



MARATHON COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Friday, November 6, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

Courthouse Assembly Room (WEBEX), Courthouse, 500 Forest St, Wausau WI 54403

Attendance:	Present	Absent	Vice-Chairs	
Kurt Gibbs, Chair	X			
Craig McEwen, Vice-Chair	W			
Matt Bootz	W		Brent Jacobson	W
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	W			
E J Stark	W			

Also Present: Lance Leonhard, Jason Hake, Scott Corbett, William Harris, Toshia Ranallo, Mary Palmer,
Web/Phone: Chuck Ghidorzi, Dave Eckmann, Peter Whencheck,

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 October 8, 2020, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION BY ROBINSON; SECOND BY LANGENHAHN, TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 8, 2020, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination

A. Downtown Wausau Mall renovation project

1. Does the Committee support the Administrator signing a letter of support for the project?

Discussion:

The City of Wausau Mall Renovation Project presentation was given by Greater Wausau Commerce President/CEO Dave Eckmann and Wausau Opportunity Zone Managing Director Chuck Ghidorzi. The video that was shared during the course of the meeting is accessible at the following link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vb78352nUCU>. Also shared were the following two documents "[Unlocking our Potential](#)" and the "[Financial Outlook](#)", which summarizes the costs to the mall staying open, as opposed to opportunities from the mall site becoming a new mixed-use development. A request was made and being considered to combine TID 7 and 12.

Follow through:

Administrator Leonard will forward to the committee the proposed letter of support, and the two documents shared during the presentation. The discussion was postponed until the next Executive Committee meeting.

B. **Possibly Apply for Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus Funds (CDBG-CV)**

Discussion:

Supervisor Harris gave a presentation on a Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus Funds (CDBG-CV). The Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) – Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources (DEHCR) oversees this grant. This program is designed to help local governments and communities respond to and recover from the health and economic impacts of COVID-19. To be considered for CDBG-CV grant funding, the completed and signed *Intent to Apply* must be received via email no later than 4:00 PM on Friday, November 20, 2020.

Applications will be scored and ranked by a panel of reviewers based on scoring criteria, including *Delivery Strategy, Readiness to Implement, and Distress Factors*. DEHCR anticipates inviting final applications from the highest scoring applicants no later than December 18, 2020. Once final invitation decisions have been made, invitation to submit final application letters will be sent to local Governments. Unsuccessful local governments will be contacted and notified. Final applications are due to the DEHCR on February 26, 2021. If a community declines an award or there are other factors, additional funds may be awarded based on application rankings.

Action:

MOTION BY ROBINSON; SECONDED BY McEWEN TO POSTPONE THE DISCUSSION UNTIL THE NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 11/10/2020. MOTION CARRIED

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

6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. Update on 2020 Administration Work Plan and Preliminary 2021 Administration Work Plan

Discussion:

Administrator Leonard gave a presentation on the [2020 Administration Work Plan and the Preliminary 2021 Administration Work Plan](#). He encouraged the committee members to review the 2021 Work Plan for any additional information needed. Chair Gibbs commended Administrator Leonard on all his hard work he put forth throughout this year.

B. Discussion on Opioid Litigation

1. **MOTION BY BUTTKE; SECONDED BY LANGENHAHN TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION, 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.” A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS PERFORMED AND MOTION CARRIED.**

Roll Call Vote:

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	Excused
E J Stark	Y

2. Motion to return to Open Session (Roll Call Not Necessary)
MOTION BY McEWEN; SECOND BY BOOTZ TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Possible Announcements or Action Resulting from Closed Session
Chair Gibbs stated litigation is continuing.

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: Thursday, December 10, 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 MCEWEN; SECOND BY ROBINSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.** Meeting adjourned at 6:33p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Mary Palmer and Toshia Ranallo