

MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, December 15, 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.
7. 15 Minute Public Comment:

B. EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

8. ADRC Annual Report to the Community, ADRC Executive Director Jonette Arms

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

9. Approval of minutes from the November 5 & 10, 2020 meetings.
10. Referral of bills and communications to respective committees.
11. Authorizing the Clerk to issue orders, bills and claims from the last session through this session.

D. MEMORIAL:

12. Life and Public Service of Norman "Butch" Brod

E. APPOINTMENTS:

13. Wisconsin Valley Library Service Board of Trustees – Mandy Wright
14. Wisconsin Valley Library Service Board of Trustees – Jessica Bennett
15. Public Library Board – Jeff Campo
16. North Central Community Services Program Board – David Oberbeck

F. ORDINANCES:

17. Amending Chapter 9 of the General Code of Ordinances, Relating to Regulations Relevant to Public Peace and Good Order within marathon County #O-29-20
18. Town of Rib Falls Rezone, Rick Kersten on behalf of Steve Dahlke #O-30-20

RESOLUTIONS

G. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE:

19. 2021 Elderly and Disabled Transportation (85.21) Application #R-70-20

H. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE AND FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

20. To Approve the Annual County Forest Work Plan #R-71-20
21. Application for County Forest Acreage Share Loan Payment #R-72-20

I. HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

- 22. A Resolution in Support of State Funding for Equitable Return of Utility Tax Collections to Counties and Municipalities as Utility Aid #73-20
- 23. A Resolution Amending the 2020 Capital Improvement Budget and the 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Program for a Courthouse/Jail Domestic Water system Renovation Project and Make a Transfer from the 2020 Contingency Fund #74-20

J. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:

- 24. Resolution Supporting Increased Funding for Aging and Disability Resource Centers #R-75-20

K. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- 25. Announcements and Requests.
- 26. 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. 34 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.....(excused).....	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.....	30
Arnold Schlei.....	12	Allen Drabek.....	31
Matthew Bootz.....	13	Kurt Gibbs.....	32
Rick Seefeldt.....	14	Tim Buttke.....(excused).....	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.....(excused).....	37
Yee Leng Xiong.....	19	Jonathan Fisher.....	38

6. **Acknowledgement of Visitors**

Chairperson Gibbs acknowledged and welcomed visitors to the meeting.

7. **Public Comment**

None:

B. **PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS**

Jonette Arms, ADRC Executive Director gave a presentation informing of the addition of a new position and gave an update on new services as well as existing services offered. She reviewed ADRC’s current needs regarding the Café 60 program. The 2019 total revenue from all funding sources and the 2019 total expenses was reviewed. Jonette also presented statistics comparing numbers between 2019 and 2020 service/programs. Jonette informed of the need for volunteers.

Discussion: Questions were asked and addressed.

C. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Discussion: None.

Action: MOTION BY VICE CHAIR MCEWEN, SECOND BY SUPERVISOR ROSENBERG TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS C9-C11 AS LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, UNANIMOUS. As part of the consent agenda, minutes of the November 5 & 10, 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.

**MEMORIAL
LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF NORMAN “BUTCH” BROD**

Norman “Butch” Brod, 92, died on Sunday, November 15, 2020 at Stoney Ridge Memory Care in Marshfield. He was born April 22, 1928, in Wausau to the late Leo and Louise Brod. He is survived by his wife, June, son Charles, daughter Jacqueline, along with grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Butch was a member of American Vets, the Wisconsin National Guard, Loyal Order of Moose, and the Knights of Columbus. His life was dedicated to public service, as he served in various offices in the City of Mosinee including City Council and School Board. He served the residents of Mosinee on the Marathon County Board of Supervisors from 1963-1966. During that time he was a member of the Public Welfare Board. In the passing of Norman Brod, we have lost a leader who was dedicated to serving his community. He is hereby honored and remembered for his faithful public service. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors that they enter this Memorial into the proceedings of the Board out of respect for the memory of Norman Brod. A copy of this memorial shall be sent to his family with the sympathies of the Board.

Discussion: None.

Action: MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JACOBSON, SECOND BY SUPERVISOR HARRIS TO APPROVE THE MEMORIAL. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, UNANIMOUSLY. BOARD STOOD FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF NORMAN BROD.
Follow Through: A copy of the memorial will be sent to the family of Norman Brod.

