

Executive Committee Meeting Wednesday, April 7, 2021 – 8:00 a.m.

Barron County Government Center - Auditorium 335 East Monroe Avenue – Barron, Wisconsin 54812

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Public Meeting Notification
- 3. Special Matters and Announcements (Non-Action Items)
- 4. Approve Agenda
- 5. Public Comment
- 6. Approve Minutes of March 5, 2021
- Work from Home / Tele-Work Policies to 9-1-2020 and Consideration of Options

 Request to Work Out-of-State 2022 (Aging / ADRC Employee)
- 8. Office Opening Guidance for Aging / ADRC, Veterans Offices and Child Support Agency
- 9. Use of Highway Fund Balance to Develop Road Construction / Repair Plans for Future Projects
- 10. Potential American Rescue Plan Projects a. Ann Street School
- 11. Employee Payroll Deductions for Ed Vest
- 12. 2020 Departmental Overdrafts
- 13. Staff Reports & Updates
 - a. Redistricting Update
 - b. Review Overtime Savings Jail
 - c. Auditorium Upgrades
 - d. Update on Rail Lines
 - e. Strategic Planning Work Group Review of Goals
- 14. Review Voucher Edit Lists
- 15. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items
- 16. Set Date for Next Meeting
- 17. Adjournment

PLEASE CALL 715-537-6841 IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND

- cc: Okey, Horstman, Hanson, Thompson, Heinecke, McRoberts, Rindsig, Bartlett, Buchanan, Administrator, Corp Counsel, HR Director, Finance Director, Treasurer, Website & 3 Public Postings
- Any person with a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act and requires the meeting or materials at the meeting to be in an accessible format must contact the County Clerk's office at 715-537-6200 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting so that arrangements can be made to accommodate your request.

NOTICE OF POSSIBLE QUORUM

It is possible that a quorum of the County Board or another Barron County committee, including the Highway Committee, may be in attendance. It is not intended for this meeting to include any other committee other than the Executive Committee unless specifically posted as such. There will not be any formal discussion or any official action taken of any pending or future matters pertaining to Barron County under the authority of any committee, including the Highway Committee, at this meeting other than the Executive Committee as posted on this agenda. **BARRON COUNTY**

Department of Administration

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TO: Executive Committee

FROM: Jeff French, Administrator

DATE: April 1, 2021

RE: April Executive Committee Agenda

- **#7.** Work from Home & Tele-Work Policies to 9-1-2021 and Consideration of Options: HR Director Richie and I are recommending the following schedule as it relates to Work From Home, or Telework Options for County employees.
 - May 1st, 2021 employees are required to be on-site 1 day per week, minimum.
 - September 13th, 2021, employees are required to be on-site 2 days per week, minimum.
 - February 1st, 2022, employees are required to be on-site 3 days per week, minimum, with a working trial period to August 2022 and then revisit the policy, or extend for another six months.

It is my opinion this is a very "middle-of-the-road-approach" to addressing this work option. This schedule would exclude Economic Support, which is already allowed to work exclusively from home, this is a State controlled issue, and excluding Social Workers. Also, note this would be the minimum, if a Dept. Head chooses otherwise then more on-site days are required of the employee. All work from home / telework is subject to Department Head approval.

I recommend approving this policy change.

a. Update Mary Updike, request to work remotely in 2022

This Committee had previously approved Mary to work remotely from Arizona for an extended period of time. I have approved her to work in 2022, remotely, for a period of eight (8) weeks, four weeks working and four weeks using vacation, with a specific weekly schedule to be approved by her supervisor Jen Jako.

- **#8.** Office Opening Guidance for Aging/ADRC, Veterans and Child Support Agency: I will let Jen Jako take the lead on this and based on guidance from the State. Currently the offices are closed to direct walk-in traffic until April 30th. Also, this isn't necessarily an all-ornothing decision for these three departments.
- **#9.** Use of Highway Fund Balance to Develop Road Construction / Repair Plans for Future Project: The Highway Committee approved the use of up to \$250,000 in Highway Fund Balance to hire a consultant to develop the plans for road construction projects on a portion of CTH P and

a portion of CTH U. These are projects that will need to be completed in the future and by having the plans completed it is possible that additional funding may become available for "shovel-ready" projects that are through the planning process.

#10. Potential Projects Pertaining to the American Rescue Plan:

Barron County is estimated to receive \$8.7M dollars in direct financial aid from the Federal Government as a result of the American Rescue Plant Act. I have included with the packet a listing of the potential uses for those dollars. Please understand that at this time this is a moving target as to what is an allowable expenditure, and what is not, with further guidance is to be forthcoming from the US Treasury Department. The Strategic Planning Work Group also reviewed this document and recommend Department Heads rank these projects, and then have the ranked projects approved by the County Board for further exploration as to possible costs.

a. Anne Street School:

I have included the letter received from the Rice Lake School System notifying us of their intentions to vacate the school by August 31st. Since 1978, updated in 2005, there has been an agreement in place with RL Schools for their use of that building as a school. My plans are to ask this Committee and the Property Committee to allow the unexpended funds from Health and Human Services to be used for infrastructure improvements to that facility and then to use it as "hub" for HHS, for the Community Support Program and other County purposes.

No action is needed at this time on either of these Agenda items but rather my purpose is to provide this information as a mechanism in making good decisions.

