

MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

Marathon County Courthouse

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair McEwen 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 Vice-Chair McEwen 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. REPORTS:

8. Report on the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan – Jamie Polley
9. Update on Jail Repair Project and Revised Cost Estimate – Michael Lotter

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

10. Approval of Minutes from the November 12 and 14, 2019 meetings
11. Referral of bills and communications to respective committees
12. Authorizing the Clerk to issue orders, bills and claims from the last session through this session

D. MEMORIAL:

13. Life and Public Service of Ralph Weeks

E. APPOINTMENTS:

14. Wisconsin Valley Library Service Board of Trustees
15. Board of Health
16. Transportation Coordinating Committee
17. Interim County Administrator

F. ORDINANCES:

18. Town of Brighton Rezone – Tim Vreeland for Hugh and Jeanine Feirer and Jason and Casey Heeg #O-30-19
19. Town of Hull Rezone – Jordan and Elaine Weaver #O-31-19
20. Town of McMillan Rezone - Tim Vreeland for Jeff Redetzke and Thomas and John Uthmeier #O-32-19
21. Town of Wien Rezone - Tim Vreeland for Michael Kuyoth #O-33-19
22. Ordinance Repealing and Recreating the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 18 Land Division and Survey Regulations Coe #O-34-19
23. Amending Sections 5.04 of the General Code of Ordinances: Eliminating Marathon County Residency #O-35-19
24. Repealing and Recreating Sec. 7.125, Gen. Code of Ord., Addressing the Designation of ATV/UTV Routes and Trails and Regulation of ATV/UTV Operation within Marathon County #O-36-19
25. To Create Sec. 2.05(Xx) Task Force On County Board Size #O-37-19

RESOLUTIONS

- G. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE:
 - 26. Approval of Town of Ringle Local Zoning Ordinance Amendment #R-62-19
 - 27. Approval of Town of Weston Local Zoning Ordinance Amendment #R-63-19

- H. FORESTRY / RECREATION COMMITTEE AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE:
 - 28. To Approve the Annual County Forest Work Plan #R-64-19
 - 29. Application for County Forest Acreage Share Loan Payment #R-65-19

- I. PARKS, RECREATION, AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE:
 - 30. Adoption of 2020-2024 County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan #R-66-19

- J. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:
 - 31. Elderly and Disabled Transportation (Wis. Stats. 85.21) Grant Application #R-67-19

- K. HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE:
 - 32. To Create One (1) Full-Time (1.0 FTE) Social Service Coordinator (Child Support Elevate Grant Coordinator) Position #R-68-19
 - 33. To Create One (1) Full-Time Conservation Specialist Position #R-69-19
 - 34. Restructuring of the Park, Recreation, and Forestry Department #R-70-19
 - 35. Increase Range Maximum for the Marathon County Pay Grid by 3% Effective January 12, 2020 #R-71-19
 - 36. To Disapprove the Acquisition of Witter Property Located on County Highway "U" in the Village of Maine and City of Wausau, Marathon County, for the Purpose of Constructing Future County Facilities #R-72-19

- L. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:
 - 37. Adopt Policy on County Support of Sports Events Occurring on County Highways #R-73-19

- M. DIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMISSION AND EXTENSION, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:
 - 38. Lunar New Year #R-74-19

- MM. COUNTY BOARD
 - 38a. Recognizing Brad Karger's Contributions to Marathon County on His Retirement #R-75-19

- N. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:
 - 39. Announcements or Requests
 - 40. Move to adjourn

4. Request for Silencing of Cellphones and Other Electronic Devices

Vice-Chair McEwen stated the request.

5. Roll Call

The Clerk initiated the roll. 31 Supervisors were present as shown:

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>District</u>
Katie Rosenberg.....	1	Sara Guild.....	20
Romey Wagner.....	2	Shawn Black	21
David Nutting.....	3	Alan Christensen.....	22
John Robinson.....	4	Chris Voll (excused).....	23

Ka Lo.....	5	Jean Maszk (excused).....	24
Jeff Johnson.....	6	Sandi Cihlar.....	25
Mary Ann Crosby (excused).....	7	John Durham	26
Karen Kellbach.....	8	Thomas Seubert	27
Ashley Lange	9	Maynard Tremelling	28
Donna Krause.....	10	Jim Bove.....	29
Alyson Leahy.....	11	Richard Gumz.....	30
Arnold Schlei.....	12	Allen Drabek	31
Matthew Bootz (excused).....	13	Kurt Gibbs (excused).....	32
Rick Seefeldt.....	14	Tim Buttke.....	33
Randy Fifrick.....	15	Gary Beastrom.....	34
Jeff Zriny.....	16	Jacob Langenhahn.....	35
E.J. Stark.....	17	Bill Miller (excused).....	36
Craig McEwen.....	18	Allen Opall (excused).....	37
Yee Leng Xiong.....	19	Jim Schaefer.....	38

6. Acknowledgement of Visitors

Vice-Chair McEwen acknowledged and welcomed visitors to the meeting.

