



# MARATHON COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, August 12, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

Employee Resources Conference Room, C-149, Courthouse, 500 Forest St, Wausau WI 54403

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

**Also Present:** Lance Leonhard, Scott Corbett, Mary Palmer, Members of the public,

**Web/Phone:** Ruth Heinzl, John Townsend, Dave Mack, William Harris

**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 July 14 and August 3, 2020, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION BY LANGENHAHN; SECOND BY FIFRICK, TO APPROVE THE JULY 14 AND AUGUST 3, 2020, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination - None**

A. Developing a Form for Identification Information in Emails from the Public

**Discussion:**

A supervisor suggested that we may want to consider developing a form for the public to submit their questions/comments to Board members. If the district they live in and contact information was included the feedback may be more meaningful. After discussion it appeared that if the form was used to enhance communication by having drop down boxes for the supervisor or all supervisors, their district, address, etc. it would be a useful tool and maybe easier for public use. The committee also felt that their individual e-mails should remain where they are for now.

Corporation Counsel is leery that if you get a shotgun email and hit reply all it causes a conversation outside a meeting. That is not good.

The Administrator shared what is on our website and that all County Board email addresses are out there already along with other information. You just have to click on it.

**Action:**

No action taken.

**Follow through:**

Administration will check with CCIT to see if the form can be enhanced and bring back at a future date.

**5. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution – None**

**6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports**

A. Application for UniverCity Year 2020-2023 Program

**Discussion:**

The UniverCity plan is in your packet. This is a collaborative effort between the University of Wisconsin and local governments. A team put together projects to move forward over a 3 year time period. If chosen, UW Madison will work to develop curriculum around the project plan and work with that municipality to study the project and to develop a solution. The Administrator explained and discussed this with Department Heads and the County Board Chair and Vice Chair. This document is our application. The application mirrors the annual report for our strategic plan. It has various long term projects in Marathon County. The five focus areas Environment, Evidence Based Decision Making, Emergency Medical Services, Planning and Economic Development, and Diversity and Inserted objectives also.

The application was correlated to healthiest, safest, and most prosperous. There is funding required. Right now we will allocate \$20,000 up to \$100,000 over the 3 year life of the program, if we are selected.

**Follow through:**

None needed at this time.

B. Update on the 2020 Administration Work Plan

**Discussion:**

The County Administrator went through the 2020 Administration Work Plan which was in the packet and updated the committee on progress made to date.

Chair Gibbs commended the Administrator on all the work he's made on the projects so far along with COVID. Thank you.

**Follow through:**

The Administrator will follow up on #4 to see how the four additional dispatchers hired so far are being used and will report back at a later date.

C. Progress Update by the Chair of the County Board Size Task Force

**Discussion:**

Supervisor Robinson is the chair of the County Board Size Task Force. There have been two meetings so far. First was to identify information needed. They have picked out a number of counties who reduced the size for their board and will try to get pertinent information, as to why, how, cost effect, etc. At the second meeting they created five areas they will be looking at:

1. What have other counties done relating to renumbering their districts
2. Representation and diversity
3. Efficiencies and financial
4. Self-assessment from current and past county board supervisors
5. Public engagement – this is one area other counties didn't do, but we know it's important.

We want to make sure to get useful information to member and get their questions answered before making a decision.

They will be gathering quantitative data. Deb Hager has come up with a series of questions she will ask committee chairs and vice-chairs when she interviews them one-on-one. She will assemble themes and decide if there is a need for additional assessments from supervisors. Criteria will be developed to evaluate options and then match the options against criteria and develop recommendations.

**Follow through:**

None needed at this time.

D. Community Partners Campus

**Discussion:**

The County was approached by Community Partners group about the possibility of using the Social

Services building for a combined building for non-profit agencies. They would bring 10 to 15 agencies together in one place. They came to Human Resources, Finance and Property and will come to County Board on Tuesday to explain their idea and potentially acquire that building. Can we accelerate the move of Social Services and the Credit Union? Discussion is in the early stage right now. The project has a lot of value and merit for vulnerable populations. There are both opportunities and challenges.

***Follow through:***

None needed at this time.

**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 – email agenda items to Chair Gibbs
- Next regular meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the Courthouse and Webex/Phone

**8. Announcements:** None

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, **MOTION BY ROBINSON; SECOND BY MCEWEN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.** Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by,  
Mary Palmer