#11. Employee Payroll Deduction for ED Vest:

HR Director Riche was approached by Jessica Fandrich, College Savings Program Investment Finance Officer, with the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) inquiring if Barron County would allow employees, through voluntary payroll tax deductions, to contribute to ED Vest thereby allowing employees to make contributions toward college for their children or grandchildren. These deductions occur via direct deposit from the employee's payroll account and are post-tax with the employee taking the tax deduction on their individual tax return. Rachael can provide additional information at the meeting if necessary.

I have no concerns with the Committee allowing this no cost voluntary benefit.

#12. 2020 Departmental Overdrafts:

Jodi has detailed out the individual line-item overdrafts from the various General Fund Departments.

I recommend transferring from Unassigned Fund Balance the amounts necessary to fund these overdrafts.

#13. Staff Updates:

a. Redistricting Update:

The latest information I have regarding the required redistricting, this year, is that the Census Bureau will not be releasing the final census data until September 30th and therefore we cannot meet the statutory, day(s), deadline for taking out papers by Board Supervisors in December.

According to the information I received from Mr. Jim Tripp, who is our representative on the WCA Board of Directors, "What seems most likely to happen is that legislation will be passed postponing redistricting to 2022 and extending the terms of County Board Supervisors for one year." <u>Also Rhonda Sukys our GIS Specialist will be providing additional information.</u>

b. Review of Overtime Savings – Jail:

At the request of Chair Okey, and included with the packet, is an overtime analysis prepared by Penny Pierce from the Sheriff's Department which details the savings in overtime as a result of hiring the four (4) jailer positions at the Justice Center. The reduction in cost savings from 2019 to 2020 can in-part be attributed to the COVID outbreak.

c. Auditorium Upgrades:

I have included with the packet the March 26th, rendition of what the improvements to the Auditorium as proposed will be. This information will also have been presented to the Property Committee on April 5th, and my hope is that the will approve this design and we can move the project forward.

d. Updated on Rails:

<u>Union Pacific and Canadian National Line, Cameron:</u> I was asked by Supervisor Banks to investigate if there has or had been any movement on reconnecting the rail line in the Village of Cameron, the CN has informed me that they are not opposed to line reconnection provided there is sufficient, contracted, tonnage to support re-opening the line.

<u>Passenger Rail – Altoona, (Eau Claire), to Mpls/St. Paul:</u> I did attend the Eau Claire Passenger Rail Coalition webinar on Tuesday March 16th, there isn't a lot of substantive information to share other than they claim that the route would be viable with four (4) trains per day. However, what I do find interesting is the information they presented on the number of passenger rail initiatives across the Country, in such places as Houston to Dallas, Miami, eastern seaboard, and California, which experienced a 9% increase in passenger rail ridership. The point is passenger rail is very popular with younger people in metropolitan areas. My recommendation goingforward is to monitor this possibility.

e. Strategic Planning Work Group – Update:

Included with the packet is this year's updated Strategic Planning Objectives matched to the Directional Statements.

#14. Voucher Edit Lists:

Edit lists are included with the packet and paper copies will be on the table for your review

#15. Future Agenda Items:

Discuss/review non-union salary adjustments in-light of the contract settlement with WPPA

#16. Next Meeting Date: Friday, May 7th

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021 - 8:00 AM

Barron County Government Center – Auditorium 335 East Monroe Avenue - Barron, Wisconsin 54812

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Louie Okey, Karolyn Bartlett, Dale Heinecke, Jerry McRoberts, Russell Rindsig, Burnell Hanson, Stan Buchanan, Gary Nelson (alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marv Thompson, Don Horstman

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Jeff French, HR Director Rachael Richie, Corp Counsel John Muench, Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald, County Clerk DeeAnn Cook

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Rogers, Dave Armstrong, Ruth Erickson, Ryan Urban

CALL TO ORDER AND PUBLIC NOTIFICATION: Chair Okey called the meeting to order at 8 AM. Compliance with public notification was stated.

SPECIAL MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - French provided updates regarding vaccination clinics here and at Barron Electric; LCC Extension Ag Position has not been filled; redistricting issues; Strategic Planning will meet on March 24; employee polo shirts order being worked on.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion: (Hanson / Heinecke) to approve agenda. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2021 MEETING: Motion: (Rindsig / McRoberts) to approve as presented. Carried

DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY - French provided information. We currently do not have a debt management policy. Financial Advisors have suggested that we have a policy in place. Finance Director Busch created a policy that is included in the packet. **Motion: (Buchanan / Nelson)** to approve policy. Carried.

BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN - French provided information. Our joint application with Polk County inadvertently went into a file cabinet instead of going to Madison. DOT will include our grant application with their state wide SPR funding and Barron County needs to come up with a 20% match. **Motion: (Rindsig / Hanson)** to allocate up to \$12,000 out of Contingency for bike plan. Carried.

ESTABLISH DATES FOR INTERVIEWS FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS MANAGER AND ASSISTANT TO COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Wednesday, April 21 date is recommended for Executive to interview candidates. Motion: (Bartlett / McRoberts) to approve April 21, 2021 as date for the Executive meeting to interview candidates. Carried

STAFF REPORT / UPDATES -

- Work from Home Policy Extension Jeff and Rachael are working on policy and will bring policy forward
- Forward Analytics Sales Tax Data Analysis in packet. Graph circulated.
- Carryover of Election Cyber Security Funds Grant dollars part spent in 2020 part in 2021

REVIEW OF VOUCHER EDIT LISTS - Lists set out on table for review

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS -

- Work from Home Policies
- Redistricting

SET NEXT MEETING DATE - Wednesday, April 7, 2021 8AM

WPPA CONTRACT RATIFICATION - Motion: (Bartlett/Rindsig) to go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating purchase of public properties, investing public funds, or other specific business, or whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Included in the meeting are Muench, French, Richie and all board members present. Carried on a roll call vote with all present voting yes.

