



MARATHON COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, March 11, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

Courthouse Assembly Room, B-105, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI

Members	Present/Web-Phone	Absent
Chair Kurt Gibbs	X	
Vice Chair Craig McEwen	X	
Matt Bootz	Phone	
Tim Buttke	W	
Sara Guild	W	
Jacob Langenhahn	Phone	
Alyson Leahy	W	
John Robinson	W	
EJ Stark	W	

Also Present: Lance Leonhard, Jason Hake, Scott Corbett, Valerie Carrillo, and Toshia Ranallo.

VIA Web or Phone: Sandi Cihlar, Randy Fifrick, Ka Lo, Jean Mask, Kim Trueblood, Mike Puerner, John Happli, and six unidentified callers.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Kurt Gibbs at 4:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment (15 Minutes) – None

3. MOTION BY LANGENHAHN; SECOND BY BUTTKE TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 11, 2021, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Policy Issues for Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Discussion of proposal to include Comprehensive Plan Objective 3.8 – Ensure Marathon County is an Open, Inclusive, and Diverse Place to Live and Work – Into the Strategic Plan

Discussion:

Vice Chair McEwen emphasized the importance of the Comprehensive Plan Objective 3.8, and recommends this objective be inserted into the Strategic Plan.

Action:

MOTION BY ROBINSON; SECOND BY LEAHY TO INCLUDE IN THE STRATEGIC PLAN, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OBJECTIVE 3.8 (WITH ONE MODIFICATION TO OUTCOME MEASURE 1, TO CHANGE “POLICY” TO “PLAN”). MOTION CARRIED.

Follow-up:

Forward to county board for the March 18th educational meeting.

- B. Roll Call Vote Request - When Meeting via WebEx (Robert Rules of Order)

Discussion:

Corporation Counsel Scott Corbett discussed procedures to be used if a roll call vote is requested.

Follow-up:

No follow up needed.

- C. Items to be Reviewed at Rules of Review Committee

Discussion:

Chair Gibbs will be formulating a Rules of Review Committee to be approved at the July County Board meeting. He encouraged supervisors to contact him if they have interest in serving on the committee. Below are topics to be discussed by the Rules of Review Committee.

- Continuation of virtual meetings
- Recording and preserving committee meetings
- The authority of subordinate bodies to adopt resolutions, etc. (Board of Health, Diversity Affairs Committee)
- Membership requirement for the Board of Health and Social Services Committees
- Evaluate non-standing committees recommended by County Board Size Task Force

- Planning Commission roles and responsibilities

Follow-up:

Chair Gibbs encouraged supervisors to provide input on anything else they would like discussed.

D. Rules of Review Committee Member Interest

Discussion:

See above.

E. County Board Supervisor Education & Development Plan

Discussion:

Chair Gibbs encouraged input from the committee members for training and education they see valuable for their own and the full Board's development. Suggestions were to include the value in the committee system. Outlining work assigned, how items are placed on agendas, and their roles and responsibilities. It was mentioned that the WI Counties Association, the WI League of Municipalities, and the WI Institute for Public Policy are great resources to access webinars to be used as training tools. It was also suggested to develop an onboarding/orientation program for first term supervisors and to urge them to routinely attend county committee meetings.

Follow-up:

Supervisors to reach out to Chair Gibbs for committee appointment interest and agenda topics.

F. Discussion of the Governor's Proposed Budget and how it Impacts Marathon County Government and Consideration of Next Steps over which this Committee has Policy Oversight Responsibility

Discussion:

Standing Committee items supported and moved forward:

Infrastructure Committee

- General Transportation Aids
- Local Multimodal Transportation Program - bike paths – \$75 million
- Broadband Expansion – primary utility for everyone to have access - \$200 million to put in for grant funding; American Recovery Act Funds will also be used for broadband projects

Health & Human Services Committee

- Aging and Disability Resource Centers
- Social Services – child protective care
- Health dept. vaccine rollout
- Mental health due to COVID-19

Supervisor Bootz explained the Public Safety committee has not had a chance to meet yet but identified the following items to bring to the next meeting.

- Youth Justice
- Appointing additional district attorneys
- Technology upgrades

HR & Finance Committee

- Increase revenue (shared revenue, general transportation aid)

Board of Health

- Public health (child services, Medicaid expansion)

ERC Chair Jacob Langenhahn identified the following:

- County Conservation Staffing and Cost Sharing Grants
- Targeted Runoff Management
- Stewardship Reauthorization

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- Broadband
- UW-Extension (increase in agriculture positions)
- Workforce Development

Chair Gibbs suggested scheduling a meeting with legislatures to dialogue and vocalize these items. It was suggested to create a joint resolution identifying the priorities with specifics on how each item impacts Marathon County and how they link to our Strategic Plan.

It was suggested that county administration be present at the State Joint Finance Committee hearings and our priorities should also be communicated to legislators at that time. Chair Gibbs indicated there will listening sessions in Rhinelander and Eau Claire and he will attend upon availability.

Follow-up:

Chair Gibbs challenges each standing committee to have in depth conversations to identify how each priority listed above impacts the citizens of Marathon County.

5. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution – None

6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports – None

7. Next Meeting Date & Time, Location, Announcements and Future Agenda Items:

A. Next Meeting: Thursday, April 8 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, MOTION BY MCEWEN; SECOND BY LANGENHAHN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:14P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Toshia Ranallo