



MARATHON COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, June 11, 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	X	
Allen Opall	X	
John Robinson	X	
E J Stark	X	
Jeff Zriny	X	

Also Present: Brad Karger

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Public Comment: None

3. MOTION MADE BY BOOTZ, SECOND BY ROBINSON TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO 19.85 (1) (G) WI STATS TO CONFER WITH COUNSEL CONCERNING A DEMAND FOR SETTLEMENT OF A DISPUTE BETWEEN THE BOARD AND AN EMPLOYEE, THE DETAILS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.

A roll call vote was taken, all members voted in the affirmative:

- McEwen- yes
- Guild-yes
- Gibbs-yes
- Langenhahn-yes
- Opall-yes
- Stark-yes
- Zriny-yes

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION CARRIED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STARK, SECOND BY LANGENHAHN TO RETURN INTO OPEN SESSION. ALL YES. MOTION CARRIED.

There were no announcements from the closed session. (5:30 PM)

4. Approval of the May 7, 2019, Minutes

MOTION BY STARK; SECOND BY MCEWEN TO APPROVE THE MAY 7, 2019, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

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

- A. County Priorities in the State Budget: Nothing is final but the Joint Legislative Committee has taken action on several items of high priority to Marathon County, including:
- a. Marathon county is slated to get funding for 2.5 more Assistant District Attorneys

- b. Significant new money is targeted to the cost of out-of-home placements
- c. Public Defender pay increased to \$70 per hour
- d. 10% Increase in General Transportation Aids

Discussion:

Committee members were pleased with some of the legislative progress reported and disappointed that the levy caps remain unchanged, as is shared revenue.

Action: No formal action was taken

B. Cost Recovery Policy.

Discussion:

Committee Members discussed the importance of developing some consistency in establishing user fees and a regular calendar for updating fees. As part of the preliminary discussion a few concepts seemed to reflect a consensus:

- a. If a service is purely a personal or business benefit, the fees should reflect the full cost.
- b. If a service is of both public and personal value, a partial cost recovery is more appropriate.
- c. When calculating our cost we should include all direct costs including overhead.
- d. There may be situations where we elect to charge people a sliding scale fee based upon ability to pay.
- e. We need to be careful not to offend 66.0628 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Action:

No action was taken.

Follow through:

Brad Karger will try and find a good model policy from another municipality participating in priority budgeting. Brad and Kurt Gibbs will confer between meetings on a strategy for keeping this discussion going with the long term goal of putting in place a standardized and regular process for determining user fees.

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

7. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports- None

8. 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, July 9, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, **MOTION BY LANGENHAHN SECOND BY ROBINSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.** Committee adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Brad Karger on 6-13-2019