French took minutes during the closed session and for the remainder of the meeting.

#14. Motion Heinecke/Nelson, to return to open session, Carried

Motion Hanson//Nelson, To accept negotiated three year contract with WPPA Union and to forward to County Board for ratification. Carried.

#15. Adjourn: Declared adjourned by unanimous consent, Chair Okey, 8.39am

Respectfully Submitted, DeeAnn Cook, Barron County Clerk Minutes are not official until approved by the Executive Committee at their next meeting.

Barron County Barron Wisconsin ARPA Funding Project Listing OPD 2021-3-19

Treasurer: Backfill reduced interest revenue **Response:** Yes, specifically allowed

Tourism - Economic Development: Media Works - Winter Episode

Non-Departmental - Countywide:

Expand and strength broadband coverage

County-wide phone system

AED's for County vehicles

Building @ J/C to house Maint. Equipment

Health and Human Services:

Premium Pay to Public Health (& Clerk of Court & Sheriff Dept)

Anne Street School improvements,

Forestry: Backfill lost forestry revenue Yes, specifically allowed Recommend Cnty pay all \$10K

Yes, allowable see point #3. Caution, \$352B Federal dollars and \$200M State dollars also in-play Trunk-lines for Broadband from the main "spine" lines, yes, consider going through WCWRPC, Business Loan Fund, more information Needed. Include fiber to communication towers

Probably a no, IT is not included in legislation

To be determined

To be determined - Tourism related

Yes; allowable see point #4. Limitations do apply

Probable yes, because we are benefiting the CSP program and could use this location for vaccinations and/or public health purposes.

Yes - specifically allowed

Parks and Recreation:

Upgrades to Boat landings

New docks at boat landings ATV/UTV Trail Improvements

ATV/UTV - Playground Park Silent Sports

Pavilion Grant Park Heat & A/C Heat, A/C, Well, Septic, Parking Lot

Floating Dock System - Veterans Park

Aging/ADRC: F/A improvements modernize Senior Centers

Waste to Energy: New Acid gas removal system

Recycling: Manned recycling sites, Yes - tourism Hwy Dept could perform this work

Yes - tourism Probable, Yes, Tourism Don't receive 100% of the Grant dollars we apply for Probable, Yes, Tourism Probable, Yes, Tourism Grants to the local nonprofits for specific Trail improvements, and bike trails, (think, CASTA, BANTA, CORBA)

Probable, Yes, Tourism

Probable, Yes, Tourism

To be determined

Probable yes, environmental related and holding tipping fees level for two or three years and create a special waste stream for low BTU waste which benefits business.

Probably a yes, if we can, justify a public/private partnership which helps local business along with increasing recycling and promoting a healthy environment.

Probably a yes, environmental

New Z-Wall Design

Highway Department: New message boards

Maybe

Bridge on CTH M	Maybe - tourism related because of summer usage, chain of lakes
Roads:	Need Clarity, However, if we can justify a new culvert, or bridge because there was a campground or B&B or tourist rooming house, it might be ok
Illegal ATV Signing on Stop Signs	Possibly a yes - tourism
Emergency Management: Upgrades to Fire Dept Radios	Caution, other municipalities will be receiving funds, and FEMA gets a separate allocation of funds
Sheriff's Department: New sally port & J/C	Possible if we prove this helps to prevent COVID spread in the jail
Upgrades to J/C, main entrance	Maybe, but, probably not
Courts: Plexiglass	Maybe
Video Conferencing Family Court Room	Maybe

NOTE: Response is based on known information as of the date input.

Updated: 2021-3-24, 2021-3-25, 2021-3-26, 2021-3-29

RICE LAKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



Administration Building 700 Augusta St., Rice Lake, WI 54868 Phone (715) 234-9007 Fax (715) 234-4552

March 23, 2021

Jeffrey S. French Barron County Administrator 335 East Monroe Ave., RM #2134 Barron, WI 54812-1433

RED CEDAR SCHOOL

As you are aware, Red Cedar School is owned by Barron County. This letter is to provide notice that the Rice Lake Area School District intends to vacate the Red Cedar School, located at 33 Ann Street, Rice Lake, WI, effective August 31, 2021.

