

**MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**ADJOURNED ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
 Tuesday, October 20, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.  
 Marathon County Courthouse and Via WebEx

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair 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 and the Board stood for a moment of silence/reflection.

**3. Reading of Notice**

The Clerk read the meeting notice, as follows:

**A. OPENING OF SESSION:**

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Gibbs at 7:00 p.m., the agenda being duly signed and posted.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; Followed by a Moment of Silence/Reflection.
3. Reading of Notice.
4. Request for silencing of cellphones and other electronic devices.
5. Roll Call.
6. Acknowledgment of visitors.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:**

7. Approval of minutes from the September 10 & 15, 2020 meetings.
8. Referral of bills and communications to respective committees.
9. Authorizing the Clerk to issue orders, bills and claims from the last session through this session.
10. Confirmation of Appointments:
  - a) Health and Human Services Committee
  - b) Public Library Board

**C. APPOINTMENT:**

11. Marathon County Treasurer

**RESOLUTIONS**

**D. Executive Committee:**

12. Resolution Commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment #R-62-20

**C. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

13. Announcements and Requests.
14. Motion to Adjourn.

**4. Request for Silencing of Cellphones and Other Electronic Devices**

Chairperson Gibbs stated the request.

**5. Roll Call**

The Clerk initiated 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
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.....	6	Sandi Cihlar.....	25
Rebecca Buch.....	7	Brent Jacobson.....	26
Kelley Gabor.....	8	Thomas Seubert.....	27

David Oberbeck.....	9	Dennis Gonnering.....	28
Donna Krause.....	10	Chris Dickinson (excused).....	29
Alyson Leahy.....	11	Richard Gumz (excused).....	30
Arnold Schlei.....	12	Allen Drabek.....	31
Matthew Bootz .....	13	Kurt Gibbs.....	32
Rick Seefeldt .....	14	Tim Buttke.....	33
Randy Fifrick .....	15	Gary Beastro.....	34
William Conway (excused).....	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**

Chairperson Gibbs acknowledged and welcomed visitors to the meeting.

**B. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS**

Update on Marathon County COVID-19 Situation. Health Officer, Joan Theurer, gave an update on the situation with COVID in the County. She reminded everyone to practice protocols that have been in place since the beginning of the pandemic. Statistics and other details are being monitored on a daily basis. Questions were asked and answered.

Report to Board on Investigation and Action by Executive Committee of Clerk Trueblood. Corporation Counsel, Scott Corbett, stated that he had provided relevant documents to the board earlier in the day. He gave a summary of the situation and investigation, stating that no ethical violations were found. Joint statement was read. Questions were asked and answered.

**C. CONSENT AGENDA**

Discussion: None.

**Action: MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MCEWEN SECOND BY SUPERVISOR ROSENBERG TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS C9 – C12b AS LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, UNANIMOUS.** As part of the consent agenda, minutes of the September 10 & 15, 2020 meetings were approved. The bills and communications were referred to respective committees. The Clerk was authorized to issue orders, bills and claims from the last session through this session. The following appointments were confirmed.

Follow Through: None.

**APPOINTMENT**

**Health and Human Services Committee**

I, Kurt Gibbs, Chairperson of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors, do hereby upon approval of the Board, appoint Supervisor Kelley Gabor to the Marathon County Public Safety Committee, to complete the term of Supervisor Romey Wagner.

Dated: October 20, 2020

**APPOINTMENT**

**Public Library Board**

I, Lance Leonhard, Marathon County Administrator, do hereby, upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, appoint the following individual to replace Sarah Thurs to the Marathon County Public Library Board for a three year term to expire December 31, 2023:

Dino Corvino, 5016 Chadwick Street, Schofield, WI 54476

Per diem and mileage/expense reimbursement will be paid for meeting attendance, to be paid from library budgeted funds.

Dated this 20th day of October, 2020

**As part of the Consent Agenda, the above appointments were confirmed.**

## APPOINTMENT

### Marathon County Treasurer

I, Kurt Gibbs, Marathon County Board Chair, do hereby submit for approval of the Board of Supervisors, the name of Connie Beyersdorff, 158537 Buck Trail Road, Wausau, for appointment by the Board, pursuant to §17.21(3), Wis. Stats., to the position of Treasurer for Marathon County for the residue of the unexpired term, effective November 2, 2020 through the end of the current term of office, January 2, 2021.

Connie Beyersdorff will be compensated at \$73,351 annually.

Dated this 20th day of October, 2020.

Discussion: None.

**Action: MOTION BY MCEWEN SECOND BY ROSENBERG TO CONFIRM. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, UNANIMOUSLY.**

Follow Through: None.

## RESOLUTION #R- 62- 2020

### RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Whereas, August 26, 2020 marks the 100th Anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution allowing women in the United States the right to vote. It states, “The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.” After its passage, 26 million women voted in the 1922 presidential election; and

Whereas, voting is sometimes called “suffrage” which comes from the Latin “suffragium” which means “approval” and “the right to vote”. The fight for women’s suffrage, how U.S. female citizens fought for and won the right to vote is one of the great stories about the growth of our nation; and

Whereas, the political fight for women’s right to vote began on July 19th in 1848 in Seneca Falls, NY. A Convention was called by Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton to “discuss the social, civil and religious conditions and rights of woman”. Elizabeth Cady Stanton wrote of twelve ways to foster equality for women in religion, education, law, labor and morality. She wrote “A Declaration of Rights and Sentiments” modeled after the Declaration of Independence and added the words “woman” to the phrase, saying that all men and women are created equal and that they have certain inalienable rights and that they were entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and

