

MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EDUCATIONAL MEETING
 Thursday, October 15, 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. 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.....	3	Alan Christensen.....	22
John Robinson.....	4	Chris Voll	23
Ka Lo.....	5	Jean Maszk	24
Jeff Johnson.....(excused).....	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	13	Kurt Gibbs.....	32
Rick Seefeldt.....	14	Tim Buttke.....	33
Randy Fifrick	15	Gary Beastron.....	34
William Conway... ..	16	Jacob Langenhahn	35
E.J. Stark.....	17	Bruce Lamont.....	36
Craig McEwen.....	18	Allen Opall.....	37
Yee Leng Xiong.....	19	Jonathan Fisher.....	38

6. Acknowledgement of Visitors

None.

7. 15 Minute Public Comment

-John Graveen, 1650 Naugart Dr. Merrill, WI, addressed the board voicing opposition towards The Pilot Program to Provide Bus Service from the Wausau Transit Center to the WI Dept of Motor Vehicles and Rib Mountain Retail Stores.

8. Education Presentations / Reports:

a) Standing Committee Chairpersons or Designees

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

Follow through: None

b) 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment

Presentation by Ben Clark, Archivist at the Marathon County Historical Society.

Ben gave a presentation on the early years of the suffrage movement, the local involvement in Marathon County and the women who stepped up as leaders, helping to create legislation giving women the right to vote. He shared the story of Almedia Gray, a suffragist from Schofield, and her role in the suffrage movement. Ben provided history and a timeline of the suffrage movement starting from the partial suffrage bill that was passed, which only gave women the right to vote on issues of school matters.

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

Follow Through: None

c) Review of the 2021 County Budget

Joint Presentation by Administrator Lance Leonhard and Human Resources, Finance & Property Committee, Chair John Robinson.

Lance reviewed the previous proposed budget and reviewed the budget presentation material focusing on the following areas; providing information on why there is a budget increase of approximately \$9.5 million from 2020, the general cost drivers, departmental updates and the areas within the budget that are most at risk.

Chair Robinson provided additional context on the discussions of the budget during the HR, Finance & Property Committee meeting, including an amendment that was made to the budget and a description on the next steps regarding the budget. Chair Robinson reviewed how the budget process has been changed. The budget presentation is being recorded and will be shared with the public via a link prior to the November 5th public hearing. Instead of repeating the presentation at the public hearing they will go right to public comments. Vote on budget will be on November 10th.

Discussion: Questions regarding the budget were asked and addressed by Administrator Lance Leonhard.

Action: None.

Follow Through: None.

9. Review and Discussion of Tuesday meeting agenda items:

a) Appointments:

1. Supervisory District #2, Oath of Office

I, Kurt Gibbs, Chairman of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors, do hereby upon approval of the Board, appoint Jenifer Bizzotto, 1118 S. 12th St., Wausau, WI, to the Marathon County Board of Supervisors representing District #2.

The term is effective upon signing of the Oath of Office and will expire at the Organizational County Board meeting in April, 2022.

I further, upon approval of the Board, appoint Ms. Bizzotto to the Public Safety Committee.

DATED: October 15, 2020

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

Action: **MOTION BY VICE CHAIR MCEWEN SECOND BY SUPERVISOR HARRIS TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, NOT UNANIMOUS.**

Follow Through: The Oath of Office was administered by Clerk Trueblood and Jenifer Bizzotto was seated.

2. Marathon County Treasurer

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

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

3. Health and Human Services Committee

Discussion: None.

Action: None

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

4. Public Library Board
Discussion: None.
Action: None
Follow Through: Will be placed on Tuesday's Board agenda for action.

b) **Resolutions:**

1. Health & Human services Committee:
 - A. Approving a Pilot Program to Provide Bus Service from the Wausau Transit Center to the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and Rib Mountain Retail Stores, with Additional Weekly Service to the Weston Area, if Feasible #R-62-20
Discussion: Supervisor Buttke requested resolution to be pulled.
Action: Pulled from agenda and resolution returned to committee.
Follow Through: None.
2. Executive Committee:
 - A. Resolution Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment #R-63-20
Discussion: Supervisor Dickinson suggested striking paragraph 14 & 15 from the resolution. Kurt Gibbs addressed saying it would go to the Tuesday meeting.
Action: None.
Follow Through: Will be placed on Tuesday's Board agenda for action.

10. **Announcements or Requests:**

- Chair Gibbs asked that Supervisors check their mailboxes in the clerk's office.
- Chair Gibbs announced that the Eastern and Western Towns meetings that were scheduled for next Thursday have been cancelled due to the surge in COVID-19.

11. **Adjournment:**

MOTION BY VICE CHAIR MCEWEN, SECOND BY SUPERVISOR ROSENBERG TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUSLY. Meeting adjourned at 9:30p.m.

- Minutes prepared by Patricia Hornung, Administrative Specialist