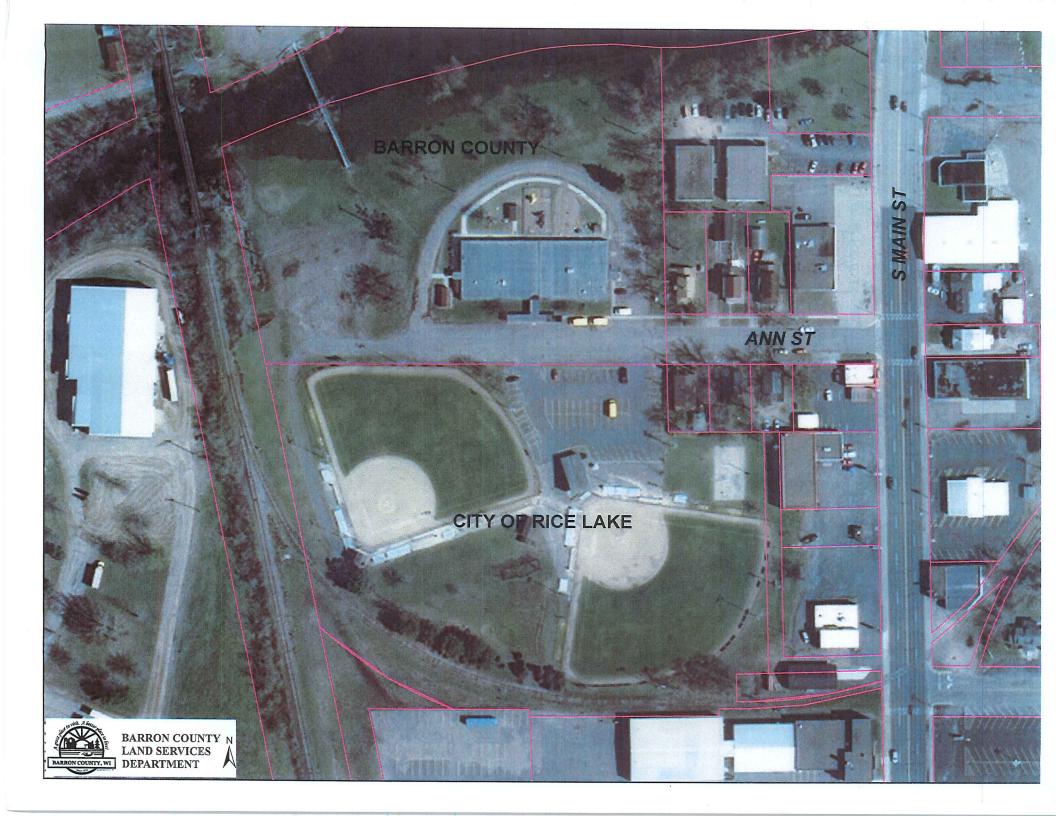
The Rice Lake Area School District appreciates the generosity of the county in allowing the district to use the facility for so many years. We hope the county can put the facility to good use for years to come.

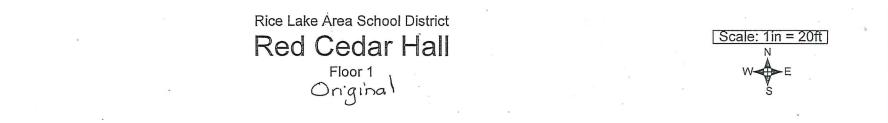
Patrick Blackaller Director of Finance and Operations

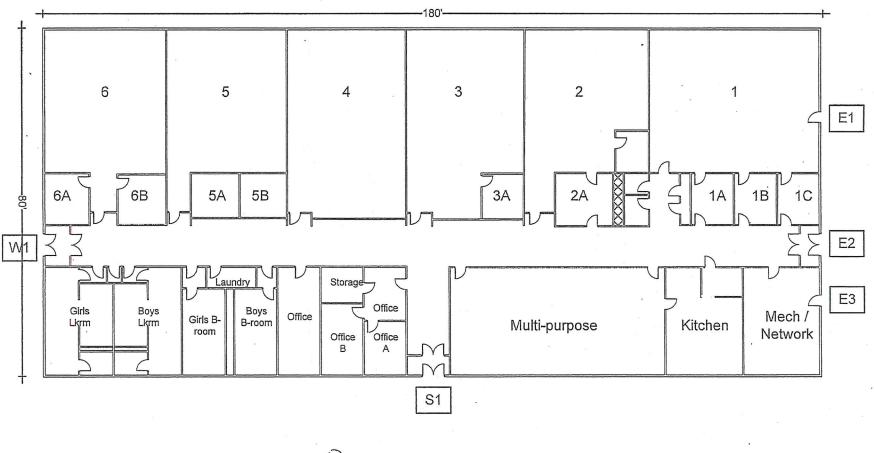
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LOCATION: 430 - RL CHARTER	SCHOOL					
FUNCTION: 253000 - OPERATION	ONAL SERVICES					
9-10-430-194-253000-000-000000-2	SALARY - CUSTODIAN - CHARTER SCH	8,000.00	6,398.15	8,000.00	7,301.64	
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9-10-430-243-253000-000-000000-2	DENTAL INS - CUSTODIAN - CHARTER	200.00	206.64	200.00	206.64	
9-10-430-248-253000-000-000000-2	HEALTH INS - CUSTODIAN - CHARTER	3,200.00	2,112.63	3,300.00	2,637.57	
9-10-430-251-253000-000-000000-2	DISA INS - CUSTODIAN - CHARTER SC	20.00	11.47	20.00	12.73	
9-10-430-323-253000-000-000000-2	VEHICLE REPAIR - NLRA - OPERATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
9-10-430-326-253000-000-000000-2	EQUIP REPAIR - NLRA - OPERATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
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9-10-430-331-253000-000-000000-2	GAS FOR HEAT - NLRA	9,200.00	6,724.87	9,200.00	6,564.62	
9-10-430-336-253000-000-000000-2	ELECTRICITY - NLRA	6,000.00	5,100.05	6,000.00	5,180.65	
9-10-430-337-253000-000-000000-2	WATER - NLRA	1,300.00	1,409.35	1,300.00	1,331.88	
9-10-430-338-253000-000-000000-2	SEWER - NLRA	300.00	1,287.88	1,250.00	311.52	
9-10-430-339-253000-000-000000-2	CITY STREET LIGHT & WATER - NLRA	900.00	806.13	900.00	806.13	
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9-10-430-561-253000-000-000000-2	EQUIP REPLACE - NLRA - OPERATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
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TOTAL FOR FUNCTION: 253000	- OPERATIONAL SERVICES	33,810.00	27,141.40	34,860.00	27,882.02	
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FUND 10 - GENERAL FUND

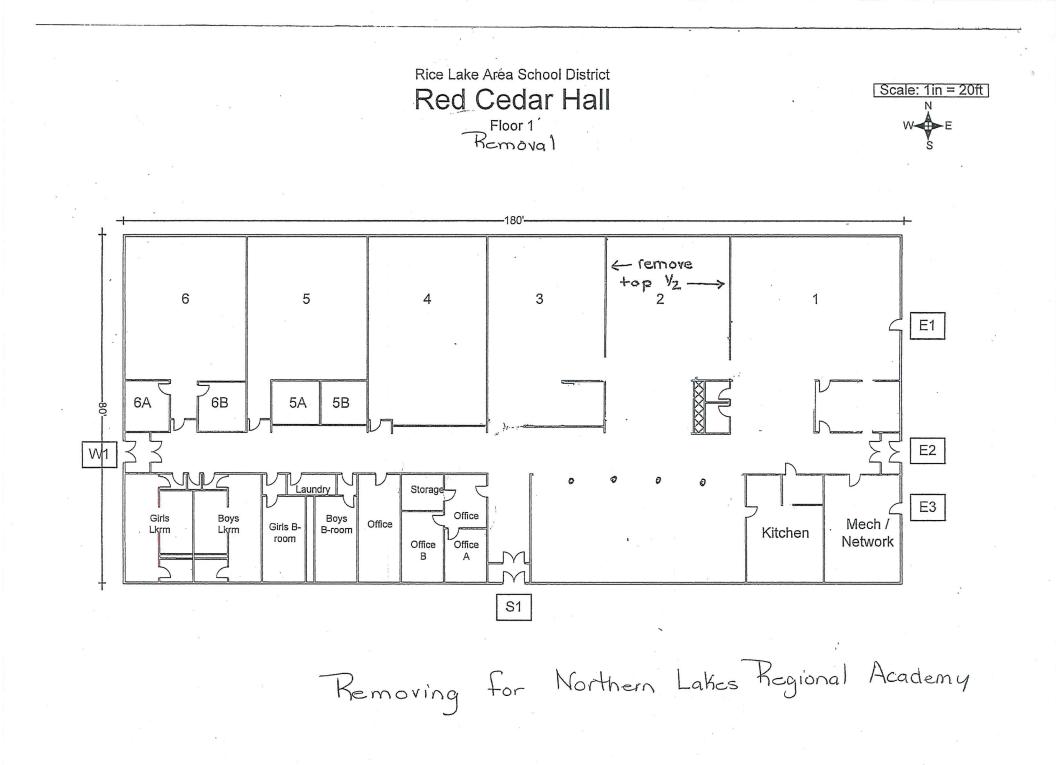




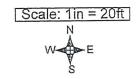




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Rice Lake Area School District Red Cedar Hall Floor 1' Additions





Barron County, Barron Wisconsin Analysis of Over Drafted Accounts For Year ending 12-31-2020

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OPD	3/21/2008
Date	3/29/21
Preparer	JBB

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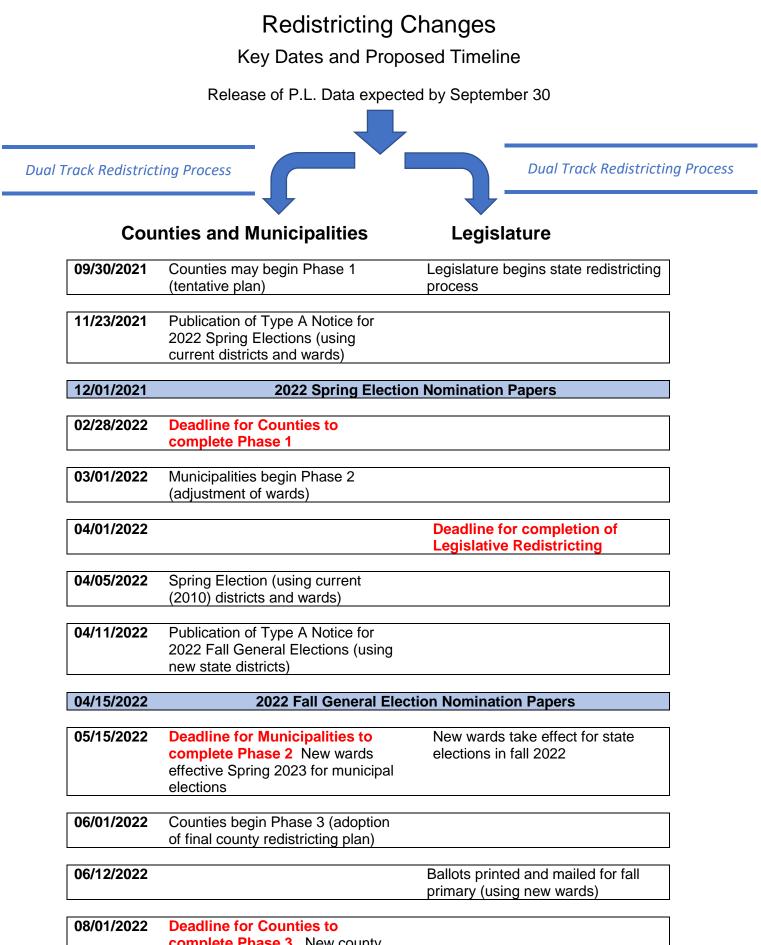
Internal Management Memorandum Unaudited Draft for Discussion Purposes Only

