



MARATHON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 3, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
Marathon County Highway Department, Wausau, WI

Attendance:	Present	Excused	Absent
Randy Fifrick, Chair	x		
Sandi Cihlar, Vice-Chair	x		
John Robinson	x		
Jeff Johnson	x		
Alan Christensen	x		
Richard Gumz	x		
Chris Dickinson	x		

Also Present: James Griesbach, Kevin Lang, Kendra Pergolski, Gerry Klein, Lance Leonhard, Dave Mack, Andrew Lynch, Brian Grefe, Jeff Koppa, Randy Weissenger, Beth Nemec, John Thompson, Pete Weinschek, Norman Barrientos

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Fifrick at 9:02 a.m.
- 2. Public Comment:** N/A
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the July 3, 2020, Infrastructure Committee Meeting**
MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY CHRISTENSEN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 3, 2020, INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.
- 4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination:**
 - A. Next Steps in Broadband Task Force**
Discussion: The committee discussed how the task force has been developed and whom is on it. They revisited the tasks assigned and discussed the overview of issues. Klein discussed grant opportunities, CARES Act allocations, State vs Federal restrictions and the distribution of unused funds.
Action: N/A
Follow through: N/A
 - B. Motion to Go into Closed Session (Roll Call Vote Suggested), pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats., for the Purpose of Deliberating or Negotiating the Purchase of Public Properties, the Investing of Public Funds, or Conducting Other Specified Public Business, Whenever Competitive or Bargaining Reasons Require a Closed Session, to Wit: For the purpose of permitting the Committee to compare three possible sites within Marathon County, State of Wisconsin, for possible purchase by the County for future development and to discuss strategy to be employed by administration in negotiating a possible purchase.**
Action: MOTION BY FIFRICK, SECOND BY DICKINSON, TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION, PURSUANT TO S. 19.85(1)(e), WIS STATS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELIBERATING OR NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASE OF PUBLIC PROPERTIES, THE INVESTING OF PUBLIC FUNDS, OR CONDUCTING OTHER SPECIFIED PUBLIC BUSINESS, WHENVER COMPETITIVE OR BARGAINING REASONS REQUIRE A CLOSED SESSION TO WIT: FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERMITTING THE COMMITTEE TO COMPARE THREE POSSIBLE SITES WITHIN MARATHON COUNTY, STATE OF WISCONSIN, FOR POSSIBLE PURCHASE BY THE COUNTY FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND TO DISCUSS STRATEGY TO BE EMPLOYED BY ADMINISTRATION IN NEGOTIATING A POSSIBLE PURCHASE. ROLL CALL TAKEN. COMMITTEE MEMBER GUMZ ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.
 - C. Motion to Return to Open Session (No Roll Call Vote Required).**
Action: MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY CHRISTENSEN, TO REOPEN CLOSED SESSION. MOTION CARRIED.

D. Announcements and possible action on matters discussed in closed session

Discussion: N/A

Action: N/A

Follow through: N/A

5. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:

A. Small Purchase Procurement Resolution

Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach addressed committee requesting that current small purchase procurement threshold be increased from \$30,000 to \$75,000 and include an automatic escalator at least every five years to account for inflation (resolution mirrors the one passed for the Central Wisconsin Airport).

Action: MOTION BY CHRISTENSEN, SECOND BY JOHNSON, TO RECOMMEND THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION STATING THAT THE MARATHON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REQUESTS THAT MARATHON COUNTY CONSIDER CHANGING SEC 3.05(3) OF THE MARATHON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCREASE THE SMALL PURCHASE PROCUREMENT THRESHOLD TO \$75,000 AND INCLUDE AN AUTOMATIC ESCALATOR AT LEAST EVERY FIVE YEARS TO ACCOUNT FOR INFLATION.

MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY JOHNSON, TO AMEND MOTION TO STATE THAT THE MARATHON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REQUESTS THAT MARATHON COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES AND FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEES CONSIDER CHANGING SEC 3.05(3) OF THE MARATHON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCREASE THE SMALL PURCHASE PROCUREMENT THRESHOLD TO \$75,000 AND INCLUDE AN AUTOMATIC ESCALATOR AT LEAST EVERY FIVE YEARS TO ACCOUNT FOR INFLATION. MOTION CARRIED 5-2.

Follow through: N/A

6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion

A. Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety Marathon County Update

Discussion: Randy Wiessinger addressed the committee reporting the year-to-date crash statistics for Marathon County; statewide crashes including fatalities; and predictive analytics.

B. County Road "J" Highway Abandonment, Town of Weston

Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach advised the committee that a quit claim deed was prepared in order to convey right-of-way back to adjoining owners which will be signed by Administrator Leonhard.

C. Marathon County Highway Safety Audit

Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach updated the committee with the intention of having a report to provide in November.

D. City County Information Technology Department Update

Discussion: Report provided.

E. Highway Commissioner's Report

Discussion: Report provided.

F. Discussion regarding County Board educational presentation on Implicit/Explicit Bias and institutional/structural discrimination and their impact on Marathon County's ability to achieve its goals (presentation available here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6lxZiSeZJI>)

1. What opportunities do you see to improve our policies and practices to enhance diversity and inclusion and help us meet Objective 3.8 of the Comprehensive Plan?

Discussion: Administrator Leonhard reviewed with the committee how the county strives for diversity and inclusion while promoting cultural competence and encouraged everyone to watch presentation available on YouTube.

7. Announcements:

A. Future meetings and location, agenda topics
October 1, 9:00 AM, 1430 West Street, Wausau

8. Adjourn

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:17AM.

Minutes prepared

By Kendra Pergolski on September 9, 2020.