

MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, November 09, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

Marathon County Courthouse and Via WebEx

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair 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 and the Board stood for a moment of silence/reflection.

3. Reading of Notice

The Clerk read the meeting notice, as follows:

A. OPENING OF SESSION:

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Gibbs at 7:00 p.m., the agenda being duly signed and posted.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; Followed by a Moment of Silence/Reflection.
3. Reading of Notice.
4. Request for silencing of cellphones and other electronic devices.
5. Roll Call.
6. Acknowledgment of visitors.

B. EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS:

7. None.

C. PUBLIC HEARING:

8. Discussion and review of the final Supervisory District Plan for the redistricting of Marathon County as a result of the 2020 Census

D. CONSENT AGENDA:

9. Approval of minutes from the October 21 & 26, 2021 meetings.
10. Referral of bills and communications to respective committees.
11. Authorizing the Clerk to issue orders, bills, and claims from the last session through this session.
12. Confirmation of Appointments:
 - a) Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Valley Library Service – Jessica Bernett, Sonja Ackerman and Michael Otten

E. ORDINANCES:

13. Amending Section 7.125 of the Marathon County Code Relating to the Designation of ATV/UTV Routes and Trails and Regulation of ATV/UTV Operation within Marathon County #O-39-21
14. Amending Section 19.07 of the Marathon County General Code of Ordinances #40-21

RESOLUTIONS

F. REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

15. Approval of Final Redistricting Plan #R-77-21

G. HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

16. Resolution Approving Adjustment to State Property Tax Levy Limit for 2022 Budget #R-78-21
17. Budget and Property Tax Levy Resolution #R-79-21
18. Establishing Salaries for County Board Supervisors for 2022 and 2023, Pursuant to Rule 2.01(19) #R-80-21
19. ~~A Resolution to Use ARPA Funding to Purchase a Web Based Application for the Tracking of ARPA Funding to Educate, Identify, Prioritize, and Communicate the County's Strategic ARPA Funding Plan #R 81-21 PULLED~~

- H. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:
 - 20. Announcements and Requests.
 - 21. Motion to Adjourn.

4. Request for Silencing of Cellphones and Other Electronic Devices

Chairperson Gibbs stated the request.

5. Roll Call

The Clerk initiated the roll. 36 Supervisors were present as shown:

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

6. Acknowledgement of Visitors

Chairperson Gibbs acknowledged and welcomed visitors to the meeting.

B. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

C. PUBLIC HEARING:

Notice of public hearing read by Clerk Trueblood.

Discussion and review of the final Supervisory District Plan for the redistricting of Marathon County as a result of the 2020 Census

Chair Gibbs opened the Public Hearing at 7:07pm.

Discussion: None.

Public Hearing closed at 7:08pm.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Discussion: None.

Action: MOTION BY LANGENHAHN, SECOND BY ROBINSON TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS D9-D12a AS LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, UNANIMOUS. As part of the consent agenda, minutes of the October 21 & 26, 2021 meetings were approved.

The bills and communications were referred to respective committees. The Clerk was authorized to issue orders, bills and claims from the last session through this session. The following appointments were confirmed.

Follow Through: None.

APPOINTMENT
Wisconsin Valley Library Service Board of Trustees

I, Kurt Gibbs, Marathon County Board Chair, do hereby, upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, appoint the following individuals to the Wisconsin Valley Library Service Board of Trustees, for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2024:

Jessica Bernett, 216443 Dallman Road, Hatley, WI 54440

Sonja Ackerman, 830 Fulton Street, Wausau, WI 54401

Michael Otten, 227850 Teal Ave, Wausau, WI 54401

Per diem and mileage/expense reimbursement will not be paid for meeting attendance.

Dated this 9th day of November 2021.

As part of the Consent Agenda, the above Appointment was confirmed.

