



Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 1, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.

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

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: Sheriff Fitzgerald, Administrator French, County Clerk Hodek, ROD Katterhagen, Corporation Counsel Muench, HR Director Richie and Treasurer Sommerfeld.

OTHER COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Kathy Krug, Gary Nelson and Diane Vaughn.

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): Administrator French stated the County employees will be wearing red this week in support for American Red Cross Heart Healthy Month. County Administrator French also received numerous thank you's from employees for the lunch gift cards each full time employee received for Training Day on January 16.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2023: Motion: (Thompson/Moen) to approve. Carried.

ORDINANCE – REVISING AND ADOPTING BARRON COUNTY BOARD RULES & PROCEDURE CHANGES: Corporation Counsel Muench gave an overview of the proposed ordinance and answered questions from the Board. **Motion: (Cook/Hanson)** to accept the County Board Rules & Procedures as presented and send to County Board for full County Board for approval. Carried on a roll call vote with 7 Yes and 2 No (Buchanan and Heinecke).

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING UPGRADES TO THE BARRON COUNTY 911 DISPATCH SYSTEM: Sheriff Fitzgerald gave an overview of the grant. Discussion. **Motion: (Cook/Buchanan)** to approve. Carried.

APPROVE BARRON COUNTY POLICY RELATING TO ACT 216: County Administrator French, Treasurer Sommerfeld and Corporation Counsel Muench gave an overview of the legislative changes and answered questions from the Committee. **Motion: (Thompson/Rogers)** to approve. Carried.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL

- A. JEFF SIREK – EMPOWER / LASERFICHE CONFERENCE: ORLANDO, FLORIDA OR DALLAS, TEXAS (APRIL 2023): Motion: (Bartlett/Cook)** to approve. Carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – SUCCESSION PLAN: Chair Okey gave a background of the succession planning process. Discussion. County Administrator French also told the Committee that many of the Department Heads have a current employee that would be willing to serve as an interim Department Head if needed. **Motion: (Cook/Hanson)** to accept the proposed succession plan with the changes to



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include the County Board Chair to the Management Team Committee and the five members of this Committee would then appoint a new County Administrator. Carried.

STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES

- A. **OPIOID LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT – RETAILERS:** This is currently in process and needs approval from the Wisconsin Attorney General. Funds would be available in March at the earliest.
- B. **ISLAND CITY SNOWMOBILE & ATV CLUB LOAN REQUEST:** This funding request will be coming to the full County Board in February.
- C. **AGING KITCHEN / JAIL REHAB UPDATE:** The encumbrance for the plans for the Aging Kitchen and Jail Rehab will be brought to the full County Board in February.

REVIEW VOUCHER EDIT LISTS: Included in the packet.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. County Board Supervisor Per Diem Rates for Next Term Beginning in 2024 - July

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Friday, March 3, 2023 at 8:00AM.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Okey adjourned the meeting at 8:38AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk