

MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EDUCATIONAL MEETING
 Thursday, March 18, 2021
 Marathon County Courthouse and via WebEx / Phone

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gibbs at 7:00 p.m., the agenda being duly signed and posted.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, followed by a moment of silence/reflection.

3. Reading of Notice

The Meeting Notice was read by County Clerk Trueblood.

4. Request to Silence Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices

Chairperson Gibbs gave the request.

5. Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll. Supervisors were present as shown:

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>District</u>
Michelle Van Krey...(excused).....	1	Sara Guild.....	20
Jenifer Bizzoto.....	2	Thomas Rosenberg.....	21
William Harris.....	3	Alan Christensen.....(excused).....	22
John Robinson.....	4	Chris Voll	23
Ka Lo.....	5	Jean Maszk	24
Jeff Johnson.....	6	Sandi Cihlar	25
Rebecca Buch.....	7	Brent Jacobson.....(excused).....	26
Kelly Gabor.....(excused).....	8	Thomas Seubert.....	27
David Oberbeck.....	9	Dennis Gonnering.....	28
Donna Krause.....(excused).....	10	Chris Dickinson.....	29
Alyson Leahy.....	11	Richard Gumz.....	30
Arnold Schlei.....(excused).....	12	Allen Drabek.....	31
Matthew Bootz	13	Kurt Gibbs.....	32
Rick Seefeldt.....(excused).....	14	Tim Buttke.....	33
Randy Fifrick	15	Gary Beastron.....	34
William Conway... ..	16	Jacob Langenhahn	35
E.J. Stark.....	17	Bruce Lamont.....	36
Craig McEwen.....	18	Allen Opall.....	37
Yee Leng Xiong.....	19	Jonathan Fisher.....	38

6. Acknowledgement of Visitors

None.

7. 15 Minute Public Comment

The following gave public comment relative to the Diversity Affairs Commission Appointment:

Tina Jenson, 178808 Pine View Road, Birnamwood, phone, Diversity Affairs Committee vacancy process

Nelgis Wellhoefer, 2710 Jelinek Ave, Schofield, in person, Diversity Affairs Committee vacancy process

Erin Crawford, 234905 Clay Road, Aniwa, in person, Diversity Affairs Committee vacancy process, spoke on-behalf of Barb Parlier

David Baker, 690 Happy Hollow Road, Kronenwetter, phone, Diversity Affairs Committee vacancy process, spoke on behalf of Ron Covelli

Patrick Bacher, 505 S. 22nd Ave, Wausau, in person, Diversity Affairs Committee vacancy process

Gary Rubow 4609 Hilltop Ave Wausau, in person, Diversity Affairs Committee vacancy process

8. **Education Presentations / Reports:**

a) **Standing Committee Chairpersons or Designees**

Discussion:

- Supervisor Robinson gave update regarding the Wisconsin Public Service Commission broadband expansion awards.
- Supervisor Xiong updated progress on the Community for All resolution.
- Supervisor Bootz updated progress on report for system budgeting and budgeting for the Criminal Justice System.

Action: None.

Follow through: None

b) ~~Update on Progress of the NCHC Campus Renovation—Chair Gibbs and Administrator Lance Leonhard~~
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Discussion: None.

Action: Will be presented at a later meeting.

Follow through: None

9. **Review and Discussion of Tuesday meeting agenda items:**

a) **Memorial:**

1. Life and Public Service of Don Christianson

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

Follow Through: Will be placed on Tuesday's Board agenda for action.

b) **Appointments:**

1. Diversity Affairs Commission - Thomas Wendt and Patrick Bacher

Discussion: Administrator Leonhard, gave historical and current process for nominating and appointing candidates to a board, commission and committee. Lance reviewed how to access the application on the County web page. He encouraged feedback, comments and suggestions, through the Rules Review Committee. Administrator Leonhard explained how he came to recommend the individuals for the Diversity Affairs Committee.

Board Supervisors stated that they were not aware of vacancies for the Diversity

Affairs Committee and also stated that the emails they received from constituents also noted that they were not aware of vacancies. It was stated that the process for nominations and appointing, is not transparent and that the current process of finding information on the County web page is not easily navigated through. It was also stated that there was no deadline for application submission posted.

To create more awareness and to reach a wider demographic of people, as not everyone has broadband access, it was suggested to publish committee openings through other public media outlets other than only the County web page. Concern over the lack of a vetting process was voiced as well as the lack of interviews for those that did apply.

Chair Gibbs stated that Administrator Leonhard put forth the agenda item and it would be up to him to withdraw the appointments.

Administrator Leonhard stated if the Board requested him to withdraw the nominations he would not refuse that.

Action: None.

Follow Through: Will be placed on Tuesday's Board agenda for action.

c) **Ordinances:**

1. Environmental Resources Committee:

A. Town of Plover Rezone – Galen & Kathleen Schoepke #O-09-21

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

Follow Through: Will be placed on Tuesday's Board agenda for action.

2. Infrastructure Committee:
 - A. To Amend Sec. 2.05 (14)(f), Gen. Code Ord. Broadband Task Force #O-10-21
Discussion: None.
Action: None.
Follow Through: Will be placed on Tuesday's Board agenda for action.
 - B. County Road "Y" Speed Zone Village of Hatley #O-11-21
Discussion: None.
Action: None.
Follow Through: Will be placed on Tuesday's Board agenda for action.
 - C. Authorizing the Infrastructure Committee to Approve Fees for Permits and Other Charges for Service Established by the Highway Commissioner #O-12-21
Discussion: None.
Action: None.
Follow Through: Will be placed on Tuesday's Board agenda for action.

d) **Resolutions:**

1. Health & Human Service Committee:
 - A. Resolution in Support of Increased County Child Support Funding #R-20-21
Discussion: None.
Action: None.
Follow Through: Will be placed on Tuesday's Board agenda for action.
2. County Board of Supervisors
 - A. Changes in Supervisory District Boundaries Resulting from Village of Marathon City Annexation #R-21-21
Discussion: None.
Action: None.
Follow Through: Will be placed on Tuesday's Board agenda for action.
3. Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee:
 - A. Approve 2020 Budget Transfers for Marathon County Department Appropriations #R-22-21
Discussion: None.
Action: None.
Follow Through: Will be placed on Tuesday's Board agenda for action.
 - B. Reorganization of the Conservation, Planning and Zoning (CPZ) Management Structure #R-23-21
Discussion: None.
Action: None.
Follow Through: Will be placed on Tuesday's Board agenda for action.
 - C. Acceptance of the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Disease Grant Funds #R-24-21
Discussion: None.
Action: None.
Follow Through: Will be placed on Tuesday's Board agenda for action.
4. Executive Committee:
 - A. Amend the 2018-2022 Marathon County Strategic Plan to Include Comprehensive Plan Objective 3.8 #R-25-21
Discussion: Concern about the word equity vs equality was stated. It was asked that the plan be amended by replacing the word equity with equality. Explanation of the word equity was addressed.
Action: None.
Follow Through: Will be placed on Tuesday's Board agenda for action.

B. Opposition to the Recommended Changes Relative to the Federal Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Area Standards #R-26-21

Discussion: The timeliness and eligibility of the resolution was explained.

Action: **MOTION BY STARK, SECOND BY ROBINSON TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, UNANIMOUSLY.**

Follow Through:

10. Announcements or Requests:

-Supervisor Langehahn gave thanks for the approval of the Land and Water Plan.

-Supervisor Conway congratulated Supervisor Van Krey on the birth of her baby girl.

-Supervisor Lamont asked for follow up information from the Exec meeting, regarding the roll call vote. Chair Gibbs stated if there is a roll call vote requested prior to the vote taken it will be automatic. If there is a Division, meaning there is a roll call request after the vote is taken, then upon that request, the roll call vote will be taken.

-Marathon County is a member of the Group Health Trust. There are 5 college scholarships available.

Applications are due June 9, 2021.

-Chair Gibbs requested Board members to check their mailboxes at the courthouse.

11. Adjournment:

MOTION BY VICE CHAIR MCEWEN, SECOND BY ROSENBERG TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

- Minutes prepared by Patricia Hornung, Administrative Specialist