7. Public Comment

Frances Slezak, of Wausau addressed the board, expressing appreciation for the Start Right program and thanking them for continuing to fund it in the budget.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Discussion: None.

Action: MOTION BY LANGENHAHN, SECOND BY XIONG TO APPROVE ITEMS 10-12 AS LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 31-0. As part of the consent agenda, minutes of the November 12 and 14, 2019 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.

Follow Through: None.

REPORTS

COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

Jamie Polley, Director of the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department, spoke on the continual improvement of the County’s park, forest and trail system as well as the County’s commitment to provide for the recreational needs of current and future residents. She provided an analysis of needs and demands as well as recommendations for existing and new facilities. There was Q&A from Board members.

REPORTS

UPDATE ON JAIL REPAIR PROJECT AND REVISED COST ESTIMATE

Vice-Chair McEwen recognized Michael Lotter, who updated the Board on the progress of the Jail Repair Project. Forty-four columns are now complete and steel has been added to the flooring to support the columns. Inmates are being moved as needed to accommodate the work. They are looking to complete the project by the middle to end of January. The budget is on track.

**MEMORIAL
RALPH WEEKS**

Ralph Weeks, 78, of Wausau, passed on November 10, 2019.

He was born in Terre Haute, Indiana to Juanita and Russell Weeks. He is survived by his wife, Karen, son Russell, step-children David, Lisa, and Lance, siblings Robert, Don, Kay, and Janet, as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ralph was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving two tours in Vietnam, and was a recruiter when he retired. Upon retirement, he went to work for the post office for 20 years.

Ralph and Karen dedicated their lives to serving foster children. They began foster parenting in Michigan, and continued when they moved to Wisconsin. They helped foster over 250 children, and in 2011 were honored as Foster Parents of the Year in the state of Wisconsin.

Ralph served as chairman in the Town of Hewitt for several years and also served on the Marathon County Board from 2010-2012. During that time, he was a member of the Health & Human Services Committee, Extension & Education Committee, and the Northern Valley Workshop.

In the passing of Ralph Weeks, we have lost a leader who was dedicated to serving his community, especially its most vulnerable children. 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 Ralph Weeks. A copy of this memorial shall be sent to his family with the sympathies of the Board.

Discussion: None.

Action: MOTION BY SCHAEFER, SECOND BY CHRISTENSEN TO APPROVE THE MEMORIAL. MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 31-0. BOARD STOOD FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF RALPH WEEKS.

Follow Through: A copy of this memorial will be sent to the family of Ralph Weeks.

**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, 2022:

Kari Sweeney, 609 Gray Place, Wausau (re-appointment)

Jim Backus, 167072 Luebbe Lane, Ringle (re-appointment)

Per diem and mileage/expense reimbursement will not be paid for meeting attendance.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2019

KURT GIBBS, COUNTY BOARD CHAIR

CONFIRMED ON A MOTION BY ROSENBERG, SECOND BY NUTTING. ROLL CALL VOTE, 31-0.

**APPOINTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH**

I, Brad Karger, Marathon County Administrator, do hereby, upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, appoint Dr. Michael McGrail, 1972 River Vista Drive, Mosinee, to the Marathon County Board of Health for a term to expire December 31, 2024.

Mileage/expense reimbursement is allowed, paid upon request.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2019

BRAD KARGER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

CONFIRMED ON A MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY DRABEK. ROLL CALL VOTE, 31-0.

**APPOINTMENT
TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

I, Kurt Gibbs, Marathon County Board Chair, do hereby, upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, appoint the following individuals to lead the Transportation Coordinating Committee, for two year terms to expire at the Organizational County Board meeting in April, 2020:

Supervisor John Durham – Chair

Tim Buttke, ADRC Board Member – Vice Chair

Dated this 17th day of December, 2019

KURT GIBBS, COUNTY BOARD CHAIR

CONFIRMED ON A MOTION BY ZRINY, SECOND BY STARK, ROLL CALL VOTE, 31-0.

**APPOINTMENT
INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

I, Kurt Gibbs, Chairman of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors, do hereby upon approval of the Board, appoint Deputy Administrator Lance Leonhard as the Interim County Administrator beginning on December 31, 2019, to continue until such time as the County Board appoints a County Administrator.

Dated: December 17, 2019

KURT GIBBS, COUNTY BOARD CHAIR

CONFIRMED ON A MOTION BY CIHLAR, SECOND BY JOHNSON. ROLL CALL VOTE, 31-0.

**ORDINANCE #O-30-19
TOWN OF BRIGHTON 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 Tim Vreeland on behalf of Hugh & Jeanine Feirer and Jason & Casey Heeg to rezone from F-P- Farmland Preservation to R-E- Rural Estate in the Town of Brighton; described as part of Lot 1 & 2 CSM 9554-38-77 and that part of the NE ¼ of the fractional NE ¼ of Section 6, Township 27 North, Range 02 East, Town of Brighton Proposed area to be rezoned (approximately 9.36 acres) of the Preliminary Certified Map submitted by Tim Vreeland. Part of parent parcel PIN# 010-2702-061-0995.

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 5, 2019 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 Brighton, 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 5th day of December, 2019

Discussion: None

Action: MOTION BY LANGENHAHN, SECOND BY BUTTKE, TO ENACT THE ORDINANCE.

MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 31-0.

Follow Through: None.

**ORDINANCE #O-31-19
TOWN OF HULL 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 Chapter 17; by Jordan & Elaine Weaver to rezone from F-P Farmland Preservation to G-A General Agriculture described as All of Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map Document # 1065277 located in the NE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 08, Township 28, Range 2 East, Town of Hull. Proposed area to be rezoned (approximately 10 acres). Part of parent parcel PIN# 044-2802-084-0989.

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 November 7, 2019 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 Hull, 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 7th day of November, 2019

Discussion: None.

Action: MOTION BY TREMELLING, SECOND BY SEUBERT, TO ENACT THE ORDINANCE. MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 31-0.

Follow Through: None.

**ORDINANCE #O-32-19
TOWN OF MCMILLAN 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 Tim Vreeland on behalf of agent Jeff Redetzke and Thomas & John Uthmeier from L-I Light Industrial to N-C Neighborhood Commercial described as Lot 3 on Certified Survey Map Document # 943018 located in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 27, Township 26 North, Range 03 East, Town of McMillan. Proposed area to be rezoned is 2.0700 acres. Part of parent parcel PIN# 056-2603-273-0991.

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 5, 2019 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 McMillan, 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 5th day of December, 2019

Discussion: None.

Action: MOTION BY WHITE, SECOND BY LANGENHAHN, TO ENACT THE ORDINANCE. MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 31-0.

Follow Through: None.

**ORDINANCE #O-33-19
TOWN OF WIEN 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 Tim Vreeland on behalf of Michael Kuyoth to rezone from: G-A General Agriculture and L-I Light Industrial to R-R Rural Residential and G-A General Agriculture in the Town of Wien; Proposed area to be rezoned from L-I to G-A described as Lot 2 (10.535 acres) and area to be rezoned from L-I and G-A to R-R described as Lot 3 (2.024 acres) of the Preliminary Certified Survey Map submitted by Tim Vreeland. Parcel PIN#'s 084-2804-364-0983, 084-2804-364-0994, 084-2804-364-0993, and 084-2804-364-0992.

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 5, 2019 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 Wien 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 5th day of December, 2019

Discussion: None.

Action: MOTION BY NUTTING, SECOND BY SEEFELDT TO ENACT THE ORDINANCE. MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 31-0.

Follow Through: None.

ORDINANCE #O-34-19

**ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING THE GENERAL CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR
MARATHON COUNTY CHAPTER 18 LAND DIVISION AND SURVEY REGULATIONS CODE**

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has the authority to enact, repeal and recreate the Land Division and Survey Regulations Code, pursuant to Wis. Stats., §59.02, 82.27(6), 281.31, 236 and 703 and

WHEREAS, the CPZ department held an open house for town officials and professional land surveyors on November 6, 2019 and received feedback and input on the proposed code revisions, and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee, on due notice, conducted a public hearing on the proposed amendments, and filed their recommendation with the Board, pursuant to the attached version showing the proposed changes.

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 18 Land Division and Survey Regulations Code is hereby repealed and recreated pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Addendum.

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

Dated this 5th day of December, 2019

Discussion: None.

Action: MOTION BY BOVE, SECOND BY CHRISTENSEN TO ENACT THE ORDINANCE. MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 31-0.

Follow Through: None.

