



MARATHON COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, March 10, 2020, 4:00 p.m.
Courthouse Assembly Room B-105, 500 Forest St, Wausau WI 54403

Attendance:	Present	Absent
Kurt Gibbs, Chair	X	
Craig McEwen, Vice-Chair	X	
Matt Bootz	X	
Sara Guild		EX
Jacob Langenhahn	X	
Allen Opall	X	
John Robinson	X	
E J Stark	X	
Jeff Zriny		EX

Also Present: Lance Leonhard, Scott Corbett, Jonette Arms, Michael Rhea, Brenda Christian, Steve Prell, Jon Graveen, Brian Kowalski, Frank Matel, Mary Palmer

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Public Comment: None

3. Approval of the February 11, 2020, Minutes

MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY MCEWEN, TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 11, 2020, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration

- A. Potential Transfer of Adult Protective Services from North Central Health Care (NCHC) to the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin

Discussion:

Jonette Arms, Director of the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin (ADRC-CW), highlighted items in the report that were in the packet. ADRC-CW was approached in late spring of 2018 by NCHC to see if there was a possibility of them taking over Adult Protective Services for Langlade, Lincoln and Marathon Counties which are part of our APS region. Wood County, which is part of the ADRC-CW consortium, is not in our APS region.

APS focus is on the safety of older adults. Many APS and ADRC-CW clients are the same ages 18 – 59 with disabilities and the aging population over 60. NCHC's funds would come to ADRC with the program. There is secured space where ADRC is located which will be right across the hall from ADRC. Anticipated move in date is May of 2020. This will be an easy support of customers and referral of cases. There are five ADRC's that have APS under them and four are regional.

Administrative costs (overhead) would be about \$100,000 to spread across the programs. It might delay coming back to the 4 County Boards to ask for an increase in funds. NCHC will pay all transition costs, the move, the lease is aligned to match ADRC's lease with Ghidorzi, the lease would just be transferred and concurrent with theirs.

The ADRC-CW Board has some concerns relating to the cost to customers and services on APS. She wants to make sure her board is factually informed. Costs are covered by the county outside the operational costs. It is the county's responsibility for placement. It won't jeopardize ADRC. NCHC will continue their after-hours crisis line. The same thing would happen under ADRC. It

would be put in the contract.

Jonette is meeting with each county's leadership. The Executive Committee was the first stop to take this to our Board. Even if Wood County isn't a part of NCHC – ADRC has to go to all four boards to get permission. \$765,000 will come over from APS from grants and budget. RCA identified APS and Birth to 3 were programs that worked better under other programs than they are currently placed (ADRC and Special Education respectively).

If Wood County would leave the ADRC-CW, they would lose a lot of services that are now provided. Marathon County provides the best level of care and services for those in need.

Action:

MOTION BY ROBINSON; SECOND BY OPALL TO FULLY SUPPORT THE SHIFT OF APS FROM NCHC TO ADRC-CW. MOTION CARRIED.

Follow through:

No follow through needed.

5. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution

This agenda item was moved to the end of the agenda:

- A. Motion to go into Closed Session (Roll Call Vote Suggested) Pursuant to s.19.85(1)(c) Wis. Stats. for the purposes of “[c]onsidering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility,” to wit: conduct interviews for the County Administrator position.

The chair read from the statute whether to go into closed session or remain in open session.

MOTION BY LANGENHAHN; SECOND BY OPALL TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO S.19.85(1)(C) WIS. STATS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF “[C]ONSIDERING EMPLOYMENT, PROMOTION, COMPENSATION OR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION DATA OF ANY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OVER WHICH THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY HAS JURISDICTION OR EXERCISES RESPONSIBILITY,” TO WIT: CONDUCT INTERVIEWS FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION. ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN AND FAILED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION 4 (MCEWEN, BOOTZ, ROBINSON, STARK) NO AND 3 (LANGENHAHN, OPALL, GIBBS) YES.

Supervisor Robinson opposes going into closed session and wants transparency. Supervisors Bootz and Stark agree.

Discussion:

Chair Gibbs thanked the Task Force: Romey Wagner, Dr. Lori Weyers, Mike Tomsyck, Mary Ellen Schill, Adam Payne, and Craig McEwen. Gibbs then went through the steps taken for the recruitment. Seventeen applications were received and back ground checks were done on the three applicants that were interviewed. Thank you Sheriff's department for doing a very thorough investigation. The Interview Task Force met once to finalize the job description, then to review the applications. On February 25 the three finalists were interviewed for 1.5 hours each. Only one name was moved forward to this committee for its consideration and it was unanimous by the Task Force – Lance Leonhard

Action:

MOTION BY ROBINSON/ SECOND BY BOOTZ TO APPROVE THE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT LANCE LEONHARD, THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR, TO BECOME THE NEXT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR MARATHON COUNTY AND NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT BY APRIL 5, 2020 AND SEND THE APPOINTMENT TO THE FULL BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Follow through:

Send to County Board.

- B. Motion to return to Open Session (Roll Call Vote Unnecessary) and possible announcements and/or Action regarding closed session items (approximately 5:00 p.m.)

Discussion:

None needed. Didn't go into closed session.

- C. Consideration of Proposed Revisions to the Chapter 2 and Section 4.20 of the Marathon County Code of Ordinances from the Rules Review Committee (Vice-Chair McEwen)

Discussion:

This can be taken to the full Board in April as is or changes can be made in April. Leonhard went through the changes and housekeeping, as indicated in the attachment to the March 10, 2020 Packet. Rule 20 on reimbursements and travel are major changes. 2.04 and other standing committees relationships are realigned (reporting, governance, non-governance).

Rule 4.20 Allocated positions. It's an operating rule. Upon approval by the County Administrator, the request goes to the department's standing committee and then to HR/Fin. All new position requests need to be considered in March, August or part of the annual budget request. The exception is if a position(s) funded in its entirety by grant funds, it does not need to follow these dates.

Action:

MOTION BY MCEWEN; SECOND BY STARK TO POSTPONE ACTION ON RULES REVIEW REVISION RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE APRIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

Follow through:

Put this item back on the April Agenda

- D. Updated 2020 Administration Work Plan

Discussion:

The 2020 Administration Work Plan has been grouped by priority and activity. A column of Dependencies has been added.

Action:

MOTION BY ROBINSON; SECOND BY LANGENHAHN TO SEND THE 2020 ADMINISTRATION WORK PLAN TO THE COUNTY BOARD IN MARCH. MOTION CARRIED.

Follow through:

No follow through needed.

6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

- A. Discussion on the Timeline on Downsizing the County Board

Discussion:

Consensus emerged that the timeline for the Task Force should be changed to December 31, 2020.

This will still allow enough time for presentations to the Board so they can make an informed decision. Since this is an educational item today, a special meeting will need to be held on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. prior to County Board to take to the full Board on the 19th.

Follow through:

Set a special meeting for Executive on March 19 at 6:30 p.m.

7. Next Meeting Time, Location, Agenda Items and Reports to the County Board

- Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion and educational presentations for the County Board
- Next regular meeting: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room

8. Announcements:

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, **MOTION BY MCEWEN; SECOND BY LANGENHAHN, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.** Committee adjourned at p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Mary Palmer