



MARATHON COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, August 3, 2020, 4:30 p.m.
Courthouse Assembly Room, B-105, 500 Forest St, Wausau WI 54403

Attendance:	Present	Absent	Vice-Chairs
Kurt Gibbs, Chair	X		
Craig McEwen, Vice-Chair	X		
Matt Bootz	X		Brent Jacobson W
Tim Buttke	W		Michelle Van Krey W
Randy Fifrick	W		
Sara Guild	X		Ka Lo W
Jacob Langenhahn	W		
Alyson Leahy	W		
John Robinson	X		
E J Stark	W		

Also Present: Lance Leonhard, Scott Corbett, Jean Kopplin, Tom Rosenberg, Mary Palmer, Media
Web: William Harris, Jonathan Fisher, Yee Leng Xiong, Shirley Lang

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination - None

A. Discussion regarding Facebook posts made by the Marathon County Clerk, which were published on, or about, July 30, 2020, by the *Wausau Pilot and Review*.

Scott Corbett, Corporation Counsel, explained the reasons he recommends going into closed session. The reasons listed above in 2.A and due to the possible damage of reputation. He then explained the grounds to go into closed session and they may confer with counsel regarding possible litigation. It was decided that both items listed below will be handled under one item.

MOTION BY MCEWEN; SECOND BY BOOTZ THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY, IF APPROPRIATE, CONSIDER A MOTION TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION, PURSUANT TO WIS. STATS, SEC. 19.85(1)(F), “[C]ONSIDERING FINANCIAL, MEDICAL, SOCIAL OR PERSONAL HISTORIES OR DISCIPLINARY DATA OF SPECIFIC PERSONS, PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION OF SPECIFIC PERSONNEL PROBLEMS OR THE INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES AGAINST SPECIFIC PERSONS . . . WHICH, IF DISCUSSED IN PUBLIC, WOULD BE LIKELY TO HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL ADVERSE EFFECT UPON THE REPUTATION OF ANY PERSON REFERRED TO IN SUCH HISTORIES OR DATA, OR INVOLVED IN SUCH PROBLEMS OR INVESTIGATIONS.”

IN ADDITION, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY, IF APPROPRIATE, CONSIDER A MOTION TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION UNDER ANY OF THE TOPICS LISTED ABOVE, PURSUANT TO WIS. STAT., SEC. 19.85(1)(G), “[C]ONFERRING WITH LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY WHO IS RENDERING ORAL OR WRITTEN ADVICE CONCERNING STRATEGY TO BE ADOPTED BY THE BODY WITH RESPECT TO LITIGATION IN WHICH IT IS OR IS LIKELY TO BECOME INVOLVED.”

BY ROLL CALL VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION:

Kurt Gibbs, Chair	Y
Craig McEwen, Vice-Chair	Y
Matt Bootz	Y
Tim Buttke	Y
Randy Fifrick	Y

Sara Guild	Y
Jacob Langenhahn	Y
Alyson Leahy	Y
John Robinson	Y
E J Stark	Y

B. Motion to return to Open Session

MOTION BY BOOTZ; SECOND BY MCEWEN TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. MOTION CARRIED.

C. Possible Announcements or Action Resulting from Closed Session

Action:

MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY BOOTZ, TO DIRECT ADMINISTRATION, SPECIFICALLY CORPORATION COUNSEL, TO RETAIN OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO COMPLETE AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION INTO THE STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS OF THE COUNTY CLERK THAT MAY IMPACT THE ABILITY OF THAT OFFICE TO CONDUCT IMPARTIAL ELECTIONS, AND ISSUE A REPORT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE INVESTIGATION AND LEGAL OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNTY BOARD BY AUGUST 31, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

3. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution – None**
4. **Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports - None**
5. **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 – email agenda items to Chair Gibbs
 - Next regular meeting: Wednesday August 12, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Assembly Room and Webex/Phone
6. **Announcements:**
7. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, **MOTION BY MCEWEN; SECOND BY GUILD TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.** Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Palmer and Lance Leonhard