ORDINANCE #O-35-19
AMENDING SECTIONS 5.04 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF ORDINANCES: ELIMINATING
MARATHON COUNTY RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR SWORN DEPUTY SHERIFFS

WHEREAS, Wis. Stats., § 59.26(1)(intro.), directs that within 10 days after entering upon the duties of the office of sheriff, the sheriff shall appoint some proper person, who is a resident of the county, undersheriff; additionally within 10 days after entering upon the duties of the office of sheriff, the sheriff shall also appoint deputy sheriffs for the county; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors for Marathon County has previously created §5.04, General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County, which describes the process by which deputy sheriffs are appointed and contains strict residency requirements; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stats., §66.0502(4)(b), permits the county to enact a residency requirement on law enforcement that “requires such personnel to reside within 15 miles of the jurisdictional boundaries” of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office has experienced a decrease in the number candidate applications for sworn deputy sheriff positions resulting in a number of changes aimed at expediting the hiring process; and

WHEREAS, to encourage experienced and trained law enforcement professionals who reside outside of Marathon County to apply to the Sheriff’s Office, changes should be made to the residency requirement; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office has determined that allowing sworn deputy sheriffs to reside outside of the county is likely to enhance response time to rural areas of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office shall require any deputy sheriff who resides outside of Marathon County to maintain a 15 minute response time to the county border; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Public Safety Committee met on December 11, 2019 and has voted to approve amendment of the existing ordinances, pursuant to the attached.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon that §5.04, General Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended pursuant to the attached.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND RESOLVED that said amendments to ordinances shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2019.

Discussion: Questions asked and answers provided by Sherriff Parks.

Action: **MOTION BY XIONG, SECOND BY DURHAM TO ENACT THE ORDINANCE. MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 31-0.**

Follow Through: None.

ORDINANCE #O-36-19
REPEALING AND RECREATING SEC. 7.125, GEN. CODE OF ORD., ADDRESSING THE
DESIGNATION OF ATV/UTV ROUTES AND TRAILS AND REGULATION OF ATV/UTV OPERATION
WITHIN MARATHON COUNTY

WHEREAS, § 7.125 of the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County addresses regulation of ATVs in Marathon County; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. §§ 23.33(8)(b), 23.33(11)(a), and 59.02 provide Marathon County authority to designate highways as ATV/UTV routes and regulate the use and operation of ATVs and UTVs on designated routes and trails; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 971.23(10) provides a method for payment of copying costs in cases involving indigent defendants that allows for billing of the State Public Defender’s Office to occur; and

WHEREAS, some local townships and municipalities within Marathon County have adopted individual regulations of ATVs within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, having a uniform set of regulations for the use of ATVs and UTVs within Marathon County would support public safety; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2019, the Marathon County Infrastructure Committee voted to repeal and recreate § 7.125, Gen. Code, pursuant the terms and conditions of the attached addendum.

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

1. To repeal and replace section 7.125 of the General Code of Ordinances, pursuant to the attached.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisions of this ordinance shall be reviewed by the Infrastructure Committee in January, 2021, to determine the effectiveness of the new regulations and the operating hours as defined.

Dated the 17th day of December, 2019.

Discussion: Supervisor Robinson commented that this was a correction Ordinance.

Action: MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY WHITE TO ENACT THE ORDINANCE. MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 30-1, WITH SUPERVISOR GUMZ VOTING NO.

Follow Through: None.

**ORDINANCE #O-37-19
TO CREATE SEC. 2.05(Xx) TASK FORCE ON COUNTY BOARD SIZE**

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2018 the Board of Supervisors for the County of marathon adopted Sec. 2.01(14) of the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County establishing the mechanism for the creation of governance subgroups; and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2019, the Marathon County Executive Committee met to discuss the need to study the size of the County Board in light of the legal requirement that Marathon County go through a redistricting process following the upcoming census in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Committee determined that a task force should be organized to develop a recommendation to the Board regarding the optimal number of County Board Supervisors going forward into the next decade.

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon that Sec. 2.05(XX) of the General Code of Ordinances is hereby created as provided in the attached charter.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND RESOLVED that the Task Force will begin meeting in January 2020 and shall sunset upon the delivery of its recommendation(s) to the Executive Committee.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND RESOLVED that expense reimbursement and travel for task force members who represent Marathon County shall be subject to Rule 20 of the Marathon County Board Rules of Procedure.

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

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of December, 2019.

Discussion: None.

Action: MOTION BY ZRINY, SECOND BY ROBINSON TO ENACT THE ORDINANCE. MOTION CARRIED 28-3 ON A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

AYE: Beastrom, Bove, Buttke, Christensen, Cihlar, Drabek, Durham, Fifrick, Gabor, Guild, Gumz, Krause, Langenhahn, Leahy, Lo, McEwen, Oberbeck, Robinson, Rosenberg, Schaefer, Schlei, Seefeldt, Stark, Tremelling, Wagner, White, Xiong, Zriny - 28

NO: Seubert, Nutting, Johnson - 3

Follow Through: None.

