

MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EDUCATIONAL and ANNUAL MEETING and BUDGET HEARING
 Tuesday, November 05, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
 Marathon County Courthouse

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 the County Clerk.

4. Request to Silence Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices

Chairperson Gibbs gave the request.

5. Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll. 37 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
Becky 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 Beastrom.....	34
Bill Conway	16	Jacob Langenhahn	35
EJ Stark.....	17	Bruce Lamont	36
Craig McEwen	18	Allen Opall	37
Yee Leng Xiong	19	Jonathon Fisher	38

6. Acknowledgement of Visitors / Announcements:

- Chairperson Gibbs welcomed visitors to the meeting, including all those watching on Public Access.
- Chair Gibbs explained that the budget message and summary was made available last month via link and explained why we changed the process to accommodate public participation.
- Supervisor Robinson reminded Supervisors that if they have a budget amendment or change, to get those to the Finance Committee.

7. Public Comment:

None.

8. Budget Message and Summary:

Administrator Lance Leonhard's 2021 budget message was made available prior to the meeting at:

https://www.co.marathon.wi.us/Portals/0/Departments/CAD/Documents/2021_Budget_Message.pdf
and the budget presentation was made available prior to the meeting at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pZICURgXWQU>

9. Public Reading of the Proposed 2020 Budget:

Clerk Trueblood read the budget figures as published. The proposed 2021 tax levy is \$51,942,105; proposed mill rate is \$4.533 per thousand dollars of valuation; and the equalized value of the County is \$11,458,840,600.

10. Public Input Regarding Proposed 2020 Budget:

Chairperson Gibbs declared the public hearing open at 7:12 p.m. The following individuals spoke:

-Theresa Wetzsteon 237133 N. Troy St Wausau, Elected District Attorney spoke to the need of additional prosecutors in that office. The District Attorney's office is responsible for the prosecution of crime in Marathon County. They have one of the lowest staff to attorney ratios in the state and one of the lowest victim witness specialist staffing levels in the state. The evaluated case load by the state shows that they are understaffed by 6 prosecutors, combined with understaffing of legal assistants and understaffed victim witness', can cause mistakes and injustice for victims and offenders. Theresa reviewed proposed budget items that will affect her already overloaded and understaffed office.

11. Closure of Public Hearing:

Hearing no further requests for comment, Chairperson Gibbs declared the public hearing closed at 7:28pm.

12. Discussion by Board Members Regarding Proposed 2021 Budget:

- Supervisor Krause voiced concern regarding Theresa Wetzsteon's comments and feels it's important to increase staff in the District Attorney's Office.
- Supervisor Dickinson voiced support regarding the increase of staff in the District Attorney's Office.
- Chair Gibbs reminded Supervisors of the process for offering an amendment.
- Supervisor Langenhahn questioned how a priority based budgeting system works regarding providing programs. Administrator Lance Leonhard addressed the question.
- Supervisor Jacobson questioned if we are continuing to budget the OWI court. Administrator Lance Leonhard addressed the question.
- Chair Gibbs commented that we need to look at system budgeting.
- Supervisor Dickinson asked how we know where the money is currently allocated that we would potentially move and how much money would be needed to help the District Attorney's office. Chair Gibbs addressed the questions. Kristi Palmer commented that she can email the information
- Supervisor Bizzoto asked if there has been a case study and cost assessment done showing what the savings might be to offset a new prosecutor based on the increased speed in cases being processed. Chair Gibbs addressed the question.
- Supervisor Jacobson made a follow up question to Supervisor Bizzoto asking if the study would be done internally or externally. Administrator Lance Leonhard addressed the question.
- Supervisor Krause suggested looking at funds allocated to other departments. Chair Gibbs addressed the comment.

13. Education Presentations / Reports:

a) Standing Committee Chairpersons/ Designees

Discussion:

- Vice Chair McEwen gave update on Morgue Task Force.
- Supervisor Fifrick and Supervisor Robinson gave an update on the Broadband Task Force progress.
- Supervisor Robinson encouraged all to attend the County Board Size Task Force public listening session on Thursday, November 12 in the Assembly Room. You can also join virtually. They will be presenting findings of what other counties have done regarding board size, the effects of changing the board size and what is an ideal size for county board.

Action: None.

Follow Through: None.

b) Introduction of Deputy County Administrator Jason Hake by Administrator Lance Leonhard

Discussion: Administrator Lance Leonhard informed what the recruitment process looked like for this position. Deputy Administrator Jason Hake voiced his excitement for the opportunity to join the Marathon County team and to work with the County Board. Kurt Gibbs welcomed Jason on behalf of the board.

Action: None.

Follow Through: None.

14. Review and Discussion of Tuesday meeting agenda items:

a) **Ordinances:**

1. Town of Frankfort Rezone, Stacey VanHoy on behalf of Janice and Larry Brown #O-22-20

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

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

2. Town of Brighton Rezone, Tim Vreeland on behalf of Perry Hinrichsen #O-23-20

Action: None.

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

3. Town of Elderon Rezone, James and Rose Popp on behalf of O'Boys LLC #O-24-20

Action: None.

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

4. Town of Eau Plein Rezone, Tim Vreeland on behalf of Maple Tierra LLC #O-25-20

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

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

5. Town of McMillan Rezone, David Lau on behalf of Herbert Lau #O-26-20

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

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

6. Town of Plover Rezone, Jack Kautza and the Jack Kautza Revocable Trust #O-27-20

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

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

7. Town of Knowlton Rezone, Sean and Kimberly Montgomery on behalf of J&B Grezenski Enterprises LLC #O-28-20

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

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

b) **Resolutions:**

1. County Board of Supervisors:

- A. Changes in Supervisory District Boundaries Resulting from Village of Edgar Annexation #R-63-20

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

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

2. Environmental Resources Committee:

- A. Approval of Town of Rib Mountain Local Zoning Ordinance Amendment #R-64-20

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

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

3. Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee:

- A. ~~Approving Interdepartmental Budget Transfers~~

~~Discussion: None.~~

~~**Action:** None.~~

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

B. Budget and Property Tax Levy Resolution #R-65-20

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

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

4. Environmental Resources and Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission:

A. Marathon County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan #R-66-20

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

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

5. Health and Human Services Committee:

A. Proclaim the Third Thursday in November "Rural Health Day" in Marathon County #R-67-20

Discussion: Tim Buttke informed that there needs to be a couple of changes made to the resolution. The 4th Whereas area, second line: Wisconsin Farm Bureau should be changed to Marathon County Farm Bureau and UW-Extension should be changed to UW-Madison/Cooperative Extension.

Action: None.

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

6. Public Safety Committee:

A. Urging the State of Wisconsin to Annually Allocate Funds for the Maintenance and Upgrading of Public Safety Answering Points #R-68-20

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

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

15. Announcements or Requests:

- Chair Kurt Gibbs announced that November 15, 2020 is America Recycles Day. On November 10th @7pm. the Marathon County Solid Waste Dept is offering a special online presentation called Ways to Recycle: When to Bin, When Not to Bin, offering tips for recycling right. Chair Kurt Gibbs sent out information to all Supervisors.
- Chair Gibbs informed where the minutes for Board Size Task Force can be found.

16. Adjournment:

MOTION BY MCEWEN, SECOND BY ROSENBERG TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE. Meeting adjourned at 8:27

- Minutes prepared by Patricia Hornung, Administrative Specialist