

**MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**EDUCATIONAL MEETING**  
 Thursday, July 23, 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>
Michelle Van Krey.....	1	Sara Guild.....	20
Romey Wagner.....	2	Thomas Rosenberg.....	21
William Harris.....	3	Alan Christensen.....	22
John Robinson.....	4	Chris Voll .....	23
Ka Lo.....	5	Jean Maszk .....	24
Jeff Johnson.....	6	Sandi Cihlar .....	25
Rebecca Buch.....	7	Brent Jacobson.....	26
Kelly Gabor.....	8	Thomas Seubert.....	27
David Oberbeck.....	9	Dennis Gonnering.....	28
Donna Krause.....	10	Chris Dickinson.....	29
Alyson Leahy.....	11	Richard Gumz.....	30
Arnold Schlei.....	12	Allen Drabek.....	31
Matthew Bootz (excused).....	13	Kurt Gibbs.....	32
Rick Seefeldt.....	14	Tim Buttke.....	33
Randy Fifrick .....	15	Gary Beastrom.....	34
William Conway.....	16	Jacob Langenhahn .....	35
E.J. Stark.....	17	Bruce Lamont.....	36
Craig McEwen.....	18	Allen Opall...(excused).....	37
Yee Leng Xiong.....	19	Jonathan Fisher.....	38

**6. Acknowledgement of Visitors**

None.

**7. Education Presentations / Reports:**

a) Standing Committee Chairpersons or Designees

-Supervisor Robinson updated the board on the budget schedule for the 2021 Budget.

A schedule was set as follows:

October 6- the Administrator will be presenting the budget to the Finance Committee

October 13- the Finance Committee will be acting on it

October 19- if necessary, carry over discussions

The information will be shared with the Board during the October meeting.

November 5- there will be a public meeting with a presentation of the budget from the Administrator

November 10- the County Board will vote

-Supervisor Robinson informed the date of the first Broadband Task Force meeting and welcomed all those interested, to attend.

Discussion: None.

**Action:** None.

Follow through: None

- b) Education to the Board: New Procedure for County Board/Citizen Members Expense Reporting  
Chair, Gibbs provided information on a new form for submitting mileage reimbursement. He gave a demonstration reviewing how to fill out and submit the new form and provided information on the requirements and deadline for submittal.

Discussion: Question on dates of reimbursement was asked and answered.

Action: None.

Follow Through: None.

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

a) **Appointments:**

1. Broadband Task Force

Discussion: Question asked and addressed regarding experience of the appointee.

Action: None.

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

b) **Ordinances:**

1. Infrastructure Committee:

- A. County Road "Y" Speed Zone Town of Plover #O-15-20

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

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

2. Environmental Resources Committee:

- A. Town of Green Valley Rezone #O-16-20

Discussion: None.

Action: None

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

3. Executive Committee:

- A. Amend Marathon County Rules of Procedure, sec. 2.01(1)(f), to Permit Supervisors to Appear by Phone or Other Platform at Virtual Meetings of Full Board #O-17-20

WHEREAS, at its April 21, 2020 Organizational Meeting, the County Board passed Ordinance #O-12-20, establishing rules of procedure; and

WHEREAS, Rule 1 (intro) of the Marathon County Rules of Procedure reads: "Each newly constituted County Board may amend or renew these rules by simple majority vote at its April organizational meeting following its election to office. After adoption, the County Board Rules of Procedure may only be changed or suspended with appropriate notice and a two-thirds vote of a quorum of the County Board members in attendance of a County board meeting;" and

WHEREAS, the §2.01(1)(f), Rules of Procedure, as currently adopted, prevents supervisors from attending meetings of the full Board by phone unless a special meeting has been called by the Chair containing only a single action item; and

