



**MARATHON COUNTY
JOINT REDISTRICTING & EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE **AMENDED** AGENDA**

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

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

Committees' Members: Kurt Gibbs Chair; Craig McEwen, Vice-Chair; Matt Bootz; Tim Buttke; Sara Guild, Jacob Langenhahn, Alyson Leahy, Jean Maszk, John Robinson, vacant seat.

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.*

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 Executive 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:**

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Access Code: 146 159 7938

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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 October 20, 2021, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**
4. **Policy Issues for Discussion and Possible Action**
 - A. **Discussion and Recommendations for Filling Supervisor District 12 Seat**
5. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution**
 - A. Consideration of Proposed Final Supervisory Redistricting Map for forwarding to County Board
6. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
7. **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 9, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.**
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: Chair Kurt Gibbs
Presiding Officer or Designee**

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FAXED/EMAILED BY: Toshia Ranallo
DATE & TIME: 11/01/2021 AT 12:30 PM

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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 4th

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



**Marathon County
Redistricting Committee
Draft Minutes**

Tuesday, September 7, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Employee Resources Conference Room and via WebEx

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

Also Present: Michael Puerner, Kim Trueblood, Andy Faust, Dave Mack, Laurie Miskimmins, Preston Vande Voort, Sandi Cihlar, Katie Rosenberg (W), MaryAnne Groat (W), Gary Hetzer (W), Jonathan Fisher (P), Gerry Fitzgerald

1. Call to Order – Chair Gibbs called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. **Motion by Supervisor Robinson, Second by Supervisor Leahy to approve the minutes from the July 22 and August 30 minutes. Motion carried on a voice vote, unanimous.**
3. Educational Presentations / Reports:
 - Dave Mack of CPZ and Andy Faust of North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission presented an alternate tentative plan, per the committee’s request at the August 30 meeting.
 - Two towns will require 3 supervisory districts, and 11 towns will require new wards due to having 2 supervisory districts. This tentative plan does bring the deviation to below 10%, which was the request. There was discussion regarding how last week’s plan compares to the new one and how the one person, one vote seems to play into both plans.
4. **Motion by Supervisor Cihlar, Second by Vice-Chair McEwen to move “Working Plan 3” forward to the full board as a tentative plan.** Supervisor Robinson commented that he would prefer to forward the newer plan to the full board. **Motion carried on a voice vote, not unanimous.**
5. Discussion on the rest of the timetable for the process – the full board will vote on the tentative plan on September 16 at the County Board meeting. Once the tentative plan is approved, the municipalities will have the opportunity to weigh in and set their ward boundaries. Supervisor Guild suggested that a statement outlining the next steps be included in the County Board packet with the tentative plan.
6. Adjourn.
Motion by McEwen, Second by Leahy to adjourn the meeting at 11:05. Motion carried.

