

From: David Baker <David.Baker@co.marathon.wi.us>
Date: November 9, 2023 at 7:01:37 AM CST
To:
Subject: Re: Re: [EXTERNAL] proposed budget resolution

Cynthia,

It is unfortunate that I had to make estimates without complete data, but it was not due to a lack of effort on my part.

I requested year end estimates for the Library at the October 5th EEED meeting, but was informed that the Library was going to use the entire 2023 budget, which is an assertion that doesn't seem to be supported by the data.

I repeated my request by email, this time to County staff, the following day on October 6th. County staff reached out to the Library and I included the additional data provided from MC Deputy Director Holman in my analysis.

It is unfortunate that the additional data required to more accurately estimate the 2023 Library spending wasn't provided until yesterday's meeting, which was approximately 24 hours before our budget meeting and after I provided the initial proposal.

As I mentioned in the meeting yesterday, I am updating my analysis with this untimely provided data and will revise my proposal accordingly.

Sincerely,

David Baker
Marathon County District 23 Supervisor

Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 8:19 PM
To: David Baker <David.Baker@co.marathon.wi.us>
Subject: RE: Re: [EXTERNAL] proposed budget resolution

Supervisor Baker -

After watching today's Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee Meeting, it appears your resolution and budget for the Marathon County Library are not yet ready for prime time. If Chair Gibbs was able to find \$158,000 in omissions, how many more are there that have yet to come to light and may not prior to tomorrow's vote? More time for scrutiny and research needs to be done than can be accomplished in 24 hours.

Cynthia Schaefer

From: "David Baker" <David.Baker@co.marathon.wi.us>
Sent: Mon, Nov 06 2023 08:21 PM
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] proposed budget resolution
Cynthia,

The information that you requested can be found at these 2 links.

Supervisor Baker's Amendment to Fully Fund the
Library and Save Marathon County Taxpayers
\$165,000.
supervisorbaker.blog

Library Budget and Tax Levy Review: Marathon County
Public Library
supervisorbaker.blog

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

David Baker
Marathon County Board Supervisor, District 23
715-574-3519

On Nov 5, 2023, at 3:08 PM, David Baker <David.Baker@co.marathon.wi.us> wrote:

Cynthia,

Thank you for your interest in and concern for the Marathon County Public Library.

I haven't presented the proposed library resolution yet. I am working on the resolution and a detailed explanation of the budget numbers today.

I expect to have these items completed by tomorrow and will email you a link when they are completed.

Sincerely,

David Baker
Marathon County Board Supervisor, District 23
715-574-3519

Supervisor Baker -

Kindly explain, in detail, using concrete numbers, how your resolution would actually increase the budget to the Marathon Co. Library System, as you stated during the meeting on Thursday, November 2, 2023. The information in the resolution does not adequately clarify your statement.

Thank you.

Cynthia DuChateau Schaefer
resident of District 23