



MARATHON COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Friday, November 12, 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	W
Jacob Langenhahn	W			
Alyson Leahy	W			
John Robinson	W			
E J Stark	W			

Also Present: Lance Leonhard, Jason Hake, Mike Puerner, John Graveen, Toshia Ranallo, Mary Palmer,

Web/Phone: Jean Maszk, MaryAnne Groat, Tammy Stratz, Katie Rosenberg

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Public Comment: None

3. 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:

Chair Gibbs directed the committee to discuss the question of whether to or not to support the project. He stated that the values of the TIFs and TIDs and how the city funds it, is a discussion for the Finance Committee. Bootz, Robinson, and Gibbs indicated they support the letter.

Action:

MOTION BY ROBINSON; SECOND BY McEWEN TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR LEONHARD TO SIGN THE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED. Mayor Rosenberg thanked the committee for approving this letter.

B. Possibly Apply for Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus Funds (CDBG-CV) - (Supervisor William Harris and Community Development Manager Tammy Stratz for the City of Wausau).

Discussion:

Supervisor Harris verified the County would not be in competition with Wausau for this grant and 13% could be used for administration expenses. To prepare for the grant the county would need to identify the scope, tentative budget, create a narrative, and a time table. Once the funds are administered and the contract is signed, the county has two years to distribute the funds.

The committee discussed the capacity of in-house resources, including the number of staff members and time needed. They would like to ensure there are minimal disruptions to these departments. It was suggested to reach out to county partnerships such as MCDEVCO and North Central Community Action for assistance as they are already familiar with CDBG

processes.

Administrator Leonhard suggested having this grant housed in either the veteran's office, finance department, or social services.

Action:

MOTION BY ROBINSON; SECOND BY BUTTKE TO REACH OUT TO COUNTY PARTERSHIPS AND IN-HOUSE DEPARTMENTS TO ASSIST IN THE GRANT PROCESS AND SUBMIT THE LETTER OF INTENT, ONLY IF IT IS DOABLE WITH MINIMAL DISRUPTIONS TO IN-HOUSE DEPARMENTS. MOTION CARRIED.

4. 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

5. Announcements: None

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, **MOTION BY McEWEN; SECOND BY BUTTKE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.** Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Toshia Ranallo