



BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021 – 9:00 AM

BARRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER - VETERANS MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
335 EAST MONROE AVENUE - BARRON, WISCONSIN 54812

MINUTES

PRESENT: Robert Anderson, John Banks, Karolyn Bartlett, Stan Buchanan, Bill Effertz, Pam Fall, Tod Gerland, Jim Gores, Bun Hanson, Dale Heinecke, Dana Heller, Don Horstman, Steve Johnson, Terry Lee, Jerry McRoberts, Carol Moen, Roberta Mosentine, Gary Nelson, Louie Okey, Pete Olson, Russell Rindsig, Bob Rogers, Bill Schradle, Bert Skinner, Marv Thompson and Stacey Wenzel.

APPEARING VIRTUALLY: Eric Pannier, Oscar Skoug and Gary Taxdahl.

ABSENT: None.

CALL TO ORDER-ROLL CALL- PUBLIC NOTIFICATION: Chair Okey called the meeting to order at 9:00am. County Clerk Cook took attendance and stated the County's compliance with open meeting laws.

INVOCATION: Led by Supervisor Hanson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited.

SPECIAL MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Mosentine is hosting a personal event at her house after the Highway Shop Groundbreaking Ceremony on May 3. Administrator French stated that this is not a meeting and no official County business is to be discussed. The Executive Committee meeting that was scheduled for April 21 has been cancelled. A spreadsheet was handed out prior to the meeting with estimated American Recovery Funds for each Barron County municipality. French reviewed the spreadsheet and discussed the logistics of receiving the federal funds.

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2021: Motion: (Rindsig/Heinecke) to approve. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Terry Goodrich, 639 25th Avenue in Cumberland, spoke regarding firearm rights and reciprocity of firearm ownership.

HIGHWAY FACILITY STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR BID PACKAGE #3:

Motion: (Olson/Mosentine) to approve. Zack Elstran from CBS² reviewed the bid package and stated that all bids came in lower than expected. Carried.

2021-8 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS – REZONING – TOWN OF MAPLE GROVE, KUSILEK FARMS, LLC: Motion: (Gerland/Hanson) to approve. Carried.

RESOLUTION – ZONING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO DENY PETITION FOR REZONING – IVANNA BERGMAN: Motion: (Rogers/Heller) to approve. Supervisor Schradle allowed Ivanna Bergman to address the County Board regarding the Zoning Committee's decision to deny rezoning. Supervisor Schradle requested the resolution be tabled until the Zoning Committee could reconvene and visit the site. Discussion. Supervisor Rogers, Chair of the Zoning Committee, discussed the Zoning Committee decision and the Farmland Preservation Plan in place at the State and County levels. Land Services Director Gifford answered questions from the Board. Discussion. Corporation Counsel Muench gave an explanation of the choices the Board had with voting to approve the resolution to deny the rezoning or to not approve the resolution and refer the resolution back to the Zoning Committee. Discussion. Chair Okey requested a roll call vote. Failed with 13 voting Yes, 16 voting No and 0 Absent. Voting Yes – Okey, Rindsig, Gerland, McRoberts, Thompson, Horstman, Skinner, Heinecke, Rogers, Banks, Nelson, Olson & Johnson. Voting No – Hanson,

Wenzel, Heller, Anderson, Buchanan, Effertz, Skoug, Lee, Bartlett, Fall, Schradle, Taxdahl, Gores, Mosentine, Moen & Pannier.

2021-18 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH STATE PLANNING RESEARCH WORK PROGRAM FUNDING:

Motion: (Buchanan/Rindsig) to approve. Discussion. Carried on a roll call vote with 29 Yes and 0 No.

2021-19 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE USE OF \$250,000 OF UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE IN THE HIGHWAY FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING ENGINEERING PLANS FOR CTH P AND CTH U: Motion: (Horstman/Skinner) to approve. Highway Commissioner Servi discussed the need for the resolution and answered questions from the Board. Carried on a roll call vote with 29 Yes and 0 No.

2021-9 ORDINANCE – DESIGNATING ADDITIONAL PORTIONS OF COUNTY HIGHWAYS AS ATV ROUTES: Motion: (Schradle/Anderson) to approve. Taxdahl asked to add wording to the policy requiring the County Board to approve the closure of an ATV/UTV route. Discussion. Highway Commissioner Servi and Recreation Officer Wolfe answered questions from the Board. **Motion: (Effertz/Anderson)** to amend the policy under “Other Items” on the last page to read “If a situation warrants closure of a designated ATV/UTV route on a county highway the Highway Commissioner shall have the authority to temporarily suspend or close the route subject to a review and final determination by the Barron County Highway Committee **and the County Board.**” Carried. Main motion as amended Carried.

2021-20 RESOLUTION – APPROVING THE BARRON COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN: Motion: (Rindsig/Schradle) to approve. Carried.

2021-10 ORDINANCE – REPEALING AND RECREATING #2009-10 ILLEGAL TRANSPORT OF AQUATIC PLANTS AND INVASIVE ANIMALS: Motion: (McRoberts/Hanson) to approve. Chair Okey and Supervisor Rogers clarified the reason for the resolution. Carried.

REPORT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

- A. **NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK:** The proclamation is included in the packet. French and the Board applauded the Barron County Health Department for their dedication through the COVID pandemic.
- B. **REDISTRICTING UPDATE:** GIS Specialist Rhonda Sukys addressed the Board and discussed the recent delay at the State level due to the 2020 Census. She will continue to update the Board throughout the redistricting process and does not have any concerns at this time.
- C. **REVIEW OVERTIME SAVINGS – JAIL:** Information is included in the packet.
- D. **AUDITORIUM UPGRADES:** French explained the illustrations included in the packet. The timeline of the project is dependent on plan approval at the State level.
- E. **UPDATE ON RAIL LINES:** There is no intention to reconnect the rail lines in the Village of Cameron at this time. CN has informed the County that they are not opposed to upgrades to the line provided there is adequate contracted freight to justify the reconnection.
- F. **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING / PROJECT LIST:** Barron County is expected to receive approximately \$8.7M in funding through this legislation. Department heads are currently creating a list and ranking projects with a list of priorities to provide at a future County Board meeting. The Rice Lake School District will not be renewing their lease at the Anne Street School in the City of Rice Lake. Health & Human Services would like to utilize this building and funds will also be allocated to this specific renovation project.
- G. **STRATEGIC PLANNING WORK GROUP UPDATE:** Information is included in the packet, including the updated plan for 2021-2025.
- H. **2020 DEPARTMENTAL OVERDRAFTS:** Finance Director Busch reviewed the information in the packet. The total overdraft amount was less than \$10,000 per line item and does not require approval from the County Board.

APPOINTMENTS: None at this time.

CLAIMS, PETITIONS & CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. American Rescue Plan Funding
2. Resolution – Zoning Committee Recommendation to Deny Petition for Rezoning – Ivanna Bergman

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, May 17, 2021 at 7:00PM.

ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous consent at 10:38AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, Deputy County Clerk

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