**RESOLUTION #R-62-19
APPROVAL OF TOWN OF RINGLE LOCAL ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

WHEREAS, to §60.62(3) Wis. Stats provides that any Zoning Ordinance and/or map adopted by a Town Board and any amendment thereof shall be subject to the approval of the County Board in counties having a county zoning ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ringle has amended their zoning as shown on the attached report, and WHEREAS, the Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee, having considered the request to review amendments of the Town Zoning Ordinance filed by the Clerk of the Town of Ringle, and duly advised action by the Town, hereby recommends that the County Board approves this amendment as attached.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amendment to the Town of Ringle Zoning Ordinance and/or Zoning map as attached and made part of this record, all of which to be filed with the Marathon County Clerk.

Dated this 5th day of Decemer, 2019.

Discussion: None.

Action: MOTION BY LANGENHAHN, SECOND BY SCHLEI TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION.

MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 30-1, WITH SUPERVISOR ROSENBERG VOTING NO.

Follow Through: None.

**RESOLUTION #R-63-19
APPROVAL OF TOWN OF WESTON LOCAL ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

WHEREAS, to §60.62(3) Wis. Stats provides that any Zoning Ordinance and/or map adopted by a Town Board and any amendment thereof shall be subject to the approval of the County Board in counties having a county zoning ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Weston has amended their zoning as shown on the attached report, and WHEREAS, the Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee, having considered the request to review amendments of the Town Zoning Ordinance filed by the Clerk of the Town of Weston, and duly advised action by the Town, hereby recommends that the County Board approves this amendment as attached.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amendment to the Town of Weston Zoning Ordinance and/or Zoning map as attached and made part of this record, all of which to be filed with the Marathon County Clerk.

Dated this 5th day of December, 2019

Discussion: None.

Action: MOTION BY WHITE, SECOND BY CHRISTENSEN, TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 31-0.

Follow Through: None.

**RESOLUTION #R-64-19
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 2020 Forestry Division Work Plan at its regular meeting held December 3, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors adopted the 2020 Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Budget at its budget meeting November 14, 2019.

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 2020 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 17th day of December, 2019.

Discussion: None.

Action: MOTION BY BOVE, SECOND BY SEEFELDT TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 31-0.

Follow Through: None.

RESOLUTION #R-65-19
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 2020 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 17th day of December, 2019.

Discussion: None.

Action: MOTION BY SCHLEI, SECOND BY BUTTKE, TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 31-0.

Follow Through: None.

RESOLUTION #R-66-19
ADOPTION OF AN UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN FOR MARATHON COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan is a plan intended to guide the continual improvement of park, forest, and trail systems within Marathon County (the County) and assists with the maintenance of the County’s eligibility for State and Federal park and recreation grants; and
WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan is a support document and component of the County’s Comprehensive Plan and Strategic Plan; and
WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan has a short-term horizon (5 years) and is in need of periodic updating and revision; and
WHEREAS, the planning process for this plan update began with a review of the accomplishments resulting from the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan adopted in 2007 and we learned that there were many accomplishments that directly resulted from that plan including the purchasing of additional park and forest land, improving existing facilities, repurposing a landfill to a high quality sports complex, and constructing additional trails to further connect residents and visitors to County parks and forests; and
WHEREAS, the planning process that supports this Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan update has been inclusive including a community survey, public involvement meeting, public input period, and a public hearing; and
WHEREAS, the Park Commission has taken a leadership role in developing specific recommendations for each of the parks in Marathon County.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors does hereby adopt the attached updated Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.
AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry will provide oversight and leadership for the implementation of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2019.

Discussion: None.

Action: MOTION BY DURHAM, SECOND BY NUTTING, TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 31-0.

Follow Through: None.

RESOLUTION #R-67-19
2020 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 Rebecca Frisch, Director of Conservation, Planning, and Zoning, to prepare and submit to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation an application for assistance during 2020 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 \$72,509.00 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 17th day December 2019

Discussion: None.

**Action: MOTION BY WAGNER, SECOND BY ROSENBERG, TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION.
MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 31-0.**

Follow Through: None

RESOLUTION #R-68-19
**TO CREATE ONE (1) FULL-TIME (1.0 FTE) SOCIAL SERVICE COORDINATOR
(CHILD SUPPORT ELEVATE GRANT COORDINATOR) POSITION**