Amount	Department	Overdraft Description
\$ 467.00	UWEC - Barron County	Operational
\$ 1,577.00	District Attorney	Expert Witnesses
\$ 9,894.00	County Clerk	Elections - COVID/Special Election - Sean Duffy's Sea
\$ 11,938.00		

Above variance compared to actual general fund expenditures ($\frac{1}{5} = \%$)

20 Yr Historical Analysis - Overdraft Resolution

	Overdraft Amount	Year
\$	64,533.52	2001
\$	74,862.29	2002
\$ \$ \$	53,319.00	2003
\$	150,723.23	2004
\$	280,246.75	2005
\$	1,251.73	2006
\$	9,610.11	2007
\$	13,547.25	2008
\$	18,452.16	2009
\$	31,513.26	2010
\$	50,929.74	2011
\$	615.02	2012
\$	3,154.00	2013
\$	551.32	2014
\$	16,586.98	2015
\$	-	2016
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\$	11,938.00	2020



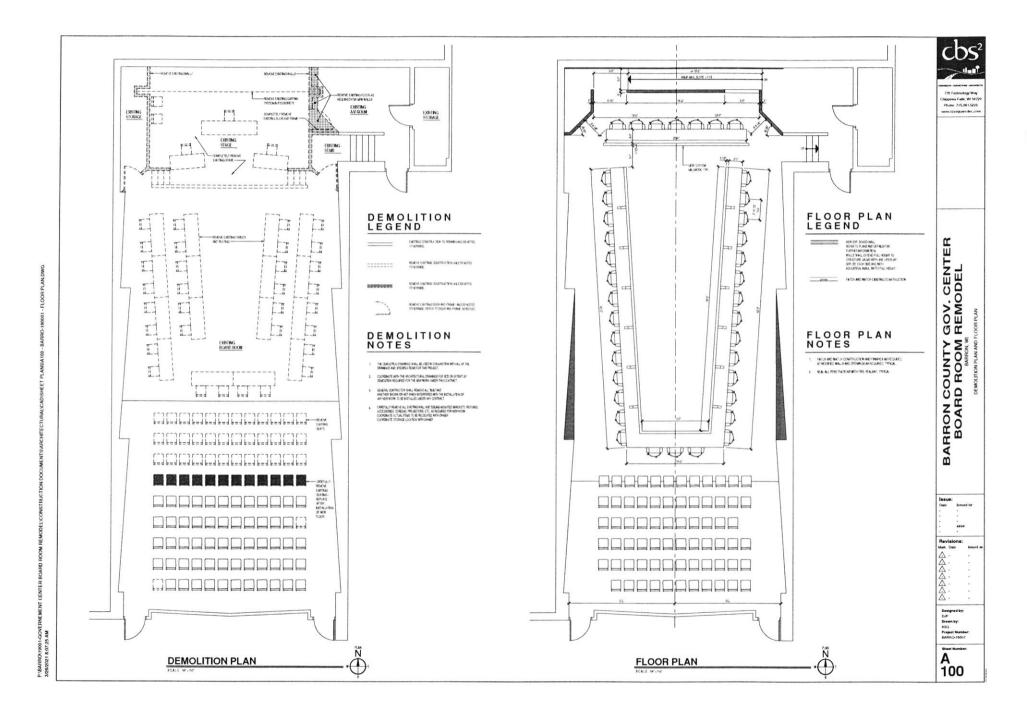
complete Phase 3. New county districts take effect in Spring 2024

