



MARATHON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Thursday, December 5th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.**

Meeting Location: **Marathon County Highway Department, 1430 West Street Wausau WI. 54401**

Members: **John Robinson, Chair; Richard Gumz, Vice-Chair; Allen Opall; Jeff Johnson, Thomas Seubert; Alan Christensen; Sandi Cihlar**

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)

Infrastructure Committee Mission/Purpose: Provide leadership for the implementation of the Strategic Plan, monitoring outcomes, reviewing and recommending to the County Board policies related to technology and infrastructure initiatives of Marathon County, which includes, but is not limited to, highways, airways, waterways, etc.

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment Period
3. Approval of the Minutes of the November 7th, Infrastructure Committee Meeting.
4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination
 - A. 2020 Wisconsin Department of Transportation Routine Maintenance Agreement
 - B. Consideration of Marathon County Ordinance Section 7.125, All Terrain and Utility Terrain Vehicles
 - C. Updates of Strategic Plan, McEwen
5. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:
6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion
 - A. Update on the discussions relative to "Infrastructure Long Term Transportation & Capital Improvement Plan"
 - B. Broadband Update, Melinda Osterberg
 - C. 2019 Paser Report on County Highways
 - D. Wisconsin County Highway Association Update
 - E. Highway Commissioner's Report
 - F. Cyber Security Current Practices and Next Steps, Klein
 - G. City County Information Technology Commission Report
7. Announcements:
 - A. Future meetings and agenda items:
 1. January 2nd, 2020 Monthly Committee Meeting at Marathon County Highway Department
 2. January 13, 14 & 15th 2020, Winter Road School Chula Vista Resort Wisconsin Dells WI.
8. Adjourn

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/ John Robinson
Presiding Officer or Designee

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MARATHON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 7, 2019, 9:00 a.m.
Marathon County Courthouse, Wausau, WI 54401

Attendance:	Present	Excused	Absent
John Robinson, Chair	x		
Richard Gumz, Vice-Chair	x		
Tom Seubert	x		
Alan Christensen	x		
Sandi Cihlar		x	
Jeff Johnson	x		
Allen Opall	x		

Also Present: James Griesbach, Kevin Lang, Jan Schreiner, Brad Karger, Gerry Klein, Jon Graveen, Keith Rusch, Meldon Maguire, Jerry Fitzgerald, Mike Puerner, Mark Cihlar, Dave Mack, Lance Leonard

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Robinson at 9:00 a.m.
- 2. Public Comment:** No public comment was offered.
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the October 3, 2019, Infrastructure Committee Meeting**
MOTION BY GUMZ, SECOND BY CHRISTENSEN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 1, 2019, INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.
- 4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination**
 - Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Land Purchase for Future County Facilities
Discussion: County Administrator Karger addressed the committee regarding a potential land purchase. He informed the committee about the plan to consolidate multiple Marathon County departments in one building. Karger requested the committee's support in the purchase of the land.
Follow through: N/A
Action: MOTION BY CHRISTENSEN, SECOND BY JOHNSON, IN SUPPORT OF THE PURCHASE DEPENDANT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND APPRAISAL. MOTION CARRIED.
- 5. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:**
 - ATV/UTV Uniform Ordinance
 - Consideration of Marathon County Ordinance Section 7.125, All Terrain and Utility Terrain Vehicles
Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach addressed the committee with current municipality ordinances and the issues with enforcement. Commissioner Griesbach suggested that all municipalities adopt one ordinance to improve consistency of enforcement by the Sheriff's Department and to get everyone to initiate a comprehensive approach to ATV/UTV use.
Action: N/A
Follow through: MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECOND BY OPALL, TO ADOPT ONE ORDINANCE COUNTY WIDE. GUMZ AND CHRISTENSEN OPPOSE. MOTION CARRIED.
 - Central Wisconsin Airport, Possible Approval of Electrical Underground Easement with Wisconsin Public Service
 - Consideration of Easement Between Marathon County, Portage County and Wisconsin Public Service
Discussion: Mark Cihlar addressed the committee about Wisconsin Public Service's request to abandon lines currently under parts of Central Wisconsin Airport's runway; WPS would then require an easement to run new lines. With the upcoming projects CWA has scheduled, the project is beneficial to them as WPS is citing that they would then move the lines at no cost to the airport.
Action: N/A
Follow through: MOTION BY CHRISTENSEN, SECOND BY SEUBERT, TO ALLOW WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE THE EASEMENT REQUESTED.

6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion

- A. Update on the discussions relative to “Infrastructure Long Term Transportation & Capital Improvement Plan”

Discussion: Commissioner Robinson expounded on the discussions being held regarding the 2050 plan.

Action: N/A

Follow through: N/A

- B. Broadband Update

Discussion: Commissioner Robinson updated the committee on the status of the Design 9 proposal. Next draft due before Thanksgiving.

- C. Wisconsin County Highway Association Update

Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach elaborated on the discussions held at the executive meeting which mainly consisted of DOT funding and the Work Zone Safety Bill.

- D. Highway Commissioner’s Report

Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach briefly went through report: Pacer ratings, brine making, salt savings from previous year, employee retention.

- E. Cyber Security Current Practices and Next Steps, Gerry Klein

Discussion: Klein updated the committee on email hacking and the systems put in place to prevent SPAM and viruses.

- F. City County Information Technology Commission Report

Discussion: Klein distributed a packet with updated project information.

7. Announcements:

- A. Future meetings and location, agenda topics
December 5, 2019, 9:00 AM
- B. Winter Highway Conference

8. Adjourn

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY CHRISTENSEN, SECOND BY OPALL. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 10:50 AM.**

Minutes prepared

By Kendra Pergolski on November 21, 2019.



MARATHON COUNTY

OFFICE OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

1430 WEST STREET
WAUSAU, WI 54401

TO: Infrastructure Committee
FROM: Jim Griesbach
RE: December Highway Report
Date: November 22, 2019

Crews continue to work on snow fencing, ditching, and tree clearing and chipping. We are also crack filling highways along with other miscellaneous winter maintenance.

On Monday, November 18, 2019, we had snow and ice conditions due to the snow making operation at Granite Peak. Once we notified Granite peak of the condition they halted snow operations. This was the first occurrence this year due to the ski hill. On December 2nd we met with officials from WisDot and the ski hill to talk about possible ideas to alert drivers of the conditions and plans for the future events. Details of the meeting can be discussed at the December 5th Infrastructure meeting.

Our 3rd high capacity brine maker in Abbotsford has been installed and is running.

I did a review of an accident at the intersection of CTH "N" and CTH "J", this intersection as indicated with a higher accident rate. We did do improvements at that intersection several years ago with much success. This incident seems as driver error as the driver of unit one failed to stop.

We have received a retirement letter from one employee and are begin recruiting for that position. We currently are down several positions due to Federal Family Medical leave coupled with having to train new staff on plowing and are limiting time off requests.

EDP renewables had a public information meeting regarding the wind farms in western Marathon County on November 14th, I did not attend because I did not know about the meeting.

I currently of four ATV route request waiting for approval.

Submitted by
James Griesbach
Highway Commissioner