



BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023 – 5:00 PM

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

MINUTES

PRESENT IN PERSON: Bob Anderson, Patti Anderson, John Banks, Karolyn Bartlett, Stan Buchanan, Randy Cook Sr, Bill Effertz, Jim Gores, Bun Hanson, Dale Heinecke, Dana Heller, Kathy Krug, Audrey Kusilek, Fran Langman, Jerry McRoberts, Carol Moen, Roberta Mosentine, Gary Nelson, Stacy Neuman (Once Appointed) Louie Okey, Pete Olson, Bob Rogers, Bill Schradle, Marv Thompson, Craig Turcott, Diane Vaughn and Stacey Wenzel.

ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: Gary Taxdahl.

ABSENT: Pam Fall.

CALL TO ORDER-ROLL CALL- PUBLIC NOTIFICATION: Chair Okey called the meeting to order at 5:07PM. County Clerk Hodek took attendance and County Administrator French stated the County's compliance with open meeting laws.

INVOCATION: Led by Pastor Cody Kargus from the Maranatha Church located in Rice Lake.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited.

SPECIAL MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: County Administrator French publically thanked recently retired County Treasurer Vonnie Ritchie on her retirement and years of service to the County.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion: (Olson/P. Anderson) to approve. Carried.

APPOINTMENT AND OATH OF OFFICE – STACY NEUMAN, DISTRICT #4 SUPERVISOR: Motion: (Thompson/Moen) to approve. Carried with 26 Yes, 1 Abstain (Bartlett) and 1 Absent (Fall). County Clerk Hodek administered the Oath of Office to Neuman.

APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2022: Motion: (B. Anderson/Cook) to approve. Carried with 27 Yes, 1 Abstain (Neuman) and 1 Absent (Fall).

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pastor Cody Kargus, 619 Krueger Avenue - Cameron, gave an overview of National Thank a Law Enforcement Officer on January 9 and how the Law Enforcement Foundation of Barron County purchased meals for all the officers working for agencies within the County. Students in schools within the County had children write thank-you notes that were distributed to local law enforcement agencies as well.

UPDATE ON HIGHWAY FACILITIES – MARK SERVI, HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER AND/OR CBS² STAFF: Due to scheduling conflicts, Highway Commissioner Servi was unable to attend the meeting. CBS² staff was not present. Discussion.

FINANCIAL UPDATE ON HIGHWAY FACILITIES: Finance Director Busch presented the current financial updates on the Highway Facility and answered questions from the Board. Discussion.

2023-1 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING \$390,000 NO INTEREST LOAN FROM GENERAL FUND UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE TO THE WASTE TO ENERGY FUND FOR ADDITIONAL FIXED ASSETS AND OTHER PERTINENT COSTS FOR NEW ACID GAS REMOVAL SYSTEM: Motion: (Gores/Olson) to approve. Discussion. **Motion: (Taxdahl/Effertz)** to amend by authorizing \$390,000 loan, and to charge 5.25% in interest,

equivalent to the current State Trust Loan rate, from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance to the Waste to Energy Fund for Additional Fixed Assets and other pertinent costs for the new Acid Gas Removal System. Discussion. Motion failed with 3 Yes (Effertz, Krug and Taxdahl), 25 No and 1 Absent (Fall). Discussion. Main motion carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Fall).

2023-2 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$72,000 OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS FOR HIGH SPEED INTERNET FIBER TO BARRON COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS: Motion: (Hanson/Rogers) to approve. Discussion. Carried with 27 Yes, 1 No (Langman) and 1 Absent (Fall).

2023-3 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF \$6,723 OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS TO IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BARRON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION’S WEBSITE AND TOURISM WEBSITE: Motion: (Heller/B. Anderson) to approve. Carried with 27 Yes, 1 No (Effertz) and 1 Absent (Fall).

2023-4 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING 401(A) SALES REQUEST RETIREMENT PLAN WITH NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS: Motion: (Cook/Olson) to approve. Discussion. Carried with 27 Yes, 1 No (McRoberts) and 1 Absent (Fall).