WHEREAS, the mission of the Marathon County Department of Social Services is to strengthen individuals and families by coordinating and providing resources that promote safety and maximize independence to build a strong and healthy community; and
WHEREAS, in 2012, the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement selected Wisconsin and 7 other states to participate in a national project aimed to examine and pilot new ways of operating the child support programs by providing employment services to non-custodial parents; and
WHEREAS, in 2019, the State obtained \$4 million in grant funding that allowed for three counties to apply for participation; and
WHEREAS, Marathon, Racine and Wood Counties were selected to help develop a more positive model for the future of the child support program; and
WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services is recommending the creation of a full-time 1.0 FTE Social Service Coordinator (Child Support ELEVATE Grant Coordinator) is needed to better engage parents and address barriers proactively versus to focus exclusively on enforcement; and
WHEREAS, on December 2, 2019, the Health & Human Services Committee voted to recommend the creation of a full-time 1.0 FTE Social Service Coordinator (Child Support ELEVATE Grant Coordinator) position; and
WHEREAS, on December 9, 2019, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee also voted to recommend the creation of a full-time 1.0 FTE Social Service Coordinator (Child Support ELEVATE Grant Coordinator) position to County Board.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon:

To create one full-time 1.0 FTE Social Service Coordinator (Child Support ELEVATE Grant Coordinator)
Pay Grade B23, position as soon as selection/recruitment can be completed.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of December, 2019.

Discussion: None.

Action: MOTION BY STARK, SECOND BY ROSENBERG, TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 31-0.

Follow Through: None

RESOLUTION #R-69-19
TO CREATE ONE (1) FULL-TIME CONSERVATION SPECIALIST POSITION

WHEREAS, the creation of this position is in alignment with the mission of Conservation Planning & Zoning Department's mission to cooperating with our Federal USDA partners to bring high quality technical assistance to farmers in the Fenwood Creek Watershed to reduce runoff pollution; and
WHEREAS, the creation this position directly supports the County Strategic plan objective 5.2: Promote sound land use decisions that conserve and preserve natural resources in decisions with economic development growth. Outcome #1: "By December 31st, 2022 phosphorus from cropland and farmsteads in the Fenwood Creek Watershed will be reduced by 20%", and
WHEREAS, this position will funded 100% by grants from the United States Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service for a period of three years with a possible extension for two additional years; and
WHEREAS, on December 2, 2019, the Environmental Resources Committee voted to recommend the creation of one full-time FTE Conservation Specialist to the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee; and
WHEREAS, on December 9, 2019, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee also voted to recommend the creation of one (1) fulltime Conservation Specialist, Pay Grade B25 to County Board.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon:

To create one (1) full-time Conservation Specialist position, Pay Grade B25 as soon as selection/recruitment can be completed.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of December, 2019.

Discussion: Questions asked and were answered by Becky Frisch, CPZ Director.

Action: MOTION BY DURHAM, SECOND BY KRAUSE, TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 31-0.

Follow Through: None

RESOLUTION #R-70-19
RESTRUCTURING OF THE PARK, RECREATION, AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Park, Recreation and Forestry Department has identified an opportunity to restructure the department due to an employee retirement that will result in improved effectiveness of the department; and
WHEREAS, the request for restructuring of the Park, Recreation and Forestry Department was referred to the Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee for review, pursuant to §4.20 of the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County; and
WHEREAS, the Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee has reviewed the proposed new structure at their meeting on 12/9/2019, and recommends its adoption.
WHEREAS, the Marathon County Park Commission has reviewed the proposed new structure at their meeting on 12/3/2019, and recommends its adoption.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does ordain the following and approves the implementation of the restructuring as follows:

- 1) Abolish 2 FTE Park and Recreation Manager positions, Pay Grade C52 and,
- 2) Create 1 FTE Assistant Park and Recreation manager, Pay Grade C42 and Create 1 FTE Senior Park and Recreation Manager, Pay Grade D61 effective December 29, 2019, upon the approval of this resolution.

DATED: December 17, 2019

Discussion: None.

Action: MOTION BY SCHAFER, SECOND BY WAGNER, TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 31-0.

Follow Through: None

RESOLUTION #R-71-19
INCREASE RANGE MAXIMUM FOR THE MARATHON COUNTY PAY GRID BY 3% EFFECTIVE
JANUARY 12, 2020

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is authorized to establish wages or salaries, pursuant to §59.22, Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County (except for Public Safety employees) has not adjusted its pay grid since December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee has recommended that on January 12, 2020, that the range maximum for the Marathon County Pay Grid be increased 3%; and

WHEREAS, public safety employees are subject to a collective bargaining agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors for the County of Marathon hereby approves a 3% adjustment to the range maximum for the Marathon County Pay Grid effective January 12, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Pay Grid adjustment will result in no immediate increase in salary since pay increases are based upon successful job performance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper officers of Marathon County are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to effectuate this resolution.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of December, 2019

Discussion: None.

Action: MOTION BY LO, SECOND BY DURHAM, TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 31-0.