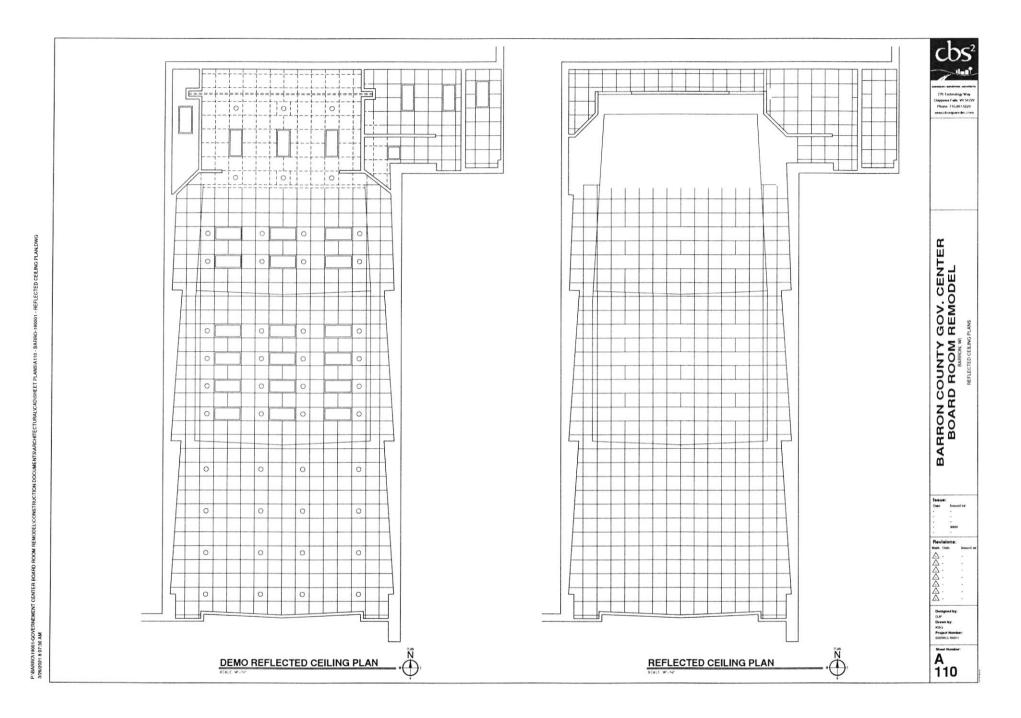
2019 - 2020 Overtime Ana	alysis - Barron	County Jail				
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	12-hr shifts	Total Hrs	Cost (hrs*average wage)	12-hr shifts	Total Hrs	Cost (hrs*average wage
4 FT Staff - Utility Position	ıs		Regular Wage			Regular Wage
CV-19/Sick/FML Shifts	265	3180	81,376.20	132	1584	39,156.48
Military Drill Shifts	42	504	12,897.36	66	792	19,578.24
Vac/Hol Shifts	371	4452	113,926.68	354	4248	105,010.56
Training Shifts	108	1296	33,164.64	204	2448	60,514.56
Vacant Shifts	43	516	13,204.44	14	168	4,152.96
Total	829	9948	254,569.32	770	9240	228,412.80
			Overtime Wage			Overtime Wage
Hrs at the Overtime Rate			381,804.24			342,619.20
Overtime Shifts Paid	63	756	29,015.28	133	1596	59,179.68
Total Overtime (if regular	had to be paid	at overtime)	381,804.24			342,619.20
Shifts at regular wage les	s Overtime Shi	fts Paid	225,554.04			169,233.12
Gross Cost Savings - Wa	ges		156,250.20			173,386.08
Paid Benefits - FT vs PT			49,174.65			48,220.71
(1 Family, 1 Single, 2 None)	Health Ins	33,889.44			33,889.44	
(4 x 2196 hrs x 6.8 % 2020, 6.6% 2019)	Retirement	15,285.21			14,331.27	
Net Cost Savings (Gros	s less Paid Be	enefits)	\$ 107,075.55			\$ 125,165.37

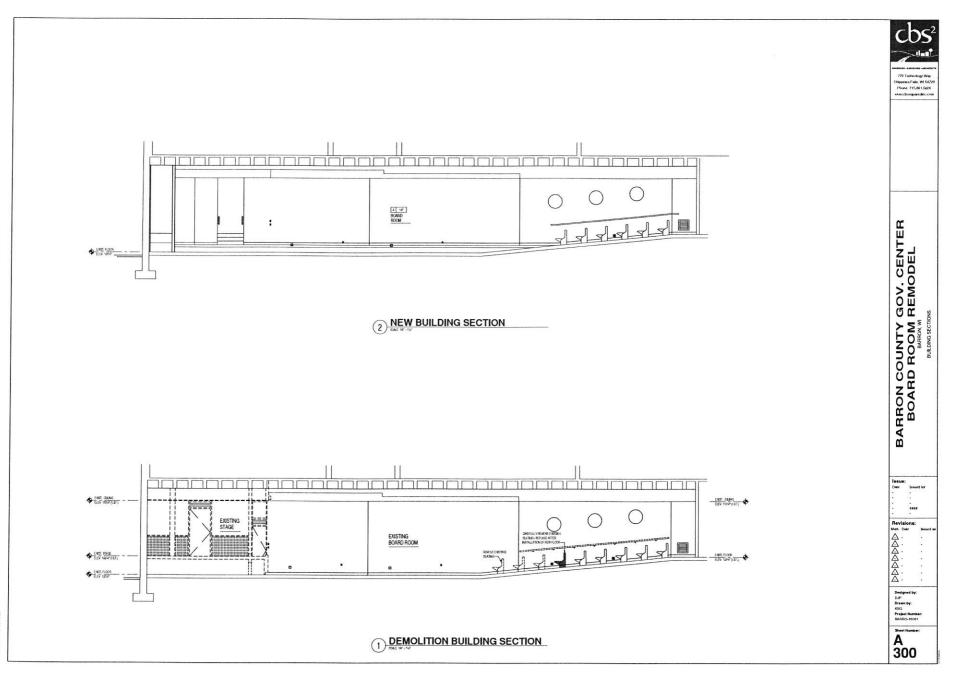
2020 - Of the 9,948 hrs that needed to be covered in 2020, we were able to cover 9,192 hrs of it using the four utility positions and also staffing changes in the jail due to CV-19 procedures and only 756 hrs were paid at the overtime rate to keep our minimum staffing level. This number does include hospital shifts when inmates have been hospitalized. We had two officers in the FTO (field training) program and they did not yet attend the jail academy due to the CV-19 pandemic. Sick leave was up considerably due to CV-19 issues.

2019 - Of the 9,240 hrs that needed to be covered in 2019, we were able to cover 7,644 hrs of it using the four utility positions and 1,596 hrs were paid at the overtime rate for hospital shifts and minimum staffing levels. We did have four officers that were in the FTO (field training) program and attended the jail academy during 2019 which reduced their availability to cover shifts which does explain some of the higher use of overtime from 2019 to 2020.

