



# Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 4, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.  
Barron County Government Center – Auditorium  
335 East Monroe Avenue – Barron, Wisconsin 54812

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## MINUTES

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON:** Karolyn Bartlett, Stan Buchanan, Randy Cook Sr, Bun Hanson, Dale Heinecke, Carol Moen, Louie Okey, Bob Rogers and Marv Thompson.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY:** None.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT IN PERSON:** Finance Director Busch, Sheriff Fitzgerald, Administrator French, County Clerk Hodek, Aging Director Jako, ROD Katterhagen, Corporation Counsel Muench, HR Director R. Richie, Treasurer V. Ritchie and Real Property Lister Sommerfeld.

**OTHER COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS PRESENT:** Gary Nelson.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Okey called the meeting to order at 8:00AM.

**PUBLIC MEETING NOTIFICATION:** Administrator French read the Public Meeting Notification.

**SPECIAL MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):** County Board timesheets are due to the County Clerk today. The final financial documents for the Acid Gas Removal System Loan at the WTE Plant were submitted to the Commissioner for Public Lands Board last week. The County Board Supervisor District #4 vacancy deadline for applicants is this Friday and the current applicants were named. A decision will be made on Monday morning and County Clerk Hodek will send a press release to the media and County Board. The appointment will then be voted on at the January County Board meeting.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2022: Motion: (Heinecke/Moen)** to approve. Carried.

**BARRON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT – CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLAN (COOP):** Judge Babler has completed this plan for the Barron County Courts and it was approved at the State level.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REQUEST FOR TOURISM / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEBSITE UPGRADES - \$3,500:** Administrator French explained the change in fund distribution from the map printing to the website upgrades. **Motion: (Hanson/Rogers)** to use ARPA funds to pay for the BCEDC website upgrade. Carried.

**RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING 401(A) SALES REQUEST RETIREMENT PLAN WITH NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS:** Administrator French reviewed the retirement plan options and requested the County set up a trust account for this specific retirement account with Nationwide. Discussion. **Motion: (Hanson/Cook)** to approve. Carried.

**RESOLUTION – ENCUMBRANCE OF FUNDS FOR AGING KITCHEN / JAIL REHAB:** Administrator French explained the need for the resolution to encumber the funds in 2024 to allow the project to move forward. Discussion. **Motion: (Cook/Moen)** to encumber APRA funds to send the resolution to Property Committee for approval and then the County Board. Carried.



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**WAGE INCREASE FOR ASSISTANT COOK – NUTRITION PROGRAM: Motion: (Hanson/Buchanan)** to approve the wage increase to \$16.00/hour for the Assistant Cook in the Nutrition Program. Carried.

### STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES

- A. **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT INFORMATION AND TRAINING FOR SUPERVISORS:** An informative article was published in the Wisconsin Counties Association magazine regarding the highway departments within Wisconsin.
- B. **MOU – OPIOID LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT – RETAILERS:** Administrator French discussed the timeline for the opioid settlement and the funds from this lawsuit settlement have not been allocated for any specific department, or use, as of today.

**REVIEW VOUCHER EDIT LISTS:** Included in the packet.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None at this time.

**SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 8:00AM.

**CLOSED SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS FOR HIGH SPEED FIBER TO COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS – MOSAIC TECHNOLOGIES: Motion: (Bartlett/Buchanan)** to go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating purpose of public properties, investing public funds, other specific business or whenever competitive bargaining reasons require a closed session to include: all committee members present, Sheriff Fitzgerald, Administrator French, County Clerk Hodek and Corporation Counsel Muench. **Motion: (Bartlett/Rogers)** to return to open session. Carried. **Motion: (Rogers/Bartlett)** to approve an additional \$72,000 from the ARPA fund for the High Speed Fiber to Communications Towers-Mosaic Technologies. Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Okey adjourned the meeting at 8:33AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk