



# MARATHON COUNTY RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE

## AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting Location: **Employee Resources Conference Room (C-149), Courthouse**

**Committee Members:** Craig McEwen, Chair; Tim Buttke, Randy Fifrick, Jacob Langenhahn, John Robinson, Romey Wagner, Jeff Zriny

**Supporting Staff:** Lance Leonhard, Scott Corbett

**Marathon County Mission Statement:** *Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit and do business.*

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approval of the September 16, 2019, committee meeting minutes.
3. Review and Recommend Marathon County Board Rules\* Suggested Changes
4. Future Meeting Dates and Times
  - A. Next Meeting Times and Dates To Be Determined.
5. Adjournment

\*Marathon County Code of Ordinances can be found online at the link below:

[https://www.municode.com/library/wi/marathon\\_county/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeld=12551](https://www.municode.com/library/wi/marathon_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeld=12551)

or go to the Marathon County website, click on Government, then Code of Ordinances

Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 715-261-1500. For TDD telephone service, call the Employee Resources Department at 715-261-1451.

**SIGNED** /s/ Craig McEwen  
Presiding Officer or Designee

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 FAXED TO: Mid-West Radio Group  
 FAXED BY: M. Palmer  
 FAXED DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# MARATHON COUNTY RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

## MINUTES

Monday, September 16, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Employee Resources Conference Room (C-149), Courthouse

Attendance:	Present	Absent
Craig McEwen, Chair	X	
Tim Buttke	X	
Randy Fifrick	X	
Jacob Langenhahn	X	
John Robinson		EX
Romey Wagner	X	
Jeff Zriny		EX

**Also Present:** Kurt Gibbs, Scott Corbett, Lance Leonhard

### Agenda Items:

#### 1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair McEwen called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

### Policy Discussion and Possible Action

#### 1. Review and Recommend Marathon County Board Rules Suggested Changes

##### **Discussion:**

Chair McEwen begins the meeting by explaining the role of the Rules Review Committee, specifically noting that the committee is charged with preparing a draft rules document for the next county board to consider when it is seated following the upcoming election. McEwen further notes that the committee does report to the Executive Committee of the County Board.

McEwen explains that the Committee will begin its work by simply brainstorming as a group of the areas that members believe the committee should address during this session of the Rules Review Committee. After generating a list of areas to address, McEwen indicates that the committee will then work through the existing rules to make any necessary modifications.

During the brainstorming activity members highlight the following areas to address:

- Resolution & Referendum process
- Meeting times
  - o Full board voting meeting
  - o Committee meeting time standardization
- County Board Education Meeting Agenda layout
  - o Potential value in having Education occur after discussion of resolutions and ordinance amendments to reduce necessary presence
- County Board supervisor reimbursement process and timeframes
  - o Members articulate potential value and efficiency in adopting process used by all county employees
- "Cleaning up" reference in rules to past Task Forces
- Reconsideration rule – members express value in clarifying:
  - o The timing when such requests can be made,
  - o Who can make such requests ("non-present" no votes)
  - o Potential for different rules depending on nature of discussion item (e.g., budget items)
- Clarification of Committee roles, responsibilities, and membership
  - o Metropolitan Planning Organization
  - o Environmental Resources Committee – include a discussion of the effectiveness

- o of the recent combination of the Land Conservation and Environmental Resources committees
- o Review the combination of IT Committee with the Highway Committee to form Infrastructure Committee
- Discussion of potential value in combining other committees
  - o One suggestion in light of frequent overlap in Strategic Plan goals was to combine Health & Human Services with the Public Safety Committee to create a Public Health and Safety Committee
- New Position Request process
  - o Review whether the Standing Committee approval requirement still has value
- Clarification of County Board Supervisors ability to direct staff
- Agenda setting responsibility

McEwen requests that Administration and Corporation Counsel work to identify the existing rule that most closely relates to the respective topics listed above.

2. Future Meeting Dates and Times

A. Next meet is Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.

3. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, **MOTION BY BUTTKE, SECOND BY WAGNER, TO ADJOURN THE RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED, MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:18 p.m.**

Minutes Prepared  
By Lance Leonhard  
on September 17, 2019.