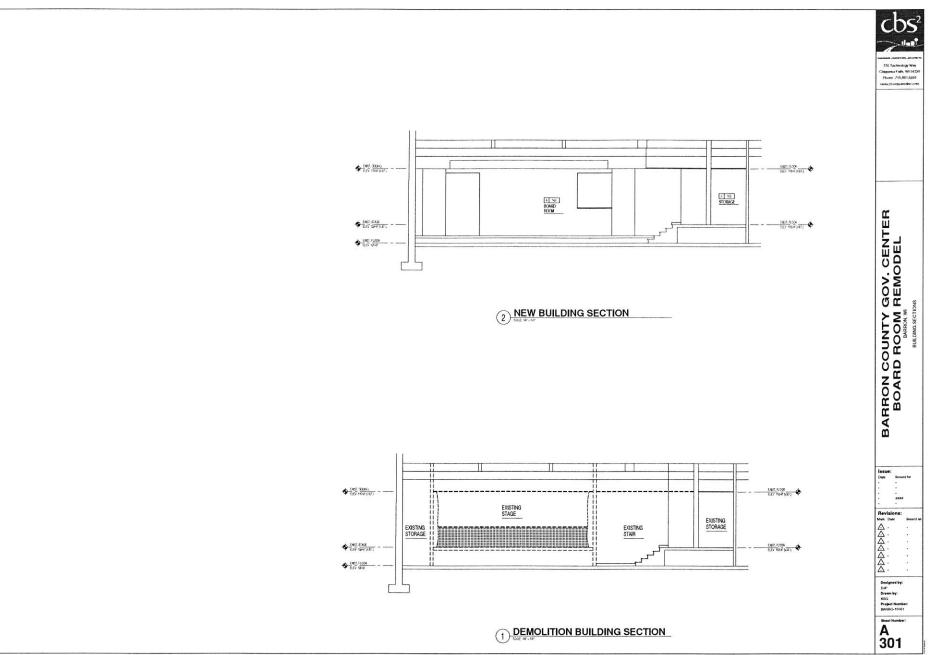
If we would have had six part-time jailers at all times that were trained and available to work the 30 hrs per week, the part-time staff may have been available to fill 9,360 hours per year. It was very seldom that all six part-time positions were filled and fully trained. The turn over of the part-time positions was frequent as they would complete the training and get experience and then move on to a full-time position in another facility. With changing to the four full-time utility positions, the turn over has reduced.







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BUILDING SEC PISBARRO19001-GOVERNEMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM REMODEL/CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS 3262021 8:07:39 AM

2021 Strategic Planning Work Group Barron County Strategic Plan – Update For Years 2021 to 2025 Adopted January 11th, 2021 Updated: Feb., 2021 March, 2021

Accomplishments or in-process projects corresponding to the current Strategic Plan:

Directional Statement, #1: Expand affordable housing programs; for aging population, rental and entry level buyers:

Actions:

2021 CDBG-Covid19 grant application for transitional housing, Hwy TT old nursing home Vets housing in Rice Lake

Directional Statement, #2: Expand broadband coverage and enhance technology advancement in Barron County:

Actions:

EDC and County Board action to support \$7M grant application by Mosaic Telecom. for expansion of fiber expansion into Barron and Washburn Counties

Directional Statement, #3: Maintain and improve all county owned facilities:

Actions: New Hwy Facilities Auditorium upgrades WTE Plant, Z-wall, new acid gas removal system, duct sizing, substantial repairs to boilers, new water treatment system

Air Pollution Control Construction and Operation Permit Renewal - WTE Plant

Directional Statement, #4: Improve mental health and decrease substance abuse:

Actions:

NW Hope Consortium, addressing opioid and alcohol abuse, Barron, Chippewa, Rusk, Washburn Counties. (Public Health, Sheriff, ADRC) Public Health, Community Health Improvement Plan, (addressing substance abuse) Recovery Corps Grant Anne Street School – for Community Support Program

HWY TT Transitional Living

Directional Statement, #5: Remain fiscally responsible:

Actions:

2021 group purchase, new voting equipment Continued Strong Bond Rating – Hwy Facilities WCA Article by French/Frolik/Syvinski – Unfunded Mandates

Directional Statement, #6: Attract and retain new and skilled workforce:

Actions:

Proposed change to how Sick and Vacation are paid-out to employees Allowing employees up to three hours paid time – blood donation In-process; allow remote work/tele work for employees

Other B/C as great place to	Actions:			
Live & work:	Administrator interviews of CASTA and BANTA, supporting Barron County as a great place to live, work and play County support for a Discover Wisconsin Winter segment			
Safety:	HSIP and ICE study and improvements to Decker Driver, Rice Lake			
Protect Environment:	Successful reclamation of NIS site Ten (10) year Land and Water Plan Air Pollution Control Construction and Operation Permit Renewal – WTE Plant Fifteen (15) Year Forestry Plan			
Intergovernmental Cooperation:	Manned recycling sites – cooperation between local municipalities and County Two-day blood drives with Red Cross, over 90% of "slots" utilized Hwy Commissioner Servi, NACO DC Trip to Washington DC 2021 purchase of new election equipment, working cooperatively with other municipal clerks in selecting the successful vendor.			
Use of Technology Response to Citizens:	On-line applications for zoning permits			
Delivery of Services to Citizens:	Meals on Wheels adapting to Covid and offering drive-by, drive-up delivery system Virtual assistance and expanding virtual assistance			

Forward thinking Changing demographic	
	Number of and conversion of lake homes to permanent residences
Tourism:	Ice Age Trail & Working on Memorandum of Agreement between IAT & Cnty ATV/UTV Trail System Expansion
Other In-process Considerations:	Monitor opportunities to identify vacated space in G/C due to increased Telework, cost savings due to vacated spaces Discuss long-term plan for G/C, due to age of building, increased telework, etc. Consider pursuing outdoor wellness grant

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