



MARATHON COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting Location: Marathon County Courthouse Assembly Room –500 Forest Street, Wausau WI

Committee Members: Kurt Gibbs Chair; Craig McEwen, Vice-Chair; Matt Bootz; Sara Guild, Jacob Langenhahn, Allen Opall, John Robinson, E J Stark, Jeff Zriny

Marathon County Mission Statement: *Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business. (Last updated: 12-20-05)*

Executive Committee Mission Statement: *The Executive Committee of the Marathon County Board exists for the purpose of implementing the County's Strategic Plan by coordinating policy formation among the Committees, and providing leadership for all County Board policies through supervision of Administrative staff.*

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Public Comment**
3. **Approval of the April 9, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**
4. **Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination**
 - A. Request by Supervisor Nutting to attend the WCA Conference
 - B. Review Availability of Funds for Travel
 - C. Marathon County Priorities in the 2019 – 2021 State Budget: Can we identify 3 top priorities of Marathon County
 - D. In light of Chamber Economic Development Study consideration to refer to Diversity Affairs Commission whether to amend the Strategic Plan to include *Objective 3.8: Ensure Marathon County is an open, inclusive, and diverse place to live and work*
5. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution – None**
6. **Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports**
 - A. Results of 2019 Culture Survey: <http://www.co.marathon.wi.us/Excellence/OrganizationalCulture.aspx>
 - B. Final Report – Employee Belonging and Inclusivity Study: <http://www.co.marathon.wi.us/Portals/0/Departments/CAD/Documents/MC-InclusivityReport-20190426.pdf>
7. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Location, Future Agenda Items**
 - Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion and educational presentations for the County Board.
 - Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room
8. **Announcements**
9. **Adjournment**

*Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 715-261-1500 or e-mail infomarathon@mail.co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting.

SIGNED /s/ Kurt Gibbs
Presiding Officer or Designee

FAXED TO: Wausau Daily Herald, City Pages, and
FAXED TO: Other Media Groups
FAXED BY: M. Palmer
FAXED DATE: _____
FAXED TIME: _____

NOTICE POSTED AT COURTHOUSE
BY: M. Palmer
DATE: _____
TIME: _____



MARATHON COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, April 9, 2019, 4:00 p.m.
Courthouse Assembly Room B-105, 500 Forest St, Wausau WI 54403

Attendance:	Present	Absent
Kurt Gibbs, Chair	X	
Craig McEwen, Vice-Chair	X	
Matt Bootz	X	
Sara Guild	X	
Jacob Langenhahn		Arrived Late
Allen Opall	X	
John Robinson	X	
E J Stark	X	
Jeff Zriny	X	

Also Present: Brad Karger, Lance Leonhard, Mike Puerner, Molly Bennett, Mary Palmer

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 the March 12, 2019, Minutes

MOTION BY OPALL; SECOND BY STARK TO APPROVE THE MARCH 12, 2019, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration

A. Marathon County Priorities in the 2019-21 State Budget

Discussion:

A list was provided of the top two priorities from the State Budget provided by Administration for each of the standing committees.

At the May Department Head meeting the Department Heads will discuss the priorities and identify which they feel are the top priorities.

Action:

No action was taken.

Follow through:

Results from Department Head will be shared with the Executive Committee.

B. Can Standing Committees be tasked to recommend a policy on fees currently charged for County services should cover all or only a portion of the cost of delivering the service?

- Zoning Permit
- Water Lab
- Restaurant Licenses
- Driveway Permits
- Juvenile Restitution Fees
- UWSP- Wausau Dorm and Pool Fees

Discussion:

Various fees need to be reviewed and adjusted on a regular basis. Each standing committee chair should look at fees charged by departments reporting to their committee and see if they need adjusting. Are costs being recovered by the County? Is overhead included in fees? Do the fees benefit the State or individuals? Working with Corporation Counsel a policy needs to be developed giving direction to the

County Administrator the authority to adjust fees periodically to keep costs current on those fees that can be adjusted. There are no automatic fee increases and some fees cannot be increased annually. If fees are increased incrementally to be the true cost, it will be somewhat more accepted.

The goal is to have a policy approved by this Board by March, 2020.

Action:

No action was taken.

Follow through:

This agenda item should be placed on each standing committee agenda. Recommended criteria will be brought back to this committee.

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

6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports - None

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
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room

Molly Bennett, Organizational Excellence Program Manager was introduced.

Sarah Guild announced that the airport business meeting was earlier today. This year Rondeavux will be on a Saturday and tied in with airport's 50th anniversary. Again this will be tied into the Oshkosh fly-in.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, **MOTION BY OPALL; SECOND BY BOOTZ TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.** Committee adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Mary Palmer



2019-2021 WISCONSIN STATE BUDGET

Governor Evers Introduces 2019-2021 Executive Budget

WCA Releases Summary of Biennial Document

On Thursday, February 28, 2019, Governor Tony Evers gave his 2019-2021 Executive Budget Address at the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison.

Below please find the preliminary WCA 2019-2021 State Biennial Budget Summary and its impact on counties from the WCA Government Affairs Staff.

- ***[Read the full WCA 2019-2021 State Biennial Budget Summary here.](#)***

In addition, WCA issued a media release on the introduction of Governor Evers' budget.

- ***[See the WCA 2019-2021 State Biennial Budget media release here.](#)***

Stay tuned to the WCA website and to publications like our weekly *Capitol Watch* for the latest budget updates. Once state budget deliberations get underway in earnest, our weekly budget webinars will return on Monday mornings. Be sure to watch your inbox for access to these informative webinars.

As always, please feel free to contact the WCA Government Affairs Staff at 866.404.2700 with any questions or comments.

MARATHON COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

as suggested by
DEPARTMENT HEADS ON 4/19/2019

Broadband Expansion: The Governor's budget increases the broadband expansion grant program to \$39.3 million in each year of the upcoming biennium. This is an increase of nearly five-fold over current funding levels.

17-Year-Olds: The Governor's budget reverts jurisdiction of 17-year-old offenders from adult court to juvenile court for acts committed on or after January 1, 2021, and provides sum sufficient funding to Wisconsin counties to cover eligible costs associated with returning these youth to the juvenile justice system. The sum-sufficient appropriation will start with a base of \$5 million GPR in FY21 and will be used to reimburse counties for the increased costs associated with raising the age that a circuit court or municipal court exercises adult court jurisdiction from 17 to 18. Expenses eligible for reimbursement will be determined by the Department of Children and Families in consultation with representatives of the counties.

Property Taxes: The Governor's budget allows counties to increase their property tax levies by the greater of the percentage change in equalized value due to net new construction or 2 percent.

District Attorneys: The Governor's budget recommends 19.6 new assistant district attorney positions, as well as funding and position authority to increase part-time assistant district attorney positions to full-time (6.90 positions). The Governor's budget also recommends one-time funding (\$307,300 in FY 20 and \$918,000 in FY21) for pay progression for assistant district attorneys and deputy district attorneys.

County Transportation: The Governor's budget increases county general transportation aids and general transit aids by 10 percent. The budget also increases funding for the local road improvement program by 4 percent.

State Public Defender: The Governor's budget recommends that the private bar rate be increased to \$70 per hour (currently rate is set statutorily at \$40 per hour) by January 1, 2020 by providing \$8.6 million in FY20 and \$16.6 million in FY21.