



# EXTENSION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MARATHON COUNTY

## **DRAFT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Thursday, December 2, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

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

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

Also present/WebEx: Michael Puerner, Lance Leonhard, Craig McEwen, Jason Hausler, Leah Giordano, Kimm Weber, Ann Herda-Rapp, Sarah Dowidat and Toshia Ranallo.

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Vice Chair Lo called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**2. Public Comment – None**

**3. MOTION BY ROSENBERG; SECOND BY VOLL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2021, EXTENSION, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination**

- A. WCA / Discover Wisconsin “Uniquely Wisconsin” Program – (policy question - Should Marathon County expend funds to participate in the program?)**

**Discussion:**

Administrator Leonhard provided background on the “Uniquely Wisconsin” program. The WI Counties Association and Discover Wisconsin created the program for counties to advertise and market their assets to individuals looking to relocate to the area.

Leonhard further explained he had reached out to Tim White, the Director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), to inquire if the CVB would be interested in partnering with the county to split the cost. White expressed interest and would discuss it with his board.

**Action:**

**MOTION BY ROSENBERG; SECOND BY BUCH TO RECOMMEND PARTICIPATING IN THE UNIQUELY WISCONSIN PROGRAM AND HAVE THE ADMINISTRATOR ENGAGE IN ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CVB FOR EQUAL PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM AND THEN MOVE IT TO THE HR FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE TO APPROVE FUNDING. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Follow Up:**

Administrator to report his findings back to this committee.

- B. Update on 2018-22 Strategic Plan Committee Objectives**

**Discussion:**

Vice Chair McEwen explained the county is in its fourth year of their 5-year strategic plan. He encouraged the committee to complete the tracking template, review the 2020 update, and to think about any policies or resolutions that would help implement the strategic plan before the end of supervisor’s terms in April.

Administrator Leonhard reported the HR Finance & Property Committee continues to develop framework for the utilization and deployment of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. There have been discussions on addressing economic development, specifically the shortage of affordable childcare for people within our community. He suggested the committee consider discussing this topic in more detail as it fits in the realm of the committee’s strategic plan goal objectives.

**Follow Up:**

It was the consensus of the committee to focus future discussions on affordable childcare.

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

**6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports**

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

**A. Reports from Committee-Affiliated Departments and Organizations**

1. Marathon County Public Library (Leah Giordano)
2. MCDEVCO (Kimm Weber)
3. UW-Madison Division of Extension (Jason Hausler)
4. UW-Stevens Point Wausau Campus (Ann Herda-Rapp)

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

1. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion
  - a) Childcare discussion
2. Next meeting: **Thursday, January 6, 2022, at 4:00 pm**

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION BY ROSENBERG; SECOND BY BUCH TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:48 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Toshia Ranallo

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<https://tinyurl.com/MarathonCountyBoard>



# MARATHON COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE **DRAFT** MINUTES

Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

WebEx/Courthouse Assembly Room, B-105, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI

Members	Present/Web-Phone	Absent
Chair Kurt Gibbs	W	
Vice Chair Craig McEwen	X	
Matt Bootz	Phone	
Tim Buttke	X	
Sara Guild	X	
Jacob Langenhahn	Phone	
Alyson Leahy	W	
John Robinson	W	
Jean Maszk	W	
Randy Fifrick	X	

**Also present:** Lance Leonhard, Michael Puerner, and Toshia Ranallo.

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Vice Chair McEwen called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**2. Public Comment - None**

**3. MOTION BY MASZK; SECOND BY FIFRICK TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 4, 2021, JOINT EXECUTIVE & REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE'S MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Policy Issues for Discussion and Possible Action - None**

**5. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution**

**A. Opioid Settlement Approval and Authorization of Resolution**

**Discussion:**

Corporation Counsel Michael Puerner explained the resolution proposes to authorize the approval of an ongoing settlement Marathon County is engaged in to pursue litigation against certain opioid manufacturers.

**Action:**

**B. MOTION BY ROBINSON; SECOND BY BUTTKE TO MOVE TO RECOMMEND APPROVING THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Follow-up:**

Forward to county board for further consideration.

**6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**

**A. As The Administrator's 2021 Work Plan Concludes and Prepares to Develop the 2022 Work Plan, Is There Any Items the Executive Committee Wants to Consider When Ranking Items for the 2022 Work Plan.**

**Discussion:**

Administrator Leonhard reported he will be making a formal presentation to this committee and the full county board relative to progress on the 2021 Work Plan. He will be reviewing past committee meeting minutes to identify and capture items that will need to be carried over from 2021 to the 2022 Work Plan.

He will reach out to all county board members via email and ask what other items they would like to consider and then present a draft to this committee for prioritization.

Supervisor Fifrick suggested discussing facilities planning, specifically to the county highway shop and the River Dr. buildings.

Supervisor Robinson recommended to continue coordinating the county's response to the Pandemic Relief Legislation and maximizing opportunities to use ARPA funds.

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

**A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.**

**B. Next Executive Committee Meeting: **Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.****

**8. Adjournment**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, MOTION BY MASZK; SECOND BY BUTTKE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:14 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.**

The recorded meeting can be viewed here: <https://tinyurl.com/MarathonCountyBoard>

Respectfully submitted by, Toshia Ranallo.



# HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

## DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

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

Members	Present/Web-Phone	Absent
Chair Tim Buttke	X	
Vice Chair Michelle Van Krey	X	
Kelley Gabor	Phone	
Dennis Gonnering	W	
William Harris	W	
Donna Krause	X	
Tom Seubert	W	

**Also present:** Lance Leonhard, Michael Puerner, Dave Mack, Laura Scudiere, Debra Ryan, and Toshia Ranallo.

**WebEx/Phone:** Craig McEwen, Amy Litzer.

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chair Buttke called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

**2. Public Comment**

Amy Litzer, 500 Grand Avenue Wausau, WI 54403, voiced her support for public transportation in all areas of Wausau and the surrounding communities. She suggested local municipalities should contribute and share costs to better serve the citizens who need transportation. Litzer also expressed concerns with a few Metro Ride bus drivers.

**3. MOTION BY HARRIS; SECOND BY VAN KREY TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 3, 2021, HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination: None**

**5. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:**

- A. Approval of the 2022 Elderly and Disabled Transportation (85.21) Grant Application (Dave Mack)

**Discussion:**

Marathon County Planning Manager Dave Mack gave background on a grant program that provides transportation for the elderly and disabled in Marathon County. The grant application will request \$667,550 for program expenses to provide rides for those citizens. Also included in the application are the replacement of seven bus shelters to become ADA compliant.

Supervisors requested yearly and/or monthly numbers of riders utilizing the program. Dave Mack indicated he will provide the information to the committee.

**Action:**

**MOTION BY KRAUSE; SECOND BY GONNERING TO RECOMMEND THE APPROVAL OF THE 2022 ELDERLY AND DISABLED TRANSPORTATION (85.21) GRANT APPLICATION. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Follow Up:**

Forward to the county board.

- B. Update on Strategic Plan Objective 7.2 Progress by Staff

**Discussion:**

Health Officer Laura Scudiere gave a presentation related to progress made on Strategic Plan Objective 7.2. Her presentation can be viewed in the packet on the county website [located here](#).

**Follow Up:**

Committee members to review strategic plan objectives and focus on topics for discussion to achieve plan goals.

**6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion - None**

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

- A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion
- B. Next Scheduled Meeting: **January 5, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.**

**7. Adjournment**

**MOTION BY KRAUSE; SECOND BY VAN KREY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:02 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.**

The recording of the meeting can be accessed at the link below. <https://tinyurl.com/MarathonCountyBoard>

Respectfully submitted by,  
Toshia Ranallo



**MARATHON COUNTY  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 1:30 pm  
WebEx/Courthouse Assembly Room, (B105), Courthouse, 500 Forest St., Wausau**

Members	Present/Web-Phone	Absent
Chair Matt Bootz	X	
Vice Chair Brent Jacobson	W	
Jennifer Bizzotto		X
Bruce Lamont	Phone	
Jean Maszk	W	
Allen Opall		X
Vacant		

**Also Present:** Craig McEwen, Lance Leonhard, Judge Huber, Chad Billeb, Kelly Schremp, Tami Couston, Gerald Klein, Michael Puerner, Theresa Wetzsteon, Ruth Heinzl and Toshia Ranallo.

**WebEx/Phone:**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bootz at 1:30 p.m. Chair Bootz initiated a moment of silence for the recent passing of County Board Supervisor Arnold Schlei.

**2. Public Comment - None**

**3. MOTION BY MASZK; SECOND BY LAMONT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 2021, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination**

- A. Amendment of 2021 CIP for Courtroom and Jail Audio/Video Enhancements (Chad Billeb)

**Discussion:**

Deputy Chief Chad Billeb presented an amendment to the CIP to install standardized audio/video equipment in 6 courtrooms and 2 hearing rooms in the courthouse. These enhancements will help address case backlogs caused by the COVID- 19 pandemic. The current system is inadequate and if video conferencing is to be used in the courts, the equipment must comply with the technical and operational standards in Subchapter III of Chapter 885 of the Wisconsin Statutes. This project would be eligible for American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding.

**Action:**

**MOTION BY MASZK; SECOND BY JACOBSON TO RECOMMEND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2021 CIP FOR COURTROOMS AND JAIL AUDIO/VIDEO ENHANCEMENTS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Follow Up:**

Forward to HR Property & Finance Committee.

**5. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution: None**

**6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports**

- A. Marathon County Shelter Home – Update on Continued Evaluation of Service Delivery Options

**Discussion:**

Chad Billeb provided an update and explained different options for the future of the shelter home:

- Option 1: Continue to staff and run the shelter home.
- Option 2: Search for vendors in the private sector to operate the shelter home as a business.
- Option 3: Marathon County contract with other counties or another private entity for services.  
(However, this option presents a great deal of challenges.)

The current cost for Marathon County to run the shelter is \$550,000 a year.

The Sheriff’s Department and Social Services will continue to evaluate community and state needs and what would be financially sensible for all involved.

**Follow Up:**

Another update may be presented to this committee in February.

**B. Regional Forensic Science Center – Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant Application**

***Discussion:***

Supervisor Craig McEwen gave an informational update on a grant application previously submitted to construct a Regional Forensic Science Center. The task force worked diligently to develop an operational and business plan. They anticipate hearing the outcome of the grant before the end of the year.

**C. Marathon County Jail Pandemic Response Update**

***Discussion:***

Chad Billeb provided an update on the steps taken to minimize the spread of covid throughout the jail facility.

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

**A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion**

- Chair Bootz requested feedback relative to resighting the Pledge of Allegiance before committee meetings. It was the consensus to consider discussing the topic at a future meeting.
- Administrator Leonhard suggested inviting Emergency Management Director Phil Rentmeester and UniverCity students to give a presentation on EMS Retention and Recruitment for Marathon County.

**B. Next meeting: **Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 1:30 pm; A Joint Public Safety and Health & Human Services Committee meeting will begin at 2pm.****

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION BY MASZK; SECOND BY LAMONT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 2:07 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Toshia Ranallo

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