**APPOINTMENT
WISCONSIN VALLEY LIBRARY SERVICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

I, Kurt Gibbs, Marathon County Board Chair, do hereby, upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, reappoint the following individuals to the Wisconsin Valley Library Service Board of Trustees, for three year terms to expire December 31, 2023:

Mandy Wright, 2016 Ewing Ave, Wausau, WI 54403
Per diem and mileage/expense reimbursement will not be paid for meeting attendance.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2020.
KURT GIBBS, COUNTY BOARD CHAIR
**CONFIRMED ON A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR VAN KREY, SECOND BY SUPERVISOR JOHNSON.
MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, UNANIMOUSLY.**

**APPOINTMENT
WISCONSIN VALLEY LIBRARY SERVICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

I, Kurt Gibbs, Marathon County Board Chair, do hereby, upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, appoint the following individual to the Wisconsin Valley Library Service Board of Trustees, to complete an unexpired term ending on December 31, 2021:

Jessica Bernet, 216443 Dallman Road, Hatley, WI 54440
Per diem and mileage/expense reimbursement will not be paid for meeting attendance.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2020.
Kurt Gibbs, County Board Chair
CONFIRMED ON A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR CHRISTENSEN, SECOND BY SUPERVISOR LAMONT. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, UNANIMOUSLY.

**APPOINTMENT
Public Library Board**

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

Name and address: Jeff Campo, 141402 Moon Road, Mosinee, WI 54455
Per diem and mileage/expense reimbursement will be paid for meeting attendance, to be paid from library budgeted funds.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2020.

LANCE LEONHARD, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**CONFIRMED ON A MOTION BY VICE CHAIR MCEWEN, SECOND BY SUPERVISOR CIHLAR.
MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, UNANIMOUSLY.**

**APPOINTMENT
North Central Community Services Program Board**

I, Lance Leonhard, Marathon County Administrator, do hereby, upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, appoint Supervisor David Oberbeck to the North Central Community Services Program Board for a three year term to expire December 31, 2023.

Per diem and mileage/expense reimbursement will be paid to eligible members of the Board.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2020.

LANCE LEONHARD, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**CONFIRMED ON A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ROBINSON, SECOND BY SUPERVISOR
ROSENBERG. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ORDINANCE #O-29-20
AMENDING CHAPTER 9 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATING TO
REGULATIONS RELEVANT TO PUBLIC PEACE AND GOOD ORDER WITHIN MARATHON
COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Chapter 9 of the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County sets forth regulations related to maintaining public peace and good order within the County; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. §§ 59.54(6) and (22) authorize Marathon County to enact and enforce ordinances to preserve the public peace and good order within the County, including ordinances prohibiting conduct that is the same as or similar to conduct prohibited in the criminal code of the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 342.40(3) authorizes Marathon County to enact and enforce ordinances that provide a forfeiture for abandonment of vehicles on public or private property; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 118.163(2) authorizes Marathon County to enact a local ordinance that prohibits habitual truancy; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 254.92(4) authorizes Marathon County to enact an ordinance that prohibits the purchase or possession of cigarettes, nicotine products, and tobacco products by minors; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 101.123(4m) authorizes Marathon County to enact an ordinance prohibiting a person who controls, governs, or directs the activities at a location where smoking is prohibited from allowing any person to smoke at the prohibited location; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 125.32(3)(d) authorizes Marathon County to enact an ordinance related to closing hours for premises that sell intoxicating beverages; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 59.54(25g) authorizes Marathon County to enact an ordinance prohibiting possession of synthetic cannabinoids; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Sheriff's Office has requested the attached revisions to Chapter 9 of the General Code of Marathon County to provide its deputies additional enforcement options; and

WHEREAS, providing Sheriff's Deputies with additional enforcement options in the field would enhance public safety by providing alternative options beyond arrest and criminal charges; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County District Attorney has reviewed the attached revisions to Chapter 9 of the General Code of Marathon County and has no objection to the proposed revisions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does hereby

ordain as follows:

To amend Chapter 9 of the Marathon County General Code of Ordinances, pursuant to the attached document, in the interests of maintaining public peace and good order in the County.

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

Dated the 15th day of December, 2020.

Discussion: None

Action: MOTION BY SUPERVISOR LAMONT, SECOND BY VICE CHAIR MCEWEN, TO ENACT THE ORDINANCE. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, UNANIMOUSLY.

Follow through: None.

