



# MARATHON COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

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

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

**Also present:** Lance Leonhard, Michael Puerner, Kim Trueblood and Toshia Ranallo.

**WebEx/Phone:** One unidentified caller.

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chair Gibbs called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**2. Public Comment – None**

**3. MOTION BY BUTTKE; SECOND MASZK TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Policy Issues for Discussion and Possible Action**

- A. Consideration of whether to direct the Administrator to provide for continued recording and broadcast of Standing Committee meetings through the proposed 2022 budget (called for in the April 15, 2021 meeting)

**Discussion:**

Administrator Leonhard provided background and reminded the committee of the County Board's directive to provide information at this meeting relative to utilization and costs for recordings of all standing committee meetings contracted with Wausau Access Area Media. A document provided in the [packet here](#) showed monthly costs and actual views for all standing committee meetings from May-September, 2021. The estimated cost for 2022 to record and view in real time on YouTube and available on the county's website is an estimated \$6534.

**Action:**

**ROBINSON MADE A MOTION; SECOND BY BUTTKE TO CONTINUE RECORDING AND BROADCASTING STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN 2022. MOTION CARRIED.**

- B. County Board Salaries

**Discussion:**

Administrator Leonhard explained the current rule below and the process the county board has historically used relative to salaries:

*Annual salary for the positions of supervisor and board chair shall be set by the County Board, at its annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members entitled to a seat, fix the compensation of the supervisors to be next elected at an annual salary for all services to the county including all committee services. The board may, allow additional salary for the chairperson of the board. A vote will be taken in November of odd-numbered years for the next succeeding two-year term. By rule, the board will provide for a three-percent annual increase in salary to County Board members and the chair to be effective the first pay period in April following the Spring Election of supervisors in even-numbered years, and January 1 of odd-numbered years. Any recommended modifications to the initial resolution will be developed and proposed to the County Board by the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee.*

The committee discussed the zero percent increase that was implemented for 2020 and 2021 and whether or not to continue with a zero percent increase for 2022 and 2023 or follow Board Rule 19 above for a three-percent annual increase in salary.

**Action:**

**BOOTZ MADE A MOTION; SECOND BY LEAHY TO MOVE A 0% INCREASE FOR 2022 AND 2023 BOARD SALARIES.**

A roll call vote was performed: Chair Kurt Gibbs no; Vice-Chair Craig McEwen no; Matt Bootz yes; Tim Buttke no; Alyson Leahy no; Jean Maszk no; John Robinson no; Sara Guild no. **MOTION FAILED.**

**Follow up:**

No follow up needed.

- C. Legal Review of the Marathon County Code of Ordinances by Outside Entity

**Discussion:**

Chair Gibbs requested input from the committee to discuss making a recommendation whether or not the county board should hire an outside entity to review all of Marathon County's Code of Ordinances to ensure compliance with Wis. Stat. §§, or should it be done internally, or both.

Administrator Leonhard indicated there would be a significant value in seeking outside assistance to do an overhaul comprehensive review of code provisions. There would be a need for staff resources to support their efforts and for routine maintenance. For example, committees referenced no longer exist and procedures or processes are potentially inconsistent with the intent of the board. Leonhard also suggested the board identify individual board members to play an active role in this review to reflect the will of the board.

Clerk Kim Trueblood explained she was approached by Municode earlier this summer with a proposal to review our code due to it not being overhauled since 1993. The proposal includes a two-stage process over a two-year period with different options such as identifying items that we want Municode attorneys to do and/or what we can do in-house. The proposal is valid for 90 days, however, Trueblood indicated there would be some flexibility if we pushed it out a little further, but if it is delayed a significant amount of time, the price could potentially increase. The proposal can be viewed in the [packet here](#).

Supervisor Comments:

- Concerned the demand for additional staff time will take away from other priorities
- Need more time to develop and implement a comprehensive approach to what the timeline would be and the expectation of the county board, departments, corporation council, and the clerk.
- Potentially create a board task force

**Follow up:**

Chair Gibbs will work with Administrator Leonhard to address the concerns above.

- D. Resolution in Opposition to Proposed Legislation on use of ARPA for Housing

**Discussion:**

Chair Gibbs reported WI Assembly passed Bill 605 that directs Marathon County to utilize \$1 million dollars of ARPA funds for workforce housing infrastructure and/or workforce housing.

The proposed resolution opposes the bill and indicates Marathon County is in a better position to establish spending priorities to address local needs and where it should spend ARPA funds.

**Action:**

- E. **MOTION BY ROBINSON; SECOND BY BUTTKE TO MOVE A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED LEGISLATION ON USE OF ARPA FOR HOUSING TO THE FULL BOARD FOR ITS CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED**

**Follow up:**

Forward to county board.

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

6. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion – None**

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

- A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.  
B. Next Meeting: **TBD, potentially November 4<sup>th</sup>**

8. **Adjournment**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, MOTION BY BUTTKE; SECOND BY ROBINSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:02 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.**

The recorded meeting can be viewed here: <https://tinyurl.com/MarathonCountyBoard>

Respectfully submitted by,  
Toshia Ranallo