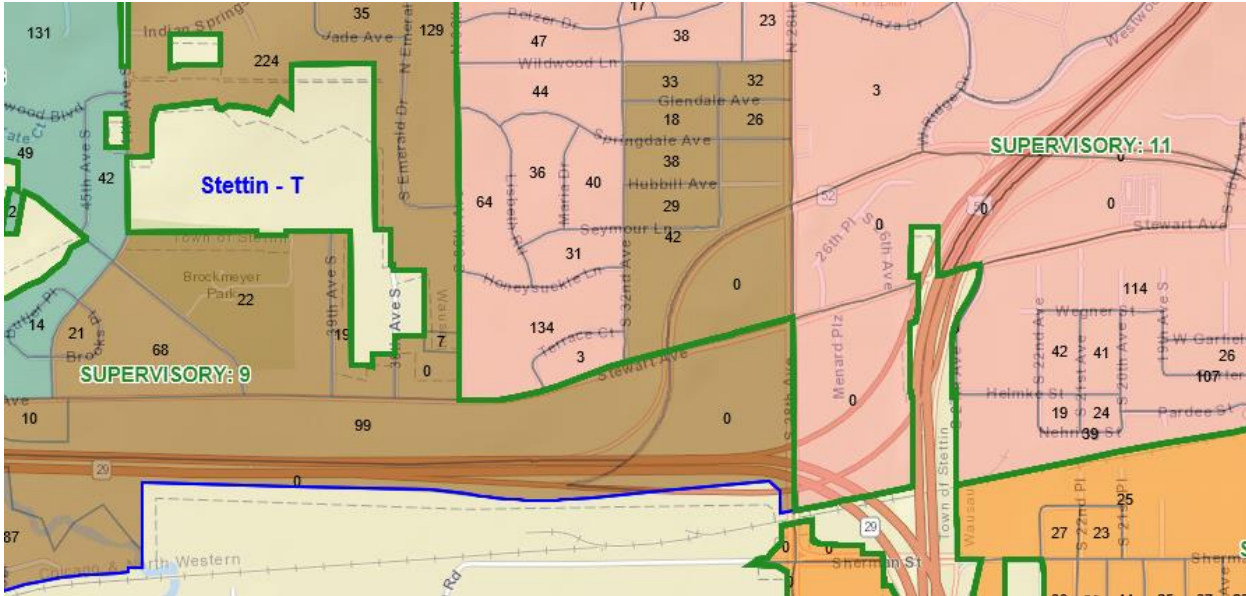
Kim Trueblood
Marathon County Clerk

Tentative Supervisor Redistricting Plan Adjustments.

Adjustments were made to the Tentative Supervisor Redistricting Plan Boundaries after discussions with the City of Wausau and the Village of Weston pertaining to their Ward Plans. The overall deviation for the County is still the same as the approved Tentative Supervisor Redistrict Plan at 14.18%

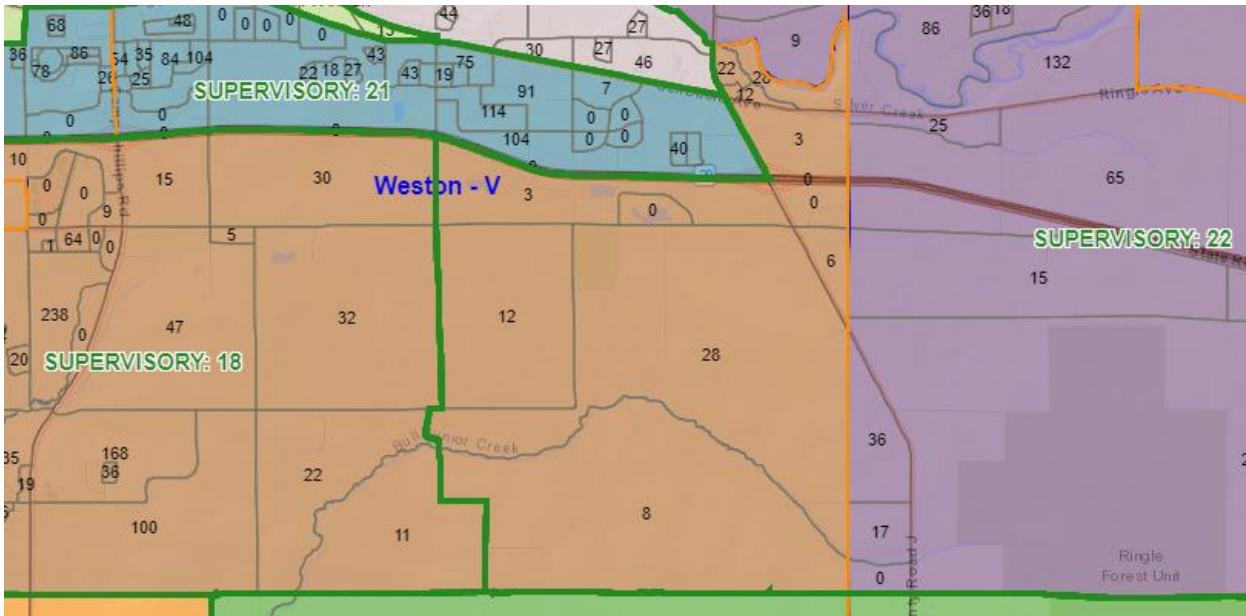
City of Wausau

Districts 9 and 11 adjusted per the City of Wausau Ward plan



Village of Weston

Districts 18 and 22 adjusted per the Village of Weston Ward plan



Green lines are the approved "Tentative Supervisor Redistricting Plan" areas.

PROPOSED FINAL SUPERVISORY REDISTRICTING PLAN WITH DISTRICTS & 2020 POPULATION