ORDINANCE #O-39-21

Amending Section 7.125 of the Marathon County Code Relating to the Designation of ATV/UTV Routes and Trails and Regulation of ATV/UTV Operation within Marathon County

WHEREAS § 7.125 of the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County addresses regulation of ATVs and UTVs in Marathon County; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2021, the Infrastructure Committee of Marathon County voted to amend § 7.125, as outlined in the attached document, to designate certain county highway segments as ATV/UTV routes if the highway segment meets the outlined criteria, to alter the operating hours for ATVs and UTVs on designated routes, and to update the ordinance to be consistent with requirements of state law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does hereby ordain as follows:

To amend section 7.125 of the General Code of Ordinances, pursuant to the attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ordinance shall take effect upon passage, publication as required by law and posting of signage.

Dated the 26th day of October 2021.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Discussion: Chair duties relinquished to Vice Chair for the balance of this agenda item and duties returning to Chair after this agenda item.

Action: MOTION BY CHRISTENSEN, SECOND BY DICKINSON TO ENACT THE ORDINANCE.

Discussion: Supervisor Gibbs explained his reasoning for the amendment to include the opening of county highways in municipalities that currently do not have any section of their roads open for ATV/UTV use. It was stated that it is important to respect local control, if the town or village has chosen not to open the roads it should be their decision and on the other side, if the municipality opens the roads, then the county road would automatically open unless there is a safety concern causing the Highway Commission to close it.

Action: MOTION BY GIBBS SECOND BY ROBINSON TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL ORDINANCE, SECTION 4 FOLLOWING A II TO READ AS 4 A III “THE MUNICIPALITY (TOWN, VILLAGE, OR CITY) IN WHICH THE HIGHWAY SEGMENT IS LOCATED HAS ADOPTED AN ORDINANCE OPENING ITS LOCAL ROADWAYS TO ATV/UTV TRAFFIC” AND UNDER ITEM C ADDING C III “OPERATORS ON ATV/UTV ROUTES SHALL OBSERVE THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT ON THE ROADWAY. IN THE EVENT PERMITTED BY LAW, THE MAXIMUM SPEED PERMITTED FOR ATV/UTV OPERATION ON ANY ROUTE IS 35 MILES PER HOUR”. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion: Supervisors made comments in support of and in opposition of the resolution. Question asked how shared roads would be handled and was answered by Corporation Counsel, Michael Puerner and Project Superintendent of the Highway Department, Kevin Lang. Bootz suggested that the shared roads should be addressed in the amendment. Fifrick spoke of the maps in the packet and suggested that if both shared roads aren't open then the county hwy in that section should be closed. Seubert suggested that shared roads should be left up to the township.

Action: MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECOND BY DICKINSON TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT, “IN THE EVENT THAT A HIGHWAY SEGMENT SERVES AS A MUNICIPALITY BORDER, THE SEGMENT WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNLESS EACH MUNICIPALITY OPENS ROADWAYS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTION.” MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, NOT UNANIMOUS.

Action: MOTION TO ENACT THE ORIGINAL ORDINANCE WITH THE 2 AMENDMENTS CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, NOT UNANIMOUS.

Follow Through: None stated, see Resolution

ORDINANCE #O-40-21

Amending Section 19.07 of the Marathon County General Code of Ordinances

WHEREAS, Section 19.07 of the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County governs the presence of animals within public park buildings; and

WHEREAS, Section 19.07(1)(a) of the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County currently states as follows:

(1)(a) *Restricted.* No person having immediate custody, care or control of a dog or other animal, shall permit said animal to enter and/or remain in any public park building, bathing beach, the Marathon County Sports Complex, the Marathon Park Amphitheater or playground safety surface area in any County Park, except assistance dogs or animals being used or trained to assist emergency services workers or as authorized by the Commission; and WHEREAS, the Marathon County Park Commission voted to recommend the following amendment to this Ordinance:

