



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 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, Marv Thompson, Gary Nelson (alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Don Horstman

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Jeff French, Corp Counsel John Muench, Finance Director Jodi Busch, Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald, Treasurer Vonnie Ritchie, ADRC Director Jen Jako, GIS Specialist Rhonda Sukys, Hwy Engineering Tech Lori Raven, GIS Specialist Rhonda Sukys, Clerk DeeAnn Cook

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Rogers, 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 announced that Brittany Nielsen resigned from the Campus and took a position in Florida; Okey read a very complimentary letter he received from NACO regarding our County Administrator.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2021 MEETING: Motion: (Rindsig / McRoberts) to approve as presented. Carried

WORK FROM HOME - TELE-WORK POLICIES TO 9-1-21 AND CONSIDERATION OF OPTIONS - French provided details i.e. May 1, 2021 employees on site 1 day per week minimum, Sept 13, 2021 employees on site 2 days per week minimum Feb 1, 2022 employees on site 3 days per week minimum. **Motion: (Thompson / Hanson)** to approve work from home telecommunication policy as presented. Carried

French provided update regarding **Request to Work Out-of-State - 2022 (Aging/ADRC Employee)** - no action needed

OFFICE OPENING GUIDANCE FOR AGING / ADRC, VETERANS OFFICES AND CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY Jen Jako provided input regarding state recommendations. Plan is to tentatively open offices to walk in traffic on May 3, 2021. Still holding off on Daybreak and Sr. Dining. General approval consensus, no action needed

USE OF HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE TO DEVELOP ROAD CONSTRUCTION / REPAIR PLAN FOR FUTURE PROJECTS French and Raven provided information and projected maps on proposed projects.

Motion: (Heinecke / Nelson) to approve resolution and forward to County Board. Carried

POTENTIAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROJECTS - French provide information on \$8.1 to \$8.7 million in funds that would be in two distributions. Chair will answer Questionnaire May 31, we will submit. We have a list of potential projects already. Discussion on spending any funds on broadband due to other potential funds available.

- A. **ANN STREET SCHOOL** - is a potential use of funds. RLSD has used the facility for years but they are no longer using it. We could use ARPA money to do improvement, possibly as a Public Health Facility. The Property Committee is going to tour the facility. French projected list of other potential projects. No formal action taken

EMPLOYEE PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS FOR EDVEST - French provided info. This would be a benefit to employees without costing the county anything. **Motion: (Rindsig / Bartlett)** to approve and allow employees to set up voluntary contributions to EdVest. Carried

2020 DEPARTMENTAL OVERDRAFTS - Busch provided details. Getting ready to close the 2020 books. There were three overdrafts, all explainable. Campus - operational expenses; DA - expert witness fees; County Clerk - special election, additional COVID expenses, voluntary reduction in budget. None are large enough to require going on to County Board **Motion: (Hanson / Buchanan)** to approve transfer from unassigned balance to cover overdrafts. Carried.

STAFF REPORT / UPDATES -

- Redistricting Update - Sukys provided update - COVID has affected timeline. 2022 Spring elections may need to use current boundaries.
- Review overtime savings - Jail - details of the savings of \$107,075 were projected on the screen
- Auditorium Upgrades - projected proposed layout, mock up available. Each seat will have a microphone, meetings will still be streamed live on YouTube
- Update on Rail Lines - French attended March 15, 2021 meeting, we will monitor but not get involved. Several big rail initiatives are being discussed.
- Strategic Planning Work Group - Review of Goals - information in packet

Hanson departed at 9:02

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

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS -

- Update on ARPA funds

SET NEXT MEETING DATE - Friday, May 7, 2021 8AM

Adjourned at 9:07 AM by unanimous consent

Respectfully Submitted,

DeeAnn Cook, Barron County Clerk

Minutes are not official until approved by the Executive Committee at their next meeting.