

**MARATHON COUNTY BOARD SIZE TASK FORCE
MINUTES
July 15, 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, Jamie Alberti, William Litzer, 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 3:30 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. Approve Minutes July 15, 2020 meeting

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY BUTTKE / CIHLAR APPROVE THE JULY 15, 2020 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

5. The Agenda items of:

CONSIDERATIONS USED BY OTHER COUNTIES;

DECISION MAKING EVALUATION CRITERIA;

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES;

were all discussed during the overall conversation of the meeting and no one individual item was discussed with the intent to take action on them separately. Consensus was reached on how to proceed with items at the next meeting.

The overall discussion was as follows:

A continuation of the discussion on issues Supervisors would like to address from the previous meeting. This include costs, public engagement, evaluating myths, and the use of a self-assessment of current and past County Board Supervisors for their opinions, like what is working?, Where are there problems?, Supervisor workloads, and overall challenges.

Robinson and McEwen gave a summary of the conversation they, with Frisch and Mack, had with members of the UW-Extension regarding the experience Washington County had a few years ago. How they looked at their committee structure to help identify the ideal number of supervisors to function on the committees. How they went from an Administrator position to an elected Executive position. Hager helped explain the differences in the types of administrative structures.

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The conversation then moved to the criteria needed to help members make a decision on the Board Size. Ideas regarding the cost of the Board and Committees, the Efficiency of the Committee and even the current large Board. The Diversity on the Board and ways to make it more diverse or represented. The geographic size of the supervisory districts and how to get more participation in the election process.

Members ask to see comparisons of other like sized counties with Marathon, like Wood, Chippewa, Fond du Lac, and St. Croix counties.

Members agreed to discuss the evaluation criteria, other county considerations, the Board self-assessment, and presenting information to the County Board at the August Task Force meeting.

6. Future Meetings and Schedule – August 19, 2020

Action: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 19, 2020 AT 3:30 PM AT 210 RIVER DRIVE, WAUSAU, WI AND VIA WEBEX.

7. 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:

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Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning

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November 10, 2020