(1)(a) *Restricted.* No person having immediate custody, care or control of a dog or other animal, shall permit said animal to enter and/or remain in any public park building, bathing beach, the Marathon County Sports Complex, the Marathon Park Amphitheater or playground safety surface area in any County Park, except assistance dogs or animals being used to assist emergency services workers or as authorized by the Commission or their designee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does hereby ordain to amend Section 19.07 of the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County to state as follows:

(1)(a) *Restricted.* No person having immediate custody, care or control of a dog or other animal, shall permit said animal to enter and/or remain in any public park building, bathing beach, the Marathon County Sports Complex, the Marathon Park Amphitheater or playground safety surface area in any County Park, except assistance dogs or animals being used to assist emergency services workers or as authorized by the Commission or their designee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amendment shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Dated the 9th day of November 2021.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Discussion: Explanation of the ordinance was requested and answered by Administrator Lance Leonhard. Supervisor Bizzotto asked how the police department would be impacted and was addressed by Chair Gibbs. Supervisor Maszk and Opall informed that the ordinance had unanimous support by the Parks Commission.

Action: MOTION BY SEEFELDT, SECOND BY LANGENHAHN TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, UNANIMOUSLY.

Follow Through: None stated, see Resolution

RESOLUTION #R-77-21

Approval of Final Redistricting Plan

WHEREAS, the redistricting of County Board Supervisory Districts to reflect population changes found in the 2020 Census is required by Wisconsin Statute Section 59.10; and

WHEREAS, a Marathon County Supervisory District Plan must be approved by the Marathon County Board before the publication of the Spring Election Notice, Type A, on November 23, 2021; and

WHEREAS, because of the lateness of receiving the census data from the federal government, and the absence of any legislative reprieve, the timeline for the development of the supervisory plan was greatly shortened; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Redistricting Committee developed a tentative supervisory district plan, which addresses the goals of one-person, one-vote, compactness, community of interest, recognizable boundaries, and whole contiguous municipalities; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2021, the County Board adopted the tentative supervisory district plan and forwarded the same was sent to all Marathon County municipalities; and
WHEREAS, Marathon County municipalities have adjusted ward boundaries to comply with the county plan; and
WHEREAS, the adjusted ward boundaries of Marathon County municipalities are reflected in the attached proposed Final Redistricting Plan, which was approved by the Marathon County Redistricting Committee and forwarded to the Marathon County Board for public hearing and final approval; and
WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board held a public hearing for input on the final plan as required by statute.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors does adopt the attached County Supervisory District Plan setting forth 38 supervisory district boundaries; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marathon County Board chair shall file a copy of the plan with the Wisconsin Secretary of State.

Respectfully Submitted this 9th day of November 2021

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE / REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

Discussion: Support and opposition of the resolution was voiced.

Action: MOTION BY BUTTKE, SECOND BY CIHLAR TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, NOT UNANIMOUSLY.

Follow Through: None stated, see Resolution

RESOLUTION #R-78-21

Resolution Approving Adjustment to State Property Tax Levy Limit for 2022 Budget.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Marathon County to maximize flexibility in managing current and future year budgets while complying with property tax levy limits imposed by the State of Wisconsin; and
WHEREAS, Marathon County did not levy the maximum property taxes permitted under state levy limits for the 2021 budget, resulting in a carryforward of property tax levy capacity of \$716,160 as per the calculations by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue; and
WHEREAS, under Wisconsin statutes sec. 66.0602(3)(f) the County is allowed to adjust its levy limit for the 2022 budget by the amount of the above noted carryforward by a three quarters majority vote of the County Board; and
WHEREAS, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee has affirmed that adjusting the 2022 levy limit for the 2021 carryforward is a prudent action for the County to take to provide flexibility for future year County budgets; and
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors that the levy limit for the 2022 budget be adjusted for the unused levy carryforward from 2021 as allowed by Wisconsin statutes sec. 66.0602(3)(f); and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper County official(s) are hereby authorized and directed to complete the state required levy limit worksheet accordingly.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of November 2021.

HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE and PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Discussion: Chair Gibbs stated requires $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote.

