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MARATHON COUNTY**



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.

ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA with MINUTES

THE ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors, composed of thirty-eight (38) members, will convene at the Marathon County Courthouse, Assembly Room, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. to consider the following matters:

The meeting will be broadcast on Public Access or at <https://tinyurl.com/MarathonCountyBoard>

A. OPENING OF SESSION:

1. Meeting called to order by County Board Chair at 6:00 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 cell phones and other electronic devices
5. Roll Call – on roll call, 28 supervisors were present as shown:

Aarrestad	17	Lemmer	2
Boetz	12 (W)	Marshall	20 (Excused)
Conway	16	Maszk	26
Covelli	33	Morache	6 (Excused)
DeBroux	11	Opall	37 (Excused)
Dickinson	29	Poole	36
Drabek	31	Radtke	10
Endres	24	Reynolds	30
Fifrick	15 (Absent)	Ritter	13 (Absent)
Foote	9	Robinson	4
Gibbs	32	Rosenberg	21
Griner	5 (Excused)	Schoenborn	18
Hagen	28	Seefeldt	14
Hart	3	Seubert	27
Harteringer	22 (Excused)	Sondelski	25
Hoppa	7	Ungerer	8
Jensen	38 (Excused)	Voll	23
Kroll	1	Wilhelm	34
Kurth	35	Xiong	19 (Excused)

6. Acknowledgment of visitors
7. 15 Minute Public Comment – Brian Dillinger, Town of Day, spoke in support of the town’s zoning plan.

B. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

8. Standing Committee Chairs or Designees

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

9. Approval of minutes from the January 22 & 27, 2026 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.

12. Appointment:
a) 2026 Emergency Fire Wardens – Jeff Khyos (Mosinee) & Jerry and Jodi Bloch (Hamburg)

Discussion: None.

Action: Motion by Robinson, Second by Reynolds to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried on a roll call

vote unanimously.

Follow Through: None.

D. ORDINANCES

13. Environmental Resources Committee:

1. Town of Frankfort Rezone – Tim Vreeland for Larry Mueller #O-5-26

Discussion: None.

Action: Motion by Drabek, Second by Covelli to approve the rezone. Motion carried on a roll call vote unanimously.

Follow Through: None.

2. Town of Green Valley Rezone – Tim Vreeland for Tim and & Stephanie Spaeth #O-6-26

Discussion: None.

Action: Motion by Conway, Second by Schoenborn to approve the rezone. Motion carried on a roll call vote unanimously.

Follow Through: None.

Action: Motion by Seefeldt, Second by Robinson to amend per CPZ. Motion as amended carried on a roll call vote unanimously.

3. Town of McMillan Rezone – Jason Pflieger for Garry Shulman #O-7-26

Discussion: None.

Action: Motion by Covelli, Second by Kurth to approve the rezone. Motion carried on a roll call vote unanimously.

Follow Through: None.

14. Infrastructure Committee:

1. Town of Bergen – No Parking on County Road O #O-8-26

Discussion: None.

Action: Motion by Robinson, Second by Bootz to approve the ordinance. Motion carried 27-1 on a roll call vote with Endres voting No.

Follow Through: None.

RESOLUTIONS

E. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

15. Town of Day Zoning Code Adoption #R-8-26

Discussion: None.

Action: Motion by Drabek, Second by Maszk to approve the resolution. Motion carried on a roll call vote unanimously.

Follow Through: None.

F. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

16. Approval of the Administrator's 2026 Work Plan #R-9-26

Discussion: None.

Action: Motion by Seefeldt, Second by Robinson to approve the resolution. Motion carried on a roll call vote unanimously.

Follow Through: None.

G. INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE:

17. Sustainable Transportation Funding Resolution

#R-10-26

Discussion: None.

Action: Motion by Robinson, Second by Maszk to approve the resolution. Motion carried 27-0 on a roll call vote with Poole abstaining.

Follow Through: None.

H. HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

18. Amend the 2026 Budget to Accept a Donation to the Marathon County Veterans Service

Commission

#R-11-26

Discussion: None.

