



MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **November 8, 2022, at 1:30pm**

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

Committee Members: Matt Bootz, Chair; Jean Maszk, Vice-Chair; Bruce Lamont, Stacey Morache, Allen Opall, Tim Sondelski, Jason Wilhelm

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)

Committee Mission Statement: Provide leadership for the implementation of the Strategic Plan, monitoring outcomes, reviewing, and recommending to the County Board policies related to public safety initiatives of Marathon County.

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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The meeting will also be broadcast on Public Access or at <https://tinyurl.com/MarathonCountyBoard>

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment (15 Minutes)** (Any person who wishes to address the committee 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 comments must be germane to the jurisdiction of the committee)
4. **Approval of the October 11, 2022, Public Safety Committee Meeting minutes.**
5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination:**
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution, or Policy:**
 - A. Review of Objective 12.3 suggested modifications to the [2018-2022 Strategic Plan](#)
7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion:**
8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Location, Announcements and Future Agenda Items:**
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
 - B. Next meeting: **December 6, 2022 at 1:30pm**
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 s/s Matt Bootz
Presiding Officer or Designee

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MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Tuesday September 6, 2022, at 1:30pm**

Meeting Location: **Marathon County Courthouse, Assembly Room, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI 54403**

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| Matt Bootz | Present |
| Jean Maszk | Present |
| Bruce Lamont | WebEx |
| Stacey Morache | Present |
| Allen Opall | Present |
| Tim Sondelski | Present |
| Jason Wilhelm | Absent |

Staff Present: Michael Puerner, Philip Rentmeester, Evan Kelbaugh, Thresa Wetzsteon, Ruth Heinzl, Lance Leonhard, David Holcomb

- 1. Call Meeting to Order** – Chair Bootz called the meeting to order at 1:32pm
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Public Comment**
- 4. Approval of the August 9, 2022, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes.**
Motion by Supervisor Maszk, Second by Supervisor Morache to approve the minutes. Motion carried on a voice vote, unanimously.
- 5. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination:**
 - A. Recommendation to Executive Committee for updates to the strategies, objectives and expected outcomes found in the [2018-2022 Strategic Plan](#)
 1. What new strategies need to be added to the existing Objectives in the plan
 2. Strategies to be prioritized with existing objectives
 3. Strategies or Objectives from the [2016 Comprehensive Plan](#) to the Strategic PlanChair Bootz posed the discussion on the updates that have been discussed during the last few public safety meetings as well as new topics. Discussion was had, questions were asked and answered. Motion by Supervisor Maszk, Second by Supervisor Morache to approve the updates to the strategic plan. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
- 6. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution, or Policy:**
 - A. Consideration of updates to the Emergency Operations Plan and Chapter 6 of Marathon County Code of Ordinances
Philip Rentmeester and Michael Puerner, Presented the updates to the Chapter 6 of the Ordinance. Discussion was had, questions were asked and answered. Motion by Supervisor Maszk, Second by Supervisor Opall to recommend these updates to the full board for consideration. Motion carried on voice vote unanimously.
Philip Rentmeester presents the Emergency Operations Plan resolution. Motion by Supervisor Maszk Second by Supervisor Opall to present this resolution to the full board for consideration. Motion carried on voice vote unanimously.
- 7. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion:**
 - A. Update from District Attorney's Office on State Workload Analysis and efforts to secure more state prosecutor positions
Theresa presented the issues with retention to the DA's office, as well as the issues with the workload that they have. Discussion was had, questions were asked and answered.
- 8. Next Meeting Date & Time, Location, Announcements and Future Agenda Items:**

A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.

Recommend to the state for the template resolution.

B. Next meeting: October 11, 2022 at 1:30pm

9. Adjournment

Motioned by Maszk , Second by Opall to adjourn. Motion carried on voice vote, unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 2:35pm.

Minutes prepared by David Holcomb

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Suggested Modifications from the Public Safety Committee to the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan

12.3 – Promote cost-effective and high-quality public safety services

A – Continue to support efforts by local municipalities to establish cooperative service and joint facility arrangements.

B – Continue to enhance E-911 dispatch services for all police, fire, and EMS agencies in Marathon County.

C – Work with local municipalities and other government agencies to explore opportunities to share costs and/or consolidate public services.

D – Address solid waste management issues on a regional basis, cooperating with other counties.

E – Implement a plan to increase the number and nature of services accessible to the public online and identify achievable measures to track our progress at engaging the public.

ADD F – Seek out funding partners to develop and implement the proposed Marathon County Forensic Science Center. **(Recommendation to add this to Objective 12.3 as well)**

ADD G – County Board adopt, maintain, and fund employee class compensation plans and government policies that prioritize the retention and recruitment of the high-quality, skilled workforce needed to deliver government services. **(Recommendation to add this to Objective 12.3 as well)**

Outcome Measures

#1 – By December 31, 2020, all county departments will have employees with knowledge of continuous improvement and skills for facilitating improvement.

- Completed

#2 – By December 31, 2022, the number of county employees who have completed the Marathon County Leadership Development Program will increase by 25%

- Staff suggest a new measure, as staff turnover can cause dramatic changes in percentage, while the intent of the measure is to ensure new leaders are training promptly.

#3 – By December 31, 2020, a framework will be developed to share services with a local municipality, nearby county, or non-governmental entity to reduce cost and increase effectiveness, and thereafter meet at least once a year to discuss joint ventures.

- The bi-monthly MCDEVCO municipality has served as the forum for these discussions.

Suggested Modifications from the Public Safety Committee to the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan

7.1 – Provide cost-effective and high-quality public safety services

A – Continue to consider the potential to consolidate emergency service agencies

- Continue this strategy as drafted
 - o Committee supports securing a consultant to conduct an evaluation relative to EMS delivery models to improve the timeliness of EMS delivery in Marathon County.

B – Respond to maltreatment allegations and provide protective services for vulnerable populations.

- Committee recommends elimination of this specific strategy, as it is non-strategic, and these activities are mandated by law and largely guided by state and professional policy.
- **NEW Strategy B**
 - o Reduce recidivism by creating a mechanism to respond to “high-utilizers” of our justice, mental health, and social service systems.

C – Report every 2 years on the response time with advice for municipalities (ex: consolidation, realignment, or targeted education)

- Continue this strategy as drafted

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ADD F – Public Safety Committee will consider the reported feedback from municipal leaders (elected or appointed) on safety concerns on county highway and multimodal transportation systems following quarterly safety meetings. **(Similar provision in Objective 10.12 outcome measures)**

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Outcome Measure #1 – By December 31, 2024, emergency response times for public safety (law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services) will decrease.

Outcome Measure #2 – By December 31, 2023, the Public Safety Committee will issue a whitepaper for consideration by the Marathon County Board of Supervisor that identifies strategies to address the shortage of state public defenders and attorneys accepting public defender appointments in Marathon County.