Whereas, it is right to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment to honor the many women suffragists who for 72 long years organized, wrote letters, signed petitions, stood as sentinels at the White House, gave speeches, met with legislators and the President, lobbied Congress, donated their time, money and suffered great opposition to get a women’s right to vote for themselves, their daughters and granddaughters, and future female generations; and

Whereas, political organizations were formed by suffragists to further enfranchisement: The National Women Suffrage Association (NWSA) headed by Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, the American Woman Suffrage Association (AWSA) formed by Lucy Stone, and the two organizations later combined into The National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA) under Carrie Chapman Catt and had millions of women members. The National Women’s Party (NWP) created by suffragist leader Alice Paul was the action backbone of the women’s suffrage movement; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Woman Suffrage Association (WWSA) was formed in 1869 during a standing-room-only convention at Milwaukee City Hall with Theodora Youmans born in Ashippun, WI as President. Youmans Park in Waukesha is named after her; and

Whereas, suffragists took to forming newspapers and writing. Olympia Brown, the first female physician in WI and the first female ordained minister in the US, founded the first suffragist newspaper in WI in 1880 called “The Wisconsin Citizen”. Emma Brown ran the ‘Wisconsin Chief’ in Fort Atkinson and Theodora Youmans, wrote a weekly column in the “Waukesha Freeman”. Lucy Stone and Henry Blackwell published the weekly newspaper “The Woman’s Journal” and Ida B. Wells in Memphis wrote for the city’s black newspaper, “The Free Speech” among many other writers and newspapers; and

Whereas, to bring attention to their demands to vote, the suffragists held huge parades in Washington DC

and around the country with thousands of spectators and thousands of women participants. It is right to commemorate their dedication and leadership for political liberty; and

Whereas, suffragists were unfairly arrested, fined, jailed, beaten, choked and chained, denied medical care, put in isolation and force fed. It was this abuse that reached newspapers and created a huge scandal that finally caused President Woodrow Wilson in January 1918 to back the issue of women's suffrage. Through the Appeals Court, the false charges, arrests and convictions against the suffragists were overturned; and

Whereas, President Wilson appreciated the efforts of the eight million women who worked during World War I and advanced the war effort. President Wilson's approval of women's suffrage shifted public behavior to allow women's right to vote and the legislature's acceptance of it; and

Whereas, Wisconsin Richland Center Suffragist Ada James and her parents organized and worked for women's suffrage in Wisconsin. The WI legislature was the first state to ratify the 19th Amendment. Suffragist Ada James's father, former State Senator David G. James was selected by the WI legislature to travel to Washington DC to the U.S. State Department with papers of the WI June 10th, 1919 ratification; and

Whereas, just a few months before the passage of the 19th Amendment at the 50th NAWSA Convention in 1919, Carrie Chapman Catt, a Ripon native, proposed creation of a "league of women voters to finish the fight and aid in the reconstruction of the nation". Carrie Chapman Catt became the first president of the League of Women Voters and Oshkosh native Jessie Jack Hooper became the first president of the Wisconsin League of Women Voters; and

Whereas, with having the right to vote, women began to run for political office across the US. In Wisconsin, 3 women were elected to the WI State Assembly in 1924 and 1 woman was elected to the WI State Senate in 1975. WI elected its first woman US Senator in 1999. Nationally in 1965 there were 11 women in the US House of Representatives and 2 women in the Senate. Today there are 101 women serving in the US House of Representative and 26 women serving in the US Senate. In the most recent elections, 26,000 women ran for elected office and 68 million women voted; and

Whereas, each January in the US, women participate in marches for expanded rights in all areas of life. The suffragists Alice Paul and Crystal Eastman proposed an Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the Constitution to Congress in December 1923. The ERA states "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex". There were over 835 peaceful protest marches in US cities in January 2020 for expanding rights for women through the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment; and

Whereas, residents of Marathon County are asked not only to remember and recognize what changed with the passing of the 19th Amendment, but also what did not; and

Whereas, Marathon County recognizes the fact that although the 19th Amendment granted women the right to vote, Native American women still could not vote until 1948, Asian American women still could not vote until 1952, Latinx and Black women did not gain voting equality until 1965, and non-English speaking American women finally achieved voting equality in 1975.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors for the County of Marathon does hereby celebrate and recognize the 100th Anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution providing for women's suffrage, promoting the core values of our democracy as set forth in the Constitution of the United States, and reaffirms our desire to continue strengthening democratic participation, and to inspire future generations to cherish and preserve the historic precedent established by the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020  
DIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Discussion: None.

**Action: MOTION BY KRAUSE SECOND BY ROSENBERG TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION BY BUTTKE, SECOND BY KRAUSE TO AMEND DATE AND NUMERICAL ERRORS IN THE TEXT. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, UNANIMOUSLY. VOICE VOTE ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, UNANIMOUSLY.**

Follow Through: None stated, see Resolution.

### **Announcements or Requests**

- Chair Gibbs reminded Supervisors to check their mailbox when they're in the building.
- Chair Gibbs reminded Supervisors that the Eastern and Western Towns meetings scheduled for this month have been canceled.
- Supervisor Seubert stated that this is Forest Products Week in Wisconsin per Governor Evers' order.

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### **Adjournment**

**MOTION BY ROSENBERG SECOND BY GONNERING TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE.** Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

- Minutes prepared by Kim Trueblood, County Clerk.