

MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EDUCATIONAL MEETING
 Thursday, March 19, 2020
 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. 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 (excused).....	2	Loren White.....	21
David Nutting	3	Alan Christensen (excused)	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.....	37
Yee Leng Xiong	19	Jim Schaefer.....	38

6. Acknowledgement of Visitors

None.

7. Public Comment

None.

8. Education Presentations / Reports:

a) Standing Committee Chairpersons or Designees

None.

b) Update on Marathon County’s Coronavirus-19 Preparation and Planning Efforts – Joan Theurer, Marathon County Health Officer & Interim Administrator, Lance Leonhard

- Joan Theurer gave a power point presentation which is included in the County Board packet. Interim Administrator Lance Leonhard spoke about what Marathon County is doing relative to communication and action within the County.

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

a) **Appointments:**

1. County Administrator

I, Kurt Gibbs, Marathon County Board Chairman, do hereby upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, appoint Lance Leonhard, 1005 Saint Austin Avenue, Wausau, as Marathon County Administrator, effective April 5, 2020, or the beginning of the first pay period following the approval of this resolution.

Lance Leonhard, as County Administrator, will be paid at the established Pay Grade of E92 for the County Administrator position.

This appointment is also contingent upon the signing of an employment agreement to be negotiated between the Executive Committee and Lance Leonhard prior to April 5, 2020.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2020.

Discussion: Chairman Gibbs stated that action will be taken on this appointment tonight. He also outlined the selection process and timeline and efforts of the task force.

Action: MOTION BY ROSENBERG, SECOND BY NUTTING TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT. MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 32-0, WITH SUPERVISORS FIFRICK, GUMZ, AND KRAUSE RECORDED AS ABSTAINING DUE TO TECHNOLOGY GLITCHES.

Follow Through: None. Lance Leonhard is named as the new Marathon County Administrator.

2. Veterans Service Officer

I, Lance Leonhard, Marathon County Administrator, do hereby upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, appoint Jill Geoffroy, 1618 Lighthouse Lodge Rd, Eagle River, to serve as Veterans Service Officer for Marathon County, effective March 23, 2020.

As Veterans Service Officer, Ms. Geoffroy will be compensated at Step 2 of Pay Grade D61.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2020.

Discussion: Chairman Gibbs stated that action would be taken on this appointment tonight.

Administrator Leonhard gave the background of the selection process, along with some background information on the appointee.

Action: MOTION BY STARK, SECOND BY XIONG TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT. MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 33-0, WITH SUPERVISOR GUMZ RECORDED AS ABSTAINING DUE TO TECHNOLOGY GLITCHES.

Follow Through: None. Appointment is confirmed.

b) **Ordinances:**

1. Environmental Resources Committee:

A. Town of Elderon Rezone – Tim Vreeland for Blake and Lacey Czerwonka

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

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

B. Town of Spencer Rezone – Norman & Marlys Tremelling for Larry & Clifford Eckes

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

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

C. Town of Plover Rezone – Jerrod Kautza and Gerald & Diane Resch

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

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

- D. Town of Plover Rezone – Dan Higginbotham, Plover River Land Co for David & Patricia Tomson
Discussion: None.

Action: None.

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

- E. Text Amendment Changes to the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 11.02
Animal Waste Management Ordinance

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

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

2. Executive Committee:

- A. Amending Sec. 2.05(17) of the General Code of Ordinances: Task Force on County Board Size to
Extend Deadline for Delivery of Recommendation to December 2020

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

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

c) **Resolutions:**

1. Environmental Resources Committee:

- A. Resolution Adopting the Marathon County Solid Waste Management Board Strategic Plan

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

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

2. Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee, Environmental Resources Committee, and
Forestry / Recreation Committee:

- A. Purchase of Ceres Timber LLC Property for County Forest

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

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

3. Human Resources, Finance & Property Committee:

- A. Create 1 FTE Assistant Corporation Counsel Position in the Corporation Counsel's Office
Effective April 5, 2020

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

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

- B. To Create Two (2) Full-Time (1.0 FTE) Social Service Professional (Social Worker – Children's
Long Term Support) Positions and Amend 2020 Budget

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

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

- C. To Create One (1) Full-Time (1.0 FTE) Senior Social Service Coordinator (Community Support
Specialist) Position and Amend 2020 Budget

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

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

- D. Reorganization of Register of Deeds Office – Abolish 2.0 FTE Administrative Assistant Positions
and Create 1.0 FTE Administrative Specialist Position

