



**MARATHON COUNTY
EXTENSION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Courthouse Assembly Room, (B105), Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI

Members	Present/Web-Phone	Absent
Chair Sara Guild	W	
Vice Chair Ka Lo	W	
Gary Beastro	W	
Becky Buch	W	
Tom Rosenberg	X	
Rick Seefeldt		X
Chris Voll	W	

Also Present: Lance Leonhard, Kurt Gibbs, and Toshia Ranallo.

VIA Web or Phone: Ralph Illick, Jason Hausler, and Ann Herda-Rapp.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Guild called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

2. Public Comment (15 Minutes) - None

3. MOTION BY ROSENBERG SECOND BY LO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 2021 EXTENSION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination - None

5. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution: - None

6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. Reports from Committee-Affiliated Departments and Organizations

The following May 2021 reports can be viewed in the packet located on our [website here](#).

1. Marathon County Public Library

The Library is tentatively scheduled to open on June 1, 2021

2. MCDEVCO

Marathon County has received \$1.1 million in CDBG funding for small businesses and housing.

3. UW-Madison Division of Extension

Director Jason Hausler reported he has started to email monthly reports to all county supervisors keeping them informed of current UW Extension activities.

A. Potential Modification of UW Extension Contract to Include Office Assistance

Discussion:

UW Extension Director Jason Hausler reported Nancy Anderson who handled administrative support retired on April 1st, 2021. Hausler and Administrator Leonhard have been discussing a variety of replacement options including hiring administrative support under the state contract the county currently has with UW Extension. The county would benefit by saving in health insurance and technology costs as well as reducing onboarding workload for Employee Resources.

Follow-up:

Forward to HR Finance & Property Committee.

4. UW-Stevens Point Wausau

A. Discussion of UWSP Letter to County Administration in Regards to the UWSP Dorm Agreement

Discussion:

UW Stevens Point Wausau Director Ann Herda-Rapp reported Marathon Hall will be returned back to the county on January 1, 2022 because there isn't a need for dormitory style housing anymore. There will need to be a discussion with the Agricultural Society in regards to an agreement that 4H students are able to utilize the Hall during the Fair. However, it has already been decided they will not be using the hall this year.

The dormitory has a fair amount of furnishings that UW Stevens Point is offering to the county and a determination whether or not to take the furnishings would need to be made by July 1, 2021.

Administrator Leonhard pointed out there was an attempt to move forward with reconstruction for the Hall but there wasn't an interested developer. He indicated according to his 2021 Workplan the Hall could be considered part of the Westside Master Plan.

Follow-up:

Administrator Leonhard will work with Ann Herda-Rapp to determine the best option for the furnishings issue.

7. Next Meeting Time, Location, Announcements and Future Agenda Items:

A. Next meeting: **Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 4:00 pm**

8. Adjournment

MOTION BY VOLL SECOND; BY ROSENBERG TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:01P.M. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by
Toshia Ranallo