**ORDINANCE #O-30-20
TOWN OF RIB FALLS REZONE**

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has been petitioned to amend the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code by Rick Kersten (Central Wisconsin Lumber & Tie INC.) on behalf of Steve Dahlke to amend the Marathon County Zoning Ordinance to rezone lands from G-A General Agriculture to L-I Light Industrial described as part of the S ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 24, Township 29 North, Range 05 East, Town of Rib Falls. The area proposed to be rezoned (approximately 4.975 acres) is described as part of Lot 1 (17.495 acres) on the Preliminary Certified Survey Map (CSM) submitted as a part of the rezone petition. Parcel address 136924 County Road U, Marathon WI 54448. Part of parent parcel PIN# 066.2905.244.0993

WHEREAS, the petition was referred to the Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee (the Committee) for public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Committee, on due notice, conducted a public hearing thereon, pursuant to Section 59.69, Wisconsin Statutes on December 1, 2020 to consider the petition to amend Chapter 17; and

WHEREAS, the Committee being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, having reviewed the staff report, and duly advised of the recommendations of the Town of Rib Falls hereby recommends the petition be GRANTED AS APPLIED FOR

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does ordain as follows: The General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code (and accompanying Zoning Map) is amended as stated above.

Dated this 1st day of December, 2020

Discussion: Supervisor Langenhan commented that the rezone should be postponed to review the certified survey map and to talk with applicant.

Action: MOTION TO REFER REZONE BACK TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE BY LANGENHAHN, SECOND BY FIFRICK. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, UNANIMOUSLY.

Follow through: Back to Environmental Resources Committee.

**RESOLUTION # R-70-20
2021 ELDERLY AND DISABLED TRANSPORTATION (85.21) APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, Section 85.21 of the Wisconsin Statutes authorizes the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to make grants to the counties of Wisconsin for the purpose of assisting them in providing specialized transportation services to the elderly and the disabled; and

WHEREAS, each grant must be matched with a local share of not less than 20% of the amount of the grant; and

WHEREAS, this body considers that the provision of specialized transportation services would improve and promote the maintenance of human dignity and self-sufficiency of the elderly and the disabled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does ordain as follows:

- 1) Authorizes Dave Mack, Program Manager of Conservation, Planning, and Zoning, to prepare and submit to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation an application for assistance during 2021 under Section 85.21 of the Wisconsin Statutes, in conformance with the requirements issued by that Department.
- 2) Authorizes the obligation of funds in the amount of \$72,390.00 in order to provide the required local match.

- 3) Authorizes Kurt Gibbs, County Board Chairperson, to execute a state aid contract with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation under Section 85.21 of the Wisconsin Statutes on behalf of Marathon County.
Dated this 1th day of December 2020.

Discussion: None.

Action: MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JOHNSON, SECOND BY HARRIS TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, UNANIMOUSLY.

Follow through: None.

**RESOLUTION #R - 71 - 20
TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL COUNTY FOREST WORK PLAN**

WHEREAS, Marathon County has lands enrolled in the Wisconsin County Forest Land Program commonly referred to as the Marathon County Forest; and
WHEREAS, the Marathon County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan requires an annual work plan to be approved by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors to be eligible for certain grant funding per §28.11(5)(b), Wis. Stats.; and
WHEREAS, the Forestry/Recreation Committee approved the 2021 Forestry Division Work Plan at its regular meeting held December 1, 2020; and
WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors adopted the 2021 Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Budget at its budget meeting November 10, 2020.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does hereby ordain and resolve as follows: To approve and adopt the attached 2021 Forestry Division Work Plan.
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is directed to issue checks pursuant to this resolution and the Treasurer to honor said checks.
Dated this 15th day of December, 2020.

Discussion: None.

Action: MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SEEFELDT, SECOND BY SUPERVISOR SCHLEI TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, UNANIMOUSLY.

Follow through: None.

