



**MARATHON COUNTY**  
**JOINT EXECUTIVE & HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE & PROPERTY**  
**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Date & Time of Meeting: **Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting Location: **WebEx/Courthouse Assembly Room, B-105, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

Members	Committee	Present/Web-Phone	Absent
Chair Kurt Gibbs	Executive/HR Finance	X	
Vice Chair Craig McEwen	Executive/HR Finance	X	
Matt Bootz	Executive		Excused
Tim Buttke	Executive	X	
Randy Fifrick	Executive	W	
Sara Guild	Executive	X	
Jacob Langenhahn	Executive	X	
Alyson Leahy	Executive/HR Finance	X	
John Robinson	Executive/HR Finance	X	
Yee Leng Xiong	HR Finance	X	
Jonathan Fischer	HR Finance	X	
Vacant Seat	Executive/HR Finance		

Also present: Lance Leonhard, Sarah Dowidat, Michael Puerner, Valerie Carrillo, Steve Schneider, Toshia Ranallo and members of the public.

WebEx/Phone: Willian Harris, Ka Lo, Jean Maszk, Kim Trueblood, Dejan Adzic, Molly Adzic, Kristi Palmer and nine unidentified callers.

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Executive Committee Chair Kurt Gibbs at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the HR Finance Committee Chair John Robinson at 4:00 p.m.

**2. Public Comment (15 Minutes)**

The following citizens spoke in favor for the “Community for all Resolution” and urged the committee to adopt the resolution.

Citizens	Address
Bruce Grau	1115 N 10 <sup>th</sup> St. Wausau, WI 54401
LaTanay Campbell	808 N 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. Wausau, WI 54401
Kyra Tomcheck	317 N 1 <sup>st</sup> St Apt#8 Wausau, WI 54403
Jaxson Seeger	1200 S 50 <sup>th</sup> Ave Apt 8. Wausau, WI 54401
Christine Salm	Nth 11st. Wausau, WI 54403
Patrick Bacher	505 S 22 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. Wausau, WI 54401
Amie Leonoff	906 McIndoe St. Wausau, WI 54403

Supervisor Jean Maszk representing District 24, thanked the committee for having the broadband topic on the agenda; commented the county board needs to focus on policy instead of social issues; and reported she has received multiple calls from constituents complaining STH 153 is a safety concern due to overgrown vegetation creating visual obstacles.

**3. MOTION BY MCEWEN; SECOND BY ROBINSON TO APPROVE THE JUNE 10, 2021, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Policy Issues for Discussion and Possible Action - None**

**5. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**

**A.** Update on Filling District 17 Vacancy and Executive Committee Vacancy

**Discussion:**

Chair Gibbs reported three individuals have expressed interest and are scheduled for interviews. He and Vice Chair McEwen will bring their recommendations to the county board for consideration at their next meeting.

The vacancy on the Executive Committee will be determined by a paper ballot vote by the committee once the appointment is made to District 17.

**Follow up:**

To be discussed at the County Board meeting on July 22, 2021.

- B. Broadband Presentation by Bug Tussel Wireless (Steve Schneider)

**Discussion:**

Broadband Taskforce Chair John Robinson reported on the county's previous efforts including success in utilizing PSC grant funds for projects; and current developments on another round of PSC grants through the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA). The ARPA PSC grant application is due on July 27, 2021.

Steve Schneider CEO of Bug Tussel gave an overview on the company's history; and a presentation to extend broadband service in different areas of Marathon County through the use of bonds/loans backed by Marathon County. His presentation can be accessed on our [website here](#) or can be viewed on [public access here](#).

**6. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution**

- A. Broadband Expansion efforts: 2021 Public Service Commission Grant Application: Partnership County Partnership Opportunities
  - 1) Cirrinity
  - 2) Bug Tussel
  - 3) Country Wireless

**Action:**

**ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BUTTKE MADE A MOTION; SECOND BY MCEWEN TO MOVE TO SUPPORT CIRRINITY, BUG TUSSEL, AND COUNTRY WIRELESS IN THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION GRANT FUNDING FOR FOUR DIFFERENT PROJECTS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**ON BEHALF OF THE HR & FINANCE COMMITTEE, FISCHER MADE A MOTION; SECOND BY LEAHY TO MOVE TO SUPPORT CIRRINITY, BUG TUSSEL, AND COUNTRY WIRELESS IN THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION GRANT FUNDING FOR FOUR DIFFERENT PROJECTS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Follow Up:**

Forward separate resolutions for each provider to the County Board Educational meeting for action on Thursday, July 22, 2021.

Generate letters of support to be included in the grant applications.

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

- A. ANNOUNCEMENT – Chair Gibbs gave a brief update on the redistricting delay. Course of action has yet to be determined.
- B. Next Executive Committee Meeting: **Thursday, August 12 2021, at 4:00 p.m.**

**8. Adjournment**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, MOTION BY XIONG; SECOND BY FISHER TO ADJOURN THE HR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:38 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.**

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Respectfully submitted by,  
Toshia Ranallo