointed) to gather feedback on safety concerns on the county highway and multimodal transportation systems.