Action: MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY OPALL TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, UNANIMOUSLY.

Follow Through: None stated, see Resolution

RESOLUTION #R-79-21

Budget and Property Tax Levy Resolution

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue has made available the Statistical Report on Equalized Value of Marathon County for 2021 which sets the Equalized Value of Marathon County for taxing purposes at \$11,742,048,800; and,
WHEREAS, for purposes of satisfying the requirements of the state-imposed Tax Rate Freeze formula, this budget is in compliance with Wis. Statute 59.605; and,
WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors and the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee have occasional requests to provide funding for the community including allowable expenditures under various Wisconsin Statutes; and,
WHEREAS, the County is interested in a method of having the Human Resources and Finance and Property Committee review these requests on a timely basis; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED for the budget year 2022 that the sum of \$50,000 be authorized from the Contingent Fund and placed into a separate expenditure line item to be used by the Committee on a discretionary basis using a standard application process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any amendments subsequent to budget publications have resulted in the following changes and/or corrections to be incorporated as amendments into the proposed 2022 budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022:

<u>Budget Changes to Tax Levy</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>Tax Levy Change</u>	<u>Tax Rate Change</u>
I. Operating Levy (includes debt levy \$1,869,481)	48,588,225		
II. PY Unused Levy adjustment	716,160		
III. Special Purpose Levy-bridge aid	480,000		
IV. Special Purpose Levy-library	3,664,309		

Budget Changes to Capital Improvement Plan

Budget Changes from Separate Resolutions

Budget Changes to non-tax Levy Department

Special Education (School fiscal period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022)

Revenues \$ 10,029,721

Expenditures \$ 10,029,721

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors does hereby adopt the 2022 Marathon County Budget of \$199,722,706 including departmental appropriations, revenues and use of fund equity as proposed by the Human Resources and Finance and Property Committee during a series of budget meetings in October and as set forth in the attached document entitled, (BDGT1) Adopted Budget - Orgn 1 excluding Fund 998, and that the same budget passed and approved by appropriation unit and allocated from its present form and format as established by the Uniform Chart of Accounts for Wisconsin Counties as developed by the Wisconsin Departments of Revenue and Transportation, in programmatic format; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize a property tax levy in the amount of \$53,448,724 in support of the 2022 budget and that the County Clerk is hereby directed to levy the required taxes against all the taxable property in Marathon County for every appropriation named therein except as otherwise provided and to levy special assessments and charges against the respective municipalities as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for the purpose of clarity the above referenced property tax levy includes:

A tax in the amount of \$716,160 as an adjustment for prior year unused levy as set forth in Wis. Statute 66.0602(3)(f) to be levied against the taxable property of Marathon County; and

A tax in the amount of \$480,000 for county bridge tax as set forth in Wis. Statute 81.38 to be levied against the taxable property of Marathon County, excepting the Cities of Abbotsford and Colby, and the Villages of Birnamwood, Dorchester, Elderon, Rothschild, Spencer, Unity and Weston; and

A tax in the amount of \$3,562,609 for County library operations budget and \$101,700 for County library building maintenance tax as set forth in Wis. Statute 43.64(1) to be levied against the taxable property of Marathon County, excepting the Cities of Abbotsford, Colby, Marshfield and the Town of McMillan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND UNDERSTOOD that the budget includes an appropriation of \$ 4,781,203 for North Central Health Care Facility (NCHCF); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Marathon County Clerk to issue checks pursuant to this resolution and the Marathon County Treasurer to honor said checks in payment of specific items included in this budget as provided by law and at the request of any organization for which appropriations have been made.

DATED: November 9, 2021.

HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE and PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Discussion: Robinson acknowledged the effort that went into the budget.

Action: MOTION BY SEEFELDT, SECOND BY MCEWEN TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, UNANIMOUSLY.

