

**MARATHON COUNTY BOARD SIZE TASK FORCE  
MINUTES  
October 22, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT;**        *John Robinson – Chair, Craig McEwen - Vice Chair, Tim Buttke, Sandi Cihlar, Rick Seefeldt, Jacob Langenhahn, Arnold Schlei, Deb Hager*

**MEMBERS EXCUSSED;**        *Dave Eckmann*

**OTHERS PRESENT;**        Kurt Gibbs, Dave Mack, Amanda Ley, Jamie Alberti

**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 3:32 p.m. via WebEx.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

All were welcomed and introductions were made.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments were given by anyone at this time.

**POLICY DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

1. APPROVE MINUTES OCTOBER 7, 2020 MEETING

**Action: MOTION / SECOND BY BUTTKE / McEWEN APPROVE THE OCTOBER 7, 2020 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

2. EVALUATION CRITERIA WITH DEFINED TERMS;

Mack explained the changes to the table based on the previous meetings discussion. All of the modifications were accepted by the members. Members agreed to the basic definitions identified below the table for the three terms: Service as Responsiveness and Accountability, Diversity as Inclusion of people with demographic or experiential differences; and Efficiency as Timeliness, Responsiveness, and Cost Effectiveness.

Robinson explained that the 4<sup>th</sup> column was the weight factor so all categories can be viewed equally but have a different number of questions for each category.

3. CREATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNTY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Robinson explained he obtained the additional information from absent members to finalize the chart and ask for comments. Discussion followed around how other counties identified the board size number first then determined the committee's size and structure later. Members agreed with this concept. Consensus of the members indicated that the committee size and structure discussion should wait until after the board size has been determined.

4. REFINE THE BOARD SIZE OPTIONS AND THEIR RATIONALE

Robinson review the table of board size options supplied by the task force members. Discussion on creating the three options to take to the public listening sessions. Members determined the "A" option was to keep the number at 38 supervisors. This number indicates the desire to keep things the same, why change if things are working?, larger board will allow rural people to keep their voice, larger board will provide for a more diverse board, and a larger board keeps the geographic size of the districts smaller and easier to communicate will.

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Members then determined the “B” option would be 32 supervisors. This number represents a potential change in the number of committees and their membership. 5 members for each of 6 committees with 2 in leadership or 6 members each on 5 committees with 2 in leadership.

Members then determined the “C” option would be 27 supervisors. This represents the 5 member each on 5 committees with 2 in leadership.

### 5. DISCUSS PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION PRESENTATION MATERIAL:

Robinson went through the presentation in the packet that was similar to the one he gave last summer to the Towns Associations. Members discussed specific concepts for the presentation like: why are we doing this?, we want your feedback, what are the advantages and disadvantages of each option, how the public comments will inform the members and as input to go into the evaluation criteria that the task force will use to make decisions. All the members agreed with the way the presentation was put together and it should be used at the public listening sessions.

### 6. FINALIZE LOCATIONS FOR PUBLIC LISTENING SESSIONS:

Members discussed the lack of availability of different locations to host the Listening Sessions. The health issues in the County with COVID spiking all around the county forced the members to agree to a virtual and call in approach to the public listening session. It was determined that Robinson and McEwen will create a video presentation and post it on the county website, local municipal websites, social media and provide a press release to all media outlets that the presentation is available to view. An email account will be identified for comments and potentially an 800 number as well for leaving comments. The presentation will be created live during a WebEx meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> for people to join in. The Public comment period will end on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

### 7. NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME: – November 30, 2020, 3:00 pm

Action: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2020 AT 3:00 PM AT 210 RIVER DRIVE, WAUSAU, WI AND VIA WEBEX.

### 8. 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 4:57 PM.**

Submitted by:

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Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning

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November 10, 2020