

**MARATHON COUNTY BOARD SIZE TASK FORCE
MINUTES
June 17, 2020**

MEMBERS: *John Robinson – Chair, Craig McEwen - Vice Chair, Tim Buttke, Sandi Cihlar, Arnold Schlei, Rick Seefeldt, David Eckmann, Deb Hager*

OTHERS PRESENT: Rebecca Frisch, Dave Mack, Amanda Ley, Jamie Alberti, Mike Lichner, WSAU, Wally Litzer, Jack Hogendyk, Valerie Carrillo, Meg Ellefson

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Call to Order

In the presence of a quorum, with the agenda being properly signed and posted, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Robinson at 3:33 p.m. via WebEx.

2. Welcome and Introductions

All were welcomed and introductions were made.

3. Public Comment

The Public Comment portion of the agenda has been temporarily suspended, pursuant to Marathon County Resolution # R-29-20, dated April 21, 2020, because the technology necessary to afford the public the opportunity to address the County Board, or its subgroups, during public Comment is difficult to guarantee, if a large number of individuals have elected to call in.

POLICY DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

4. Overview of Task Force on County Board Size Charter

Discussion: Chairman Robinson review the County Board Ordinance creating the Task Force along with the Charter explaining the mission and duties of the Task Force.

Action: NO ACTION TAKEN, FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

5. Overview of the U.S. Census and Redistricting Process

Discussion: Chairman Robinson briefly reviewed the County Decennial Redistricting Handbook provided by the Wisconsin Counties Association. This information was for reference and will provide guidance to the county later when engaging in the redistricting process.

Action: NO ACTION TAKEN, FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

6. Wisconsin Counties Association Governance Structure Information/Data

Discussion: Chairman Robinson briefly reviewed the information in the packet referencing the population, number of supervisors, committee structures, and election data from the State's Counties.

Action: NO ACTION TAKEN, FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

7. What is Needed to Make an Informed Decision

Discussion: Chairman Robinson directed a discussion on what questions or information the Task Force wanted to have in order to make decisions and continue the overall discussion regarding board size. The member's provided many questions and asked for information that revolved around five main categories: What other Counties have done, representation and diversity, efficiencies and financial components, county board self-assessment, and public engagement. These categories will be used to develop future discussions.

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Action: STAFF WILL WORK WITH THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

8. Future Meetings and Schedule – July 15, 2020

Action: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR JULY 15, 2020 AT 3:30 PM AT 210 RIVER DRIVE, WAUSAU, WI AND VIA WEBEX.

9. Adjourn

Action: There being no further business to come before the members, **ROBINSON ADJOURNED THE MEETING OF THE MARATHON COUNTY BOARD SIZE TASK FORCE AT 4:30 PM.**

Submitted by:

Dave Mack

Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning

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November 10, 2020