**RESOLUTION #R - 72 - 20
APPLICATION FOR COUNTY FOREST ACREAGE SHARE LOAN PAYMENT**

WHEREAS, Counties having lands entered as "County Forest Lands", under the provisions of Sec. 28.11(4)(b), Wis. Stats., annually receive from the state a non-interest bearing loan to be used for the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of such lands; and
WHEREAS, said loan monies are repaid through a 20% severance tax on timber revenue coming from County Forest Lands unless a higher rate is mutually agreed to by the County and the department; and
WHEREAS, the current provisions of Sec. 28.11 (8)(b)1 make it possible for the County, at its option to receive not more than 50 cents per acre to meet the needs identified in its County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon, in consideration of meeting the needs identified in its County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan hereby request the Department of Natural Resources to provide the 2021 payment to the County on the basis of 50 cents for each acre of Marathon County Forest Lands; and
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND RESOLVED that the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file this request with the Department of Natural Resources prior to December 31st preceding the year in which said payment is being requested to be made.
Dated this 15th day of December, 2020.

Discussion: None.

Action: MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DRABEK, SECOND BY ROSENBERG TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, UNANIMOUSLY.

Follow through: None.

RESOLUTION # R-73-20

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE FUNDING FOR EQUITABLE RETURN OF UTILITY TAX COLLECTIONS TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES AS UTILITY AID

WHEREAS, shared revenue utility aid payments help counties and municipalities pay for services provided to tax-exempt utility property; and

WHEREAS, these payments-in-lieu of taxes are made to offset the loss of property taxes associated with the utilities also viewed as partial compensation for the air, pollution, noise, traffic congestion, property maintenance, emergency services and land use limitations caused by the presence of utility property; and

WHEREAS, the state has typically retained about eighty percent of utility tax collections for use as General Purpose Revenue (GPR), rather than return those dollars to counties and municipalities where the utilities are located; and

WHEREAS, in 2019-20 the state collected \$351.4 million in utility taxes, but only returned \$75.6 million to local governments as utility aid; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 Marathon County received \$1,790,455 in utility aid payments through the shared revenue program; and

WHEREAS, payments generated through the current utility aid formula have largely been stagnant, both as a percentage of tax collections and in the actual dollars distributed to counties and municipalities. Stagnant or declining aid results in a shift in the tax burden to owners of the remaining taxable property.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors hereby encourages the Governor and legislature to include a provision in the 2021-23 budget plan to provide for a fairer, more equitable return of utility tax collections to counties and municipalities as utility aid with an increase built into the utility aid formula to account for inflation.

Signed this 15th day of December, 2020.

Discussion: None.

Action: MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ROSENBERG, SECOND BY ROBINSON TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, UNANIMOUSLY.

Follow through: None.

RESOLUTION # R- 74 -20

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2020 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET AND THE 2020-2024 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR A COURTHOUSE/JAIL DOMESTIC WATER SYSTEM RENOVATION PROJECT AND MAKE A TRANSFER FROM THE 2020 CONTINGENCY FUND

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Marathon County approved the 2020–2024 Capital Improvement Program and Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvement Program is a dynamic process and subject, pursuant to Resolution R-89-91, to periodic review and/or amendment; and,

WHEREAS, there is currently a need to amend the 2020 CIP to complete the courthouse/jail domestic water system renovation project in the 2020 CIP; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the project will be \$84,530; and

WHEREAS, there is currently an unencumbered balance in the 2020 Contingent Fund of \$450,000; and

WHEREAS, there is a request to transfer from the 2020 Contingency Fund the amount of \$84,530 to cover the cost of domestic water heater project; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee has reviewed the request and has recommended approval of the transfer from the 2020 Contingency Fund in the amount of \$ 84,530; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee has reviewed the request and has recommended approval to amend the 2020 CIP for the water heater project; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Property and Facilities Committee of the Board of Supervisors of Marathon County recommends amending the 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Program for the courthouse/jail domestic water system renovation project and the budget transfer from the Contingency Fund for the project as follows:

1. Fund \$84,530 from the 2020 Contingent Fund GL code 101 13199120
2. To Capital Outlay account 2020 CIP for the amount of \$84,530 in GL code 602 938 98193 Other Cap Equip-Maint Dept

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does hereby resolve and ordain to amend the 2020–2024 Capital Improvement Program as indicated above.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2020

Discussion: Question was asked regarding the background of the project and was addressed by Administrator Leonhard.

Action: **MOTION BY SUPERVISOR STARK, SECOND BY SUPERVISOR ROBINSON TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, UNANIMOUSLY.**

Follow through: None.