Follow Through: None stated, see Resolution

**RESOLUTION #R-80-21
Establish Salaries for County Board Supervisors for 2022 And 2023**

WHEREAS, Rule 19 of the General Code for Marathon County provides that the County Board members shall vote at their Annual Meeting in November of odd-numbered years to fix the salary of the supervisors elected for the next

two-year term. In like manner, the Board may allow additional salary for the chairperson. By rule, the initial resolution before the Board shall contain a 3% increase for supervisors and for the Board Chair. Any recommended modifications to this annual increase will be developed and proposed to the County Board by the Human Resource, Finance and Property Committee; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2021, the Executive Committee reviewed the current salaries for County Board Supervisors and discussed whether modification of the initial resolution relative to salaries was appropriate, ultimately determining not to recommend the resolution be modified; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2021, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee reviewed the current salaries for County Board Chair and Supervisors met and recommended to increase County Board Supervisor salaries and the salary of the Board Chair by 3% on effective April 19, 2022 and January 9, 2023; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does ordain to adjust County Board Salaries as follows:

County Board Supervisors Salaries:

Effective 4/19/22

Chair	\$30,900 (\$900 Increase)
Vice Chair, Board Member Salary.....	\$9,261 (\$270 Increase)
Board Member	\$5,656 (\$165 Increase)
Chair of Standing Committee, Board Member Salary+ \$800	\$6,456 (\$365 Increase)
Vice-Chair of Standing Committee, Board Member Salary+ \$200	\$5,856 (\$365 Increase)

Effective 1/9/23

Chair	\$31,827 (\$927 Increase)
Vice Chair, Board Member Salary.....	\$9,539 (\$278 Increase)
Board Member	\$5,826 (\$170 Increase)
Chair of Standing Committee, Board Member Salary+ \$800.....	\$6,626 (\$370 Increase)
Vice-Chair of Standing Committee, Board Member Salary+ \$200	\$6,056 (\$370 Increase)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes and directs the Marathon County Clerk to issue checks pursuant to this resolution and the Marathon County Treasurer to honor same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper officers of Marathon County are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to effectuate this resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT – Salary and Benefits:

Estimated Additional Cost for (2022)	\$9,510
Estimated Additional Cost for (2023) Compared to (2022)	\$7,325

CORPORATION COUNSEL NOTE: Pursuant to Wis. Stats. §59.10(3)(i), any change to current salaries requires a two-thirds majority vote of members entitled to a seat.

Dated 11/09/2021

HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE and PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Discussion: Chair Gibbs stated 2/3 majority vote is required. Chair Gibbs stated that there was a correction to the resolution in packet 2. Supervisors voiced their support and opposition to the resolution. Question asked how the salaries of our county board compare to other counties and was addressed by Chair Gibbs. It was stated that another option for supervisors would be to not submit for internet or mileage reimbursement.

Call the question by Bootz.

Action: MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY AARRESTAD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION.

MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 30-6

Yes: Aarrestad, Beastrom, Bizzotto, Buch, Buttke, Christensen, Cihlar, Dickinson, Drabek, Fifrick, Fisher, Gibbs, Gonnering, Guild, Gumz, Harris, Johnson, Krause, Lamont, Leahy, Maszk, McEwen, Oberbeck, Opall, Robinson, Rosenberg, Seefeldt, Seubert, Van Krey, Xiong - 30

No: Bootz, Conway, Gabor, Jacobson, Langenhahn, Lo - 6

Follow Through: None stated, see Resolution

Announcements or Requests

- Chair Gibbs: In observance of Veterans Day, Supervisors were recognized for their service.
- Chair Gibbs: Acknowledged everyone that helped with the redistricting to include Andy Faust, North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, Gary Hetzer, Dave Mack, and Preston Vande Voort and

other staff, Marathon County CPZ.
- Mcewen: Rules Review meeting, Thursday, November 11, 2pm at the courthouse.

Adjournment

MOTION BY CIHLAR, SECOND BY ROSENBERG TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE. Meeting adjourned at 8:18p.m.

- Minutes prepared by Patricia Hornung, Administrative Specialist.