Action: Motion by Poole , Second by Aarrestad to approve the resolution. Motion carried on a roll call vote unanimously.

Follow Through: None.

I. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

19. Announcements and/or requests

20. Move to adjourn - Motion by Seefeldt, Second by Reynolds to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

APPOINTMENT

2026 Emergency Fire Wardens - Jeff Khyos (Mosinee) & Jerry and Jodi Bloch (Hamburg)

ORDINANCES

#O-5-26 - Town of Frankfort Rezone – Tim Vreeland for Larry Mueller

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 Larry Mueller to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential located in part of the northeast ¼ of the fractional northwest ¼ of Section 31, Township 28 North, Range 3 East, Town of Frankfort. Area to be rezoned to R-R Rural Residential is described as Lot 1 of the preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel #026-2803-312-0999.

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 February 3, 2026 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 Frankfort hereby recommends the petition be GRANTED AS APPLIED FOR

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, 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.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

#O-6-26 - Town of Green Valley Rezone – Tim Vreeland for Tim and Stephanie Spaeth

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 Tim and Stephanie Spaeth to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from R-R Rural Residential to L-D-R Low Density Residential located in part of the Northeast ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 10, Township 26 North, Range 5 East, Town of Green Valley. Parent Parcel #030-2605-102-0996

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 February 3, 2026 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 Green Valley hereby recommends the petition be GRANTED AS APPLIED FOR

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, 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.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

#O-7-26 - Town of McMillan Rezone – Jason Pflieger for Garry Shulman

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 Jason Pflieger on behalf of Garry Shulman to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning code to rezone lands from F-P Farmland Preservation to R-E Rural Estate located in part of the Southwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 35, Township 26 North, Range 3 East, Town of McMillan. Area to be rezoned to R-E Rural Estate is described as Lot 2 of the preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel #056-2603-353-0997.

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 February 3, 2026 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 BE IT RESOLVED, 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.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

#O-8-26 - Town of Bergen – No Parking on County Road O

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Infrastructure Committee deems it necessary to restrict parking on C.T.H. “O” in the Town of Bergen between Basswood Lane and Strand Lane on the east side of the roadway.

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

1. Amend Section 7.06 of the General Code of Ordinances for the purpose of providing for the installation of no parking signs on C.T.H. “O” in the Town of Bergen between Basswood Lane and Strand Lane on the east side of the roadway.
2. Authorize the Marathon County Highway Department to install and maintain said no parking signs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said ordinance will take effect the day after passage and publication as provided by law.

Note: A copy of this ordinance shall be forwarded to the Marathon County Sheriff's Department and the Town of Bergen.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTIONS

#R-8-26 - Town of Day Zoning Code Adoption

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 Day is in the process of adopting thier own zoning ordiance, transitioning fron no zoning to local town zoning, as shown on the attached report, and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee, having considered the request to review the Town Zoning Ordinance filed by the Clerk of the Town of Day and duly advised action by the Town, hereby recommends that the County Board approves this zoning ordinance as attached.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

#R-9-26 - Approval of the Administrator's 2026 Work Plan

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board Rules call for the formal adoption of a work plan for the County

Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the work plan clarifies to the Administrator the priorities of work for the year; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Executive Committee has received a series of updates on the progress relative to the 2025 Work Plan to determine work priorities for the County Administrator for 2026; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2026, the Executive Committee approved a 2026 work plan for the County Administrator as attached and recommended adoption of the plan by the County Board of Supervisors.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors hereby approves and adopts the attached County Administrator's 2026 work plan.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#R-10-26 - Sustainable Transportation Funding Resolution

WHEREAS, local units of government in Wisconsin own and maintain approximately 90% of the public Road miles in the state, including county highways, town roads, and city and village streets; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's economy—rooted in agriculture, manufacturing, and tourism—relies on a safe, reliable, and well-maintained transportation network; and