#R-75-20

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED FUNDING FOR AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS

WHEREAS, Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) are the first place to go to get accurate unbiased information on all aspects of life related to aging or living with a disability; and
WHEREAS, ADRC services include providing information and assistance, options and benefits counseling, coordinating short-term services, conducting functional screens, and enrollment processing and counseling; and
WHEREAS, in Wisconsin, there are currently 34 single-county ADRCs, 12 multi-county/tribal ADRCs, and seven tribal Aging and Disability Resource Specialists that work with an ADRC; and
WHEREAS, ADRCs serve the fastest growing demographic of our state's population; and
WHEREAS, the funding method for ADRCs has not been revised in more than a decade, and funding for ADRCs has not increased since 2006; and

WHEREAS, it has become evident that ADRC funding needs revision for a number of reasons, including:

- The current inequitable distribution of funding among ADRCs.
- The need to increase funding so that all ADRCs may effectively meet their mission, as outlined in the Scope of Services contract addendum; and

WHEREAS, the Office for Resource Center Development (ORCD) within the Department of Health Services (DHS) established a stakeholder advisory group in 2017 to discuss ADRC funding; and

WHEREAS, the stakeholder advisory group identified a number of issues with the current funding formula, such as:

- Dollars are distributed based on the date of ADRC establishment - older ADRCs (Generation One) receive more funding than ADRCs established at a later date (Generation Two and Three ADRCs);
- The current formula does not take into account elements associated with health and social inequity that require a greater need for ADRC services;
- The current formula does not adjust with need – Wisconsin's aging and disability populations continue to grow and are expected to grow significantly over the next 20 years;
- The current formula does not account for needed cost of living adjustments; and

WHEREAS, a significant state GPR investment is needed to implement the recommendations of the stakeholder advisory group; and

WHEREAS, such a significant state investment would provide consistency in ADRC funding statewide, cover the services required and recommended in the Scope of Services contract addendum, and equalize services among ADRCs; and

WHEREAS, the work of the stakeholder advisory group complements the work of the Governor's Task Force on Caregiving; and

WHEREAS, according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Projected Population data for 2020, older adults 60 years plus are 26 percent of Marathon County's total population and this percentage is expected to increase to 30 percent by 2030; and

WHEREAS, according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services 2014 Projected Population data for people 18-64 living with disabilities, comprise 5.4 percent of Marathon County's total population.

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors recognizes that the growing aging population will place increased demands and costs on health care, public health, and long-term care systems; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors believe it is imperative that Wisconsin ADRCs are funded adequately and equitably, consequently easing the burden on these systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors does hereby support the following increases in the 2021-23 state biennial budget to ensure access to critical services provided by ADRCs to Wisconsin's aging and disability populations:

- Provide an additional \$27,410,000 GPR in funding to our state's ADRCs. It is important to note that the proposed change in the ADRC allocation methodology cannot occur unless the full \$27.4 million is allocated.
- Provide additional funding to expand/equalize ADRC services across the state:
 - Expand Dementia Care Specialist Funding Statewide: \$3,320,000
 - Fully Fund Elder Benefit Specialists Statewide: \$2,300,000
 - Expand Caregiver Support and Programs: \$3,600,000
 - Expand Health Promotion Services: \$6,000,000
 - Expand Care Transition Services: \$6,000,000
 - Fund Aging and Disability Resources in Tribes: \$1,180,000
 - Fully Fund Aging and Disability Resource Support Systems: \$2,650,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, DOA Secretary Joel Brennan, DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all area legislators.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2020

Discussion: Questions asked and addressed.

Action: MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HARRIS, SECOND BY SUPERVISOR CIHLAR TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, UNANIMOUSLY.

Follow through: None.

Announcements or Requests

Supervisor Bootz gave an update on the Public Safety Committee.

Supervisor Xiong voiced happy holiday wishes.

Supervisor Lo informed that Governor Evers will have a virtual budget listening session at 6pm.

Chair Gibbs announced Kristi Palmer has accepted the position of Audit and Finance Committee Chair.

Chair Gibbs reminded that 4th quarter requests for mileage reimbursement are due by 01/01/21.

Chair Gibbs asked that you contact him if there are any questions regarding the Executive Committee packet for December.

Corp Counsel for Marathon County is running for the Marathon County 6th Circuit Judge. If you are interested in getting involved, please review the website.

Happy Holiday Seasons to everyone.

Adjournment

**MOTION BY VICE CHAIR MCEWEN SECOND BY SUPERVISOR DRABEK TO ADJOURN.
MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE, UNANIMOUSLY. Meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.**

- Minutes prepared by Patricia Hornung, Administrative Specialist.