2023-5 RESOLUTION – IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT FUNDING: Motion: (Rogers/Hanson) to approve. Discussion. Carried with 25 Yes, 3 No (Effertz, Krug and Vaughn) and 1 Absent (Fall).

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) EXPENDITURES: Information was included in the packet.

REPORT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- A. VIDEO STREAMING OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** The Executive Committee voted against video streaming of committee meetings.
- B. VIRTUAL MEETING ATTENDANCE & TRAINING VIDEO:** French reminded all Supervisors to view the training video sent via email.
- C. 2022 SWCD PRESENTATION:** Information is included in the packet.
- D. HHS STATISTICS:** Information is included in the packet.
- E. SNOW PLOW VIDEO:** Video was played during the meeting.
- F. POLICY FORUM TAX BURDEN:** Information was included in the packet.
- G. 2022 PER DIEM REPORT:** Information is included in the packet.

APPOINTMENTS

- A. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD – APPOINT BARB REISNER TO REPLACE RANDY ALBRECHT (REMAINDER OF TERM – 2024): Motion: (Thompson/Olson) to approve.** Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Fall).
- B. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD – REAPPOINT KAROLYN BARTLETT: Motion: (Heller/B. Anderson) to approve.** Carried with 27 Yes, 1 Abstain (Neuman) and 1 Absent (Fall).
- C. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD – REAPPOINT DIANE VAUGHN (3 YEAR TERM): Motion: (Effertz/Hanson) to approve.** Carried with 26 Yes, 1 No (Banks), 1 Abstain (Vaughn) and 1 Absent (Fall).
- D. ITBEC TOURISM COMMITTEE – APPOINT BRANDI NELSON TO REPLACE FRAN LANGMAN: Motion: (Heller/P. Anderson) to approve.** Carried with 27 Yes, 1 Abstain (Langman) and 1 Absent (Fall).
- E. STRATEGIC PLANNING WORK GROUP – APPOINT PATTI ANDERSON, RANDY COOK, LOUIE OKEY, KAROLYN BARTLETT, JOHN BANKS, CRAIG TURCOTT AND JERRY MCROBERTS: Motion: (Effertz/Gores) to approve.** Carried with 27 Yes, 1 Abstain (Turcott) and 1 Absent (Fall).
- F. APPOINT STACEY NEUMAN TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE (CDBG), REGIONAL BUSINESS FUND COMMITTEE (RBF) AND BARRON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (BCEDC): Motion: (Langman/Heller) to approve.** Carried with 26 Yes, 1 No (B. Anderson), 1 Abstain (Neuman) and 1 Absent (Fall).

G. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IT DIRECTOR – APPOINT LANCE PETERSON TO REPLACE MARK KOENECKE (RETIRING): Motion: (Hanson/B. Anderson) to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Fall).

CLAIMS, PETITIONS & CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Ordinance – Update to the County Board Rules & Procedures
2. Grant Funding for NextGen 911

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, February 20, 2023 at 5:00PM in the Auditorium of the Government Center located in Barron.

CLOSED SESSION – BARRON COUNTY HIGHWAY FACILITIES UPDATE PERTAINING TO A POTENTIAL CLAIM REGARDING CERTAIN COSTS INCURRED, DISCUSSION OF CONTRACTUAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, REVIEW OF POTENTIAL RESOLUTIONS AND OTHERWISE REVIEW OF LEGAL STATUS IN RELATION TO PROJECT: Motion: (Bartlett/P. Anderson) to go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) (deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons required a closed session) and Section 19.85(1)(g) (conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved) based upon the above description to include all County Board Supervisors that are present in person, Finance Director Busch, County Administrator French, Corporation Counsel Muench, IT Director Peterson, Attorney Andrew Phillips from Attolles Law Firm and Attorney Matthew Thome from Attolles Law Firm. Carried with 27 Yes, 1 No (Neuman) and 1 Absent (Fall). Supervisor Taxdahl excluded himself from the Closed Session since he attended the meeting virtually.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - Motion: (P. Anderson/Olson) to retain the services of Attolles Law Firm and allow the law firm to pursue discussions with CBS² on discussions held during the closed session. Carried with 26 Yes and 3 Absent (Fall, Gores and Taxdahl).

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Okey adjourned the meeting at 7:14PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, County Clerk

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