Follow Through: None

RESOLUTION #R-72-19
TO DISAPPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF WITTER PROPERTY LOCATED ON COUNTY HIGHWAY
“U” IN THE VILLAGE OF MAINE AND CITY OF WAUSAU, MARATHON COUNTY, FOR THE
PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING FUTURE COUNTY FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the County Board has the authority to acquire or sell property under such terms and conditions as are set by the Board, pursuant to Wis. Stats. §59.52(6); and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Highway Dept. in concert with county administration have sponsored a study of potential building sites for a new Highway Dept. Shop in furtherance of both the Westside Master Plan and the goal to provide safer access to county highways by Highway Dept. equipment; and

WHEREAS, the administrator has negotiated the purchase of certain contiguous pieces of property located on CTH U, in the Village of Maine and City of Wausau, County of Marathon, as further described in the attached Offer to Purchase; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the property have accepted the attached Offer by Marathon County to purchase the property in the amount of \$2,200,000 plus the cost of environmental site assessments, closing costs, title insurance, deed preparation, payment of distribution costs and recording fees; and

WHEREAS, the funds necessary for acquisition will be paid by the Highway Dept. pursuant to a payment schedule set forth in the attached Offer; and

WHEREAS, completion of the contract to purchase said property is contingent on the approve of the County Board, by specific resolution; and

WHEREAS, concerns have arisen since acceptance of the offer regarding the following:

Village of Maine Zoning may restrict the use of said property so as to prevent the County from constructing the kind of buildings and other facilities intended,

The Offer to Purchase includes a Lease-Back provision which would allow the property owners to remain in certain residential dwellings for up to four years until Marathon County is ready to commence building on the site; three of the four dwellings have failing septic systems; and

WHEREAS, the Offer to Purchase also features staggered payments over a period of approximately four years, with a closing date and initial payment no later than December 20, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Finance and Property Committee met on

December 9, 2019, and given the concerns described above, has voted to recommend that the Board NOT approve the purchase of said property because there is not enough time to address the concerns before the closing and initial payment date.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does hereby ordain and resolve as follows:

1. To disapprove the purchase of said property in accordance with the terms and conditions of the accepted Offer to Purchase attached hereto.
2. To authorize the proper county officials to continue to work with the property owners to restructure the Offer to Purchase to address the concerns described above.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of December, 2019

Discussion: Administrator Karger provided background and context on the resolution. Questions were asked and responses were provided by the administrator.

Action: MOTION BY STARK, SECOND BY ROBINSON, TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 31-0.

Follow Through: None

**RESOLUTION #R-73-19
ADOPT POLICY ON COUNTY SUPPORT OF SPORTS EVENTS
PROPOSED TO OCCUR ON COUNTY HIGHWAYS**

WHEREAS, Marathon County has in the last decade become known state-wide as a center of sports tourism; WHEREAS, sports tourism contributes to the quality of life we enjoy and brings economic benefits; WHEREAS, County departments including Parks, Highway and Sheriff's Department has received multiple requests to support events which are envisioned to occur on the County Highways; WHEREAS, the County departments have been responding with little or no coordination or policy guidance; WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee became aware of the problem and asked the County Administrator to propose a solution; WHEREAS, the County Administrator pulled together all of the correct entities and created a draft policy for the Public Safety Committee to consider; and WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee reviewed the draft provided to them at their December meeting, granted it their support and decided to recommend it to the Board of Supervisors for adoption. NOW, THEREFORE the Board of Supervisors, County of Marathon, WI adopts the attached policy on County Support of Sports Events Proposed to Occur on County Highways and directs the interim County Administrator to oversee its implementation.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2019.

Action: MOTION BY WAGNER, SECOND BY SCHLEI TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION.

Discussion: Supervisor Robinson expressed concern about non-county highways and impact on parks. He requested the resolution be postponed.

Action: MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY ROSENBERG TO POSTPONE THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 30-1 WITH WAGNER VOTING NO.

Follow Through: Postponed pending further information and discussion.

**RESOLUTION #R-74-19
LUNAR NEW YEAR**

WHEREAS, A portion of Asian American residents of Marathon County and Central Wisconsin celebrate the Lunar New Year; and

WHEREAS, This special holiday ushers in the spring season, a new beginning, when the Asian community reflects on the past and makes plans for the future; and

WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year, celebrated in many Asian communities, falls between the end of January and the middle of February, but the festive spirit of the season remains constant; and

WHEREAS, The eve of the holiday's three-day festival is spent cleaning houses, visiting ancestral graves, and preparing a ceremonial meal; the Lunar New Year traditionally serves as a time to reunite with family members, renew special friendships, and remember past experiences, in preparation for good things to come; and

WHEREAS, The celebration of Lunar New Year events and programming in Marathon County illustrates the County's rich cultural history and commitment to ethnic and cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, The Asian community plays a vital role in the business, professional, and cultural life of Marathon County, and the Lunar New Year provides a fitting opportunity to recognize these fine citizens and to celebrate our common goals of peace and harmony for all humanity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the County of Marathon does hereby recognize The Lunar New Year on an annual basis to increase understanding of Asian Americans residing in Central Wisconsin, encourages the citizens of Marathon County to learn, embrace and celebrate the Lunar New Year and to extend all cultures celebrating the holiday sincere best wishes for health and happiness in the coming year.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2019.

