

MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
 Tuesday, March 17, 2020
 Marathon County Courthouse and via WebEx / Phone

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gibbs at 6:30 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. 35 Supervisors were present as shown:

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>District</u>
Katie Rosenberg.....	1	Sara Guild.....	20
Romey Wagner	2	Loren White.....	21
David Nutting	3	Alan Christensen	22
John Robinson.....	4	Chris Voll (excused).....	23
Ka Lo	5	Jean Maszk	24
Jeff Johnson	6	Sandi Cihlar	25
Mary Ann Crosby	7	John Durham	26
Kelly Gabor.....	8	Thomas Seubert	27
David Oberbeck.....	9	Maynard Tremelling.....	28
Donna Krause	10	Jim Bove.....	29
Alyson Leahy.....	11	Richard Gumz.....	30
Arnold Schlei	12	Allen Drabek.....	31
Matthew Bootz	13	Kurt Gibbs.....	32
Rick Seefeldt	14	Tim Buttke.....	33
Randy Fifrick	15	Gary Beastrom.....	34
Jeff Zriny	16	Jacob Langenhahn	35
E.J. Stark.....	17	Bill Miller	36
Craig McEwen	18	Allen Opall (excused).....	37
Yee Leng Xiong (excused).....	19	Jim Schaefer.....	38

6. Acknowledgement of Visitors

None.

7. Resolution: Suspend Rules 2.01(1)(F), (9)(B), (10)(A)7 And (15)(A)2 To Permit Members Of The County Board To Participate By Phone In Meetings Of The Full Board And To Temporarily Suspend The Public Comment Portion Of Meetings Of The County Board And Its Subgroups #R-18-20

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has passed Ordinance #O-7-18, dated April 19, 2018, establishing rules of procedure ; and

Whereas, Roberts' Rules of Order permits suspension of rules with prior notice and two-thirds majority vote of a quorum.

WHEREAS, current rules permit members of the County Board to participate by phone at committee meetings and special meetings, but prohibit Board members from participating by phone at regular meetings of the full

board; and

WHEREAS, the governor of the State of Wisconsin has declared a state-wide public health emergency in light of the CoVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Department of Health Services has issued guidance discouraging large gatherings in an effort to increase social distancing and mitigate against the spread of CoVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that, in light of the guidance provided, it is advisable to temporarily suspend the rules to permit members to participate by phone at full board meetings; and

WHEREAS, the while the public has the right to attend and monitor meetings of the County Board and its subgroups, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law, the public does not have the right to participate in such meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Board was also advised and has determined that it is advisable to temporarily suspend the rules regarding public comment periods because the technology necessary to afford the public the opportunity to address the Board and its subgroups by phone during public comment is difficult to guarantee, if a large number of individuals have elected to call in.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the County of Marathon:

1. Rules 2.01 (1)(f), (9)(b), (10)(a)7 and (15)(a)2, Rules of Procedure for Marathon County, are hereby suspended for the purposes of permitting board members to participate in regularly scheduled or additional meetings of the full board and to temporarily suspend the public comment portion of meetings, until such time as new rules of procedure are adopted at the April 2020 Organizational Meeting.
2. In cases where the members of the Board and its subgroups are permitted to attend by phone, the public shall also be provided with notice of a phone number for them to call in order to attend and monitor meetings of by phone, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

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

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

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of March, 2020

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Discussion: None.

**ACTION: MOTION BY SCHAEFER, SECOND BY MCEWEN TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION.
MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 34-0, WITH SUPERVISOR DURHAM RECORDED
AS ABSTAINING DUE TO TECHNICAL GLITCHES.**

Follow Through: None.

Chairman Gibbs declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

- Minutes prepared by Kim Trueblood, County Clerk