



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022 – 8:00 AM

Barron County Government Center – 2151
335 East Monroe Avenue - Barron, Wisconsin 54812

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON: Louie Okey, Dale Heinecke, Jerry McRoberts, Russell Rindsig,, Burnell Hanson, Karolyn Bartlett, Don Horstman, Marv Thompson, Alt. Gary Nelson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stan Buchanan

STAFF PRESENT IN PERSON: Administrator Jeff French, Corp Counsel John Muench, HR Director Rachael Richie, Treasurer Vonnie Ritchie, Aging Director Jen Jako, County Clerk DeeAnn Cook. IT Lance Peterson through Technology improvement in Auditorium. Chief Deputy Sheriff Jason Leu through Travel to FBI Academy.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ruth Erickson, Pattie Greene

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

SPECIAL MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - French spoke with Rep Armstrong about electric car charge station, bill did not pass, will continue to research possibility for WTE plant. Out of network ambulance claim has been satisfied; Dell pouring concrete today in auditorium, may be noisy.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pattie Greene from Cameron spoke regarding help she received from Salvation Army and Housing Authority.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2022 MEETING: Motion: (Rindsig / Heinecke) to approve as presented. Carried

TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS TO AUDITORIUM - Peterson gave an update on auditorium progress. Several upgrades to audio and video have been made over the past few years with more to come. Once complete, the auditorium will be well equipped for virtual meetings. Discussion regarding auditorium seating.

RESOLUTION – RECRUITMENT PROCESS FOR MID-TERM VACANCY OF COUNTY CLERK AND TREASURER - French provided information and circulated handout with additional verbiage to be inserted at line 42. “Be it further resolved: That the Barron County Board of Supervisors may, at its discretion, appoint the in-coming Clerk or Treasurer, as a deputy, in advance of the retirement/resignation of the incumbent.” **Motion: (Nelson / Rindsig)** to approve resolution with the additional verbiage. Carried.

TRANSFER OF REMAINING FUEL SYSTEM FUNDS TO HIGHWAY FACILITIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (\$144,243.62) - French provided information. **Motion: (Heinecke / Thompson)** to approve transfer of funds. Carried.

APPROVE TRAVEL TO FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY FOR CHRIS ALLEN (2023) - French and Leu provided input. **Motion: (Hanson / Thompson)** to approve travel. Carried.

PER DIEM PAYMENT FOR COUNTY BOARD CHAIR - FLOW CONTROL / ATV & UTV ORDINANCE MEETINGS - French provided information. Okey asked to add that the County Administrator has the final say. **Motion: (Horstman/ Heinecke)** to approve. Carried with Okey abstaining.

STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES

- A. 2021 Health Joy Data - information in packet. Going extremely well.
- B. 2021 Final Numbers for Self-Funded Health Insurance Plan - 92% utilization. We are still money ahead by being self funded. We would have spent \$342,946.84 for administrative fees had we not become self funded.
- C. Update on County Debt - the only debt we currently have is the new highway shop.
- D. PMA Wisconsin Counties 2021 Capital Market Debt Year in Review - video available if anyone interested
- E. Barron / Burnett Counties Shared ME Position - does not look like it is going to be feasible as shared position
- F. Administrative Assistant Position Review - information in packet

REVIEW VOUCHER EDIT LISTS - edit lists on table

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Tim Denton - Horton Group - May Executive and County Board
- \$1,500 snowmobile access to Mud Lake
- Succession plan

JENNIFER JAKO, AGING / ADRC DIRECTOR - Motion: (Bartlett / Rindsig) to go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance data and Section 19.85(1)(f) for the purpose of considering financial, medical, social or personal histories, or disciplinary data, or considering specific personnel problems or investigation of a charge. Included in closed session French, Muench, Richie Jako. Carried on a roll call vote with all present voting yes. *French took minutes for the remainder of the meeting.*

#15., Jennifer Jako, Aging/ADRC Director - Closed Session:

Roll call vote with all Executive Committee members presenting voting yes.

Motion to return to Open Session, Horstman/McRoberts, carried

No action at this time

#16. CONSULT WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - TAX DEED PROPERTY PARCEL #026-3000-25-050 -

The Executive Committee did not go into closed session. Presentation from Corp Counsel Muench and Treasurer Ritchie regarding this parcel of land and the tax deed foreclosure thereto. Questions by Committee members to Muench and Ritchie, discussion. Motion Hanson; Offer above referenced land to neighbors for \$1,388.20, if they do not purchase then County to take land and sell for market value, second Bartlett, carried.

#17. Set Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, April 6th, 8am

#18. Adjournment:

Meeting declared adjourned by unanimous consent at 9.35am by Chair Okey.

Respectfully Submitted,

DeeAnn Cook, Barron County Clerk

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