Discussion: No questions were asked but comments were made by multiple supervisors.

Action: MOTION BY WAGNER, SECOND BY LO, TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 30-1, WITH SCHAEFER VOTING NO.

Follow Through: None

**RESOLUTION #R-75-19
RECOGNIZING BRAD KARGER'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO MARATHON COUNTY AND HIS
RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Brad Karger has served the residents of Marathon County for over 31 years, serving as Human Resources Director, Deputy County Administrator and most recently as County Administrator; and WHEREAS, during his tenure as Human Resources Manager, Brad developed and conducted a Sexual Harassment Education program to increase employees understanding and improve our work environment; and

WHEREAS, in 1992 he provided leadership in the development of a Diversity Education program for supervisors and managers to address issues surrounding race and sexual orientation which received a NACo Achievement Award in 1994 and was included as a model program by the Clinton Administration as part of the President's "One America in the 21st Century" initiative; and

WHEREAS, while serving as Deputy County Administrator he provided leadership in the development and implementation of the West Side Master Plan, which resulted in the construction of the Center for Civic Engagement, and led the team that successfully negotiated with 32 property owners to acquire the land for the new building without the use of eminent domain; and

WHEREAS, throughout Brad's career he has been committed to developing future leaders through the Leadership Academy, mentoring others, the development of the MLK training day to increase awareness and understanding of differences, and serving as an example for others in implementing the County's Core Values, resulting in his receiving the "Wisconsin Idea" Award from UW Extension for his support of lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as County Administrator he has continued to work on improving the quality of decision making by leading efforts to implement the Priority Based Budgeting Program, engaging the County Board in the development of budget assumptions and priorities and implementation of the County's Strategic Plan; and WHEREAS during his tenure he has worked to form coalitions to increase the community's understanding of complex issues, as exemplified by the County Board approving the acquisition and development of the East Bay Sports Complex at the former Holtz Krause Landfill; and

WHEREAS Brad has been recognized for his contributions by numerous other organizations including the Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired for "Outstanding Public Service" for helping people with visual disabilities find jobs with Marathon County Government and with other area employers in 2010; and the United Way's "Partner in Caring" Award in 2012 for his advocacy for people in the community who need support beyond what government can provide. The Wausau Daily Herald recognized him as one of the people of the year on three separate occasions for his efforts to "open up" the budget process to the public in 2008, for Diversity Initiatives including building modifications to better accommodate the disabled in 2010, and his leadership in addressing community issues in 2016; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with the County, Brad has been an active leader in the community serving in several leadership positions with the Wausau Area Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club. He led efforts to improve the quality and depth of Blue Gill Bay, which resulted in an improved fishing spot for area residents. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors recognizes the contributions that Brad Karger has provided to improve the quality of services provided by Marathon County and thanks him for his many years of dedicated service to improving the quality of life for our residents. In addition, the County Board would like to thank him for his leadership and wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

Dated December 17, 2019

Discussion: Comments were made by multiple supervisors thanking the administrator for his service.

Action: MOTION BY ZRINY, SECOND BY NUTTING, TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, 31-0.

Follow Through: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Clerk requested signatures from appropriate committee members.
- Clerk expressed sympathies to the families of Craig McEwen and Jean Maszk. Both of their mothers passed away since the last board meeting. Clerk also expressed sympathies to the family of Jeff Johnson, whose brother also passed away.
- Clerk distributed direct contact information for the County Clerk's office staff and introduced Heather Zunker, the new Administrative Specialist in the County Clerk's office.
- Clerk announced that all non-candidacy paperwork is due by Friday, December 27th at 5:00 p.m. For those running again, Declaration of Candidacy, Campaign Finance Registration and nomination signatures are due by January 7th, at 5:00 p.m. Courthouse will be open until 5:00 p.m. both days.
- Supervisor Xiong invited board members to an event at the Wausau Center Mall this Thursday, December 19th recognizing 15 years of partnerships within the community since the closure of the Hmong refugee camp and the many successful years of assimilation since.
- Supervisor Durham reminded the board about the CWA meeting this Friday, December 20th at 8 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY LANGENHAHN, SECOND BY BUTTKE TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather Zunker, Administrative Specialist