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

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

- E. Resolution to Establish Salaries for Elected Department Heads – County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Treasurer for Upcoming Term of Office
Discussion: None..
Action: None.
Follow Through: Will be placed on Tuesday's Board agenda for action.
- F. Tentative Agreements for a 2020 and 2021 Marathon County Salary and Benefit Ordinance for Sheriff's Department Lieutenants
Discussion: Details will be discussion and approved at the HRFC meeting on February 25.
Action: None.
Follow Through: Will be placed on Tuesday's Board agenda for action.
4. Executive Committee:
- A. Resolution Approving the 2020 Administration Work Plan
Discussion: None.
Action: None.
Follow Through: Will be placed on Tuesday's Board agenda for action.
- B. Resolution To Proclaim the Existence of a County Emergency Related to Covid-19
WHEREAS, in December, 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus known as COVID-19 was detected, and COVID-19 has continued to spread throughout the world, including to the United States and the State of Wisconsin; and
WHEREAS, the federal government, state governments, and local governments are working together to contain the further spread of the disease and treat existing cases; and
WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, and on March 12, 2020 the Governor of the State of Wisconsin declared a Health Emergency in the State; and
WHEREAS, officers and staff of Marathon County (the "County") have been working in consultation with the Marathon County Department of Health to protect the health and well-being of its residents from the spread of COVID-19, and to prepare for the impacts the virus is likely to have on the County; and
WHEREAS, federal, state and local authorities have and will continue to issue executive orders, guidance and pass legislation. New or different policies and procedures related to this pandemic are being published every day. Marathon County administration will need the flexibility to make decisions regarding continuing operations of county government, including but not limited to, procurement of space, personnel and equipment and work assignments and conditions; and
WHEREAS, the County Board (the "Board") has determined that it is necessary to make all possible resources and means available to the County in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents from the threat posed by the continued spread of COVID-19.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.11, the Board finds and declares that an emergency exists within the County by reason of an imminent threat of disaster impairing medical care, health, and other critical systems of the County due to the spread of COVID-19; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the period of emergency prescribed by this Resolution, the Board hereby vests the County Administrator, in consultation with the County Board Chairperson, with the general authority, pursuant to Wis. Stats., §323.14, and related statutes, to order whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within Marathon County in the emergency, subject to report to the Board, when practicable; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addition to all other the powers conferred by this resolution, the Board intends to include, but not limit, the authority of the County Administrator

to:

1. Have administrative flexibility to close Marathon County government offices and buildings and to implement strategic staffing and policy changes to ensure staff can continue to carry out necessary and critical services while continuing to provide employees with pay and other benefits; and

2. To authorize emergency procurement, pursuant to Wis. Stats. §59.52(29)(b) and §3.05(5) Gen Code of Ord. for Marathon County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in the event the County Administrator or the County Board Chairperson shall become incapacitated and unable to perform duties delegated to them under this Resolution, they shall designate a successor who shall be authorized to perform all of the duties described herein, including, but not limited to, naming additional successors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed by the Board to coordinate and administer the County's emergency management response and to carry out the orders of the Board related thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Head of Emergency Management of the County is authorized and directed to carry out his duties under Marathon County's Emergency[SC1] Operations Plan[LL2], including the application for grant funding and reimbursement from federal government, state government, and other sources, under the supervision and direction of the County Administrator and perform such other duties as may be directed by further resolution of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, based upon the information available to the Board and the ongoing threat posed by the spread of COVID-19, the period of emergency shall continue for one hundred (100) days from the effective date of this Resolution unless sooner terminated or extended by further resolution of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all actions heretofore taken by the Board and other appropriate public officers and agents of the County with respect to the matters contemplated under this Resolution are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

BE IT FINALLY 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.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of March, 2020.

Discussion: Chairman Gibbs stated that action would be taken on this Resolution tonight.

Action: MOTION BY SCHAEFER, SECOND BY ROBINSON TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 34-0, WITH SUPERVISOR GUMZ RECORDING AS ABSTAINING DUE TO TECHNOLOGY GLITCHES.

Follow Through: None.

5. Environmental Resources Committee:

A. Approval of Town of Emmet Local Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

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

10. **Announcements or Requests:**

-Supervisor Nutting requested that staff work to find a way to speed up the voting process for the WebEx calls.

- Supervisor Drabek thanked those working on the Frontier issue..

11. **Adjournment:**

CHAIRMAN GIBBS DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:57 p.m..

- Minutes prepared by Kim Trueblood, County Clerk