WHEREAS, the on April 21, 2020, County Board passed Resolution #R- 29-20, suspending the effect of this rule until July 28, 2020 due to the need to provide for safe social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the COVID-19 pandemic will continue and that virtual meetings have become a preferred method for promoting the safe participation of supervisors and viewing for the public at open meetings, including meetings of the full Board; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2020, the Executive Committee considered this matter and voted to recommend revision of the current rule to permit supervisors to continue to attend virtual meetings of the full Board for the duration of the

term, or until further amendment, pursuant to the attached addendum; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon hereby amends Marathon County Rules of Procedure to permit supervisors to attend virtual meetings of the full Board, pursuant to the attached addendum.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND RESOLVED that said ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

DATED: July 23, 2020

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Discussion:** Chair, Gibbs explained if the Ordinance is not passed then the Board meetings would no longer be available virtually after July 28<sup>th</sup>, which is the expiration date. If the ordinance passes, then the amended procedure would remain until April 2022. Public comment will be back on the agenda after July 28<sup>th</sup>, regardless of whether or not the Ordinance passes, due to the motion that was made and passed by Executive Committee, allowing the expiration of public comment suspension to take place. After the July 28<sup>th</sup> expiration, public comment will be allowed as Board rules spell out, and revert back to the way the rules were adopted. Procedure for public comment reviewed.

**Action:** MOTION BY XIONG, SECOND BY CIHLAR TO ENACT THE ORDINANCE. MOTION CARRIED 33-1 ON A ROLL CALL VOTE WITH DICKINSON VOTING NO, AND GUMZ ABSTAIN-TECHNICAL ISSUE

**Follow Through:** None stated, see Ordinance.

c) **Resolutions:**

1. Environmental Resources Committee:

A. Town of McMillan Rezone-Recommend for Denial #R-45-20

**Discussion:** Questions asked why the County disapproved of the rezone and if the County could go to the town and help update their comprehensive plan to meet the rezone.

Supervisor Langenhahn explained that there is specific criteria that has to be followed in order to rezone. In this case the information given and testimony, located in the minutes of the packet, did not meet the specific criteria needed and did not meet the town's comprehensive plan. The town could resubmit for rezone with an updated town comprehensive plan.

Chair, Gibbs will reach out to CPZ regarding whether or not the County can reach out to the town to review their comprehensive plan.

**Action:** None.

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

2. Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee:

A. Approve 2020 Budget Transfers for Marathon County Department Appropriations #R-46-20

**Discussion:** Supervisor Robinson noted that the transfers were talked about at the previous meeting which are building the grants that are being received from the federal government into the budget.

Chair, Gibbs explained this is the budget transfer setting up the appropriate budgets based on some of the allocations from the state under the Cares Act and some of the allocations to various departments, to appropriately account for funds. Question asked what the HS Alert EOD Bomb Suit is. Administrator Leonhard explained the specific grant.

**Action:** None.

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

3. Infrastructure Committee and Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee:

A. Restructuring of the Marathon County Highway Department-Abolish 1.0 FTE Maintenance Technician/Specialist Position and Expand Current .50 FTE Administrative Specialist Position to .80 FTE #R-47-20

**Discussion:** None.

**Action:** None.

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

4. County Board of Supervisors Under Rule 2.01 (3)(b):

A. Creating a Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of State Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans #R-48-20

Chair, Gibbs explained Rule 2.01 (3)(b).

Supervisor Harris gave statistics, history regarding voting rights, and testimony through a written letter, on the importance of creating a Nonpartisan Redistricting Plan and gave examples of what that would look like. He presented a video from the WI Farmers Union explaining the issue and stressed the importance of everybody having a vote that counts. Supervisor Harris requested that the County Board makes a statement that we support a Nonpartisan Resolution because we believe in fairness. He voiced that Board members can make constituents lives better by making sure they have a voice and that their representatives are accountable to them. He encouraged everyone to read the Resolution.

Discussion: Pros and Cons were voiced regarding the local impact of creating a nonpartisan redistricting plan, our current representation and career politicians.

Action: None.

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

9. Announcements or Requests: None.

10. Adjournment:

**MOTION BY VICE CHAIR MCEWEN, SECOND BY SUPERVISOR ROSENBERG TO ADJOURN.  
MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE.** Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

- Minutes prepared by Patricia Hornung, Administrative Specialist