WHEREAS, local governments greatly appreciate the one-time infusions of General Purpose Revenue, primarily sales and income taxes, and other revenue provided in recent state budgets, which have enabled the initiation and continuation of the successful and popular Local Roads Improvement Program Supplemental (LRIP-S) and Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP); and

WHEREAS, despite modest increases from the state over the years, transportation aids to local governments remain insufficient to keep pace with inflation and rising construction costs, leaving many communities funded below 2000 levels in real dollars; and

WHEREAS, local governments throughout Wisconsin continue to struggle to perform even routine maintenance, pavement preservation, and safety improvements, resulting in deteriorating roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, the inaugural inventory and assessment of small bridges between 6 to 20 feet found about 10% of the nearly 17,000 structures to be in poor or severe condition; and

WHEREAS, levy limits and other fiscal constraints prevent local governments from independently filling the funding gap created by inadequate state transportation aids; and

WHEREAS, absent sustainable state funding, many communities have been forced to address their shortfalls by significantly increasing borrowing, deferring essential projects, or imposing local vehicle registration ("wheel") taxes; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin motorists currently pay among the lowest transportation user fees in the Midwest, while neighboring states and dozens of others nationwide have enacted long-term revenue measures to keep their transportation systems competitive; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is increasingly relying on General Purpose Revenues to make needed investments, potentially pitting transportation against other vital services, such as education; and

WHEREAS, continued lack of growing, dedicated, and predictable revenue places Wisconsin at a growing economic disadvantage by threatening the efficiency of freight movement, the safety of travelers, and the attractiveness of our state to businesses and residents; and

WHEREAS, both Wisconsin's aging Interstate highway system—largely constructed in the 1950s and 1960s—and our extensive network of state and local roads require predictable, adequate, and sustainable funding to meet current and future needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors strongly urges the Governor of Wisconsin and the State Legislature to enact a comprehensive, sustainable transportation funding solution that:

1. Provides adequate and reliable revenue growth for the efficient long-term planning and execution of state and local transportation programs;
2. Includes responsible and prudent use of General Purpose Revenue and bonding;
3. Adjusts any new and existing transportation user fees and other revenue mechanisms to sustain purchasing power in order to maintain and improve Wisconsin's transportation infrastructure; and
4. Ensures transportation continues to deliver for Wisconsin by adequately funding reconstruction, preservation, and safety investments on the state and local systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor's office, all members of the Wisconsin State Senate and Assembly representing districts within Marathon County and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

#R-11-26 - Amend the 2026 Budget to Accept a Donation to the Marathon County Veterans Service Commission

WHEREAS, Section 65.90(5)(a) dictates that appropriations in the Marathon County budget may not be modified

unless authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the County Board of Supervisors; and
 WHEREAS, the Marathon County Veteran Service Commission (“VSC”) was established under Wisconsin Statutes §45.81, which authorizes counties to maintain a commission to provide aid to needy or disabled veterans and to accept gifts or donations to assist in carrying out its duties; and
 WHEREAS, the Veteran Service Commission has received an offer of a \$50 donation from a community member to support programs aiding Marathon County veterans; and
 WHEREAS, these donated funds will be used in accordance with Wis. Stat. §45.81 to assist veterans and their families through the Commission’s emergency assistance fund or veteran welfare programs, including transportation or direct aid needs; and
 WHEREAS, acceptance of this donation requires a budget amendment to record the funds and ensure proper accounting and oversight consistent with county financial procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Marathon County Board of Supervisors authorizes the budget amendment as listed below for 2026:

Increase Revenues \$50.00	101 CC_54701 RC_48500
Increase Expenditure \$50.00	101 CC_54701 SC_57170

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Class 1 notice of transaction shall be published on the county website within (15) days of its adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Marathon County Clerk to issue checks pursuant to this resolution and the Marathon County Treasurer to honor said checks.

Fiscal Impact: Increase the 2026 Budget \$50.00 in donation revenues, \$50.00 for Veteran assistance expenditures.

Legal Note: As an amendment to the 2026 budget, this resolution requires a 2/3 majority vote for approval.

HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Minutes prepared by Kim Trueblood, County Clerk