



# **BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 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, Pam Fall, Jim Gores, Bun Hanson (Arrived at 5:12PM), Dale Heinecke, Dana Heller, Kathy Krug, Audrey Kusilek, Fran Langman, Jerry McRoberts, Carol Moen, Roberta Mosentine, Gary Nelson, Stacy Neuman, Louie Okey, Bill Schradle, Craig Turcott, Diane Vaughn and Stacey Wenzel.

**ATTENDING VIRTUALLY:** Pete Olson, Bob Rogers and Gary Taxdahl.

**ABSENT:** Marv Thompson.

**CALL TO ORDER-ROLL CALL- PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:** Chair Okey called the meeting to order at 5:00PM. County Clerk Hodek took attendance at 5:04PM after all Supervisors in attendance initiated their Chromebook log on. County Administrator French stated the County's compliance with open meeting laws.

**INVOCATION:** Led by Pastor Wayne Hall from Abundant Life & Church located in Cameron.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited.

**SPECIAL MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Administrator French asked Supervisors to keep their Chromebooks on during the entire meeting, including during closed sessions. Department Updates were emailed earlier in the day to all County staff and Supervisors. Administrator French applied for a federal grant for the Acid Gas Removal System at the WTE Plant and also requested state appropriation as part of the Wisconsin State Budget Process for the heating field replacement at the UW-Eau Claire Barron County campus.

**APPROVE AGENDA:** Chair Okey requested the removal of the Resolution Authorizing Barron County Highway Commissioner to Sell County Equipment to Other Municipalities and the Closed Session from the agenda. **Motion: (Gores/Heller)** to amend the agenda by removing the Resolution Authorizing Barron County Highway Commissioner to Sell County Equipment to Other Municipalities and the Closed Session from the agenda and approve the agenda as amended. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Hanson and Thompson).

**APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2023: Motion: (B. Anderson/Olson)** to approve. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Hanson and Thompson).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Walter Herman – 1708 12 ¾ Street in Barron spoke regarding road concerns on 16 ½ Avenue in the Town of Stanley. Pattie Greene – 1227 21<sup>st</sup> Street in Cameron spoke regarding something to think about.

*Hanson arrived at 5:13PM.*

**PROGRESS ON HIGHWAY FACILITIES – MARK SERVI, HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER AND/OR CBS<sup>2</sup> STAFF:** Chair Okey gave an update on new highway construction progress.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE ON HIGHWAY FACILITIES:** Chair Okey gave a brief update on the current financial status of the new highway facilities.

**2023-1 ORDINANCE – REVISING AND ADOPTING BARRON COUNTY RULES AND PROCEDURES CHANGES:** Corporation Counsel Muench gave an overview of the changes to the Barron County Rules & Procedures and answered questions from the Board. A new manual with all of the recent updates will be distributed via email, or a

hardcopy if requested, in the upcoming weeks. Discussion. Moen requested Restorative Justice Committee be removed from the list of Non-County Committees. Kusilek requested that paragraph C, item ii. have the typo changed from “allow” to “allowed.” Buchanan requested the ordinance be updated to reflect that he and Heinecke voted against the ordinance at the February 1, 2023 Executive Committee meeting. **Motion: (Cook/B. Anderson)** Carried with 26 Yes, 2 No (Buchanan and Heinecke) and 1 Absent (Thompson).

**2023-6 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR SUCCESSION PLAN:** Administrator French put an updated succession plan with changes highlighted in yellow at each Supervisor’s desk prior to the meeting and read the changes to the Board. Discussion. **Motion: (Olson/P. Anderson)** to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Thompson).

**2023-7 RESOLUTION – APPROVING 2022-2023 ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND WORK PLAN FOR THE COUNTY FOREST:** **Motion: (Langman/Heller)** to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Thompson).

**2023-8 RESOLUTION – ISLAND CITY SNOWMOBILE & ATV CLUB LOAN:** **Motion: (Effertz/Moen)** to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Thompson).

**2023-9 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING UPGRADES TO THE BARRON COUNTY 911 DISPATCH SYSTEM:** **Motion: (Olson/Heller)** to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Thompson).

**2023-10 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE ENCUMBRANCE OF \$250,000 FOR NEW AGING KITCHEN IN THE OLD SHERIFF’S JAIL AREA:** **Motion: (Cook/ B. Anderson)** to approve. Chair Okey answered questions from the Board. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Thompson).

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

**APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY FIRE WARDEN FOR BARRON COUNTY:** **Motion: (Hanson/Gores)** to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Thompson).

#### **REPORT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

- A. 2022 SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT:** The report was included in the packet.
- B. ANN STREET SCHOOL – POTENTIAL USES:** BCEDC Director Armstrong is continuing his work on securing funding to create a daycare center at the Ann Street School facility.
- C. PLANTING OF TREE IN MEMORY OF SUPERVISOR TERRY LEE:** The County Board bereavement fund will purchase a tree to plant at the Justice Center in Terry Lee’s memory during the spring.
- D. REPAIR OF SNOWMOBILE BRIDGES:** The Property Committee approved allowing Recreation Deputy Wolfe to spend the remaining allocated ARPA funds on the repair of County owned snowmobile bridges.
- E. LETTER FROM RICE LAKE SNOWMOBILE CLUB:** A letter is included in the packet.
- F. BLOOD DRIVE:** The January 26<sup>th</sup> blood drive held at the Government Center collected 41 pints with a goal of 36 pints.
- G. HISTORICAL WORK – OLD LOGGING CAMPS:** Steve Johnson continues work on documenting old logging camps located within Barron County.
- H. COUNTY AMBASSADOR PROGRAM:** ROD Katterhagen is the Barron County Representative and information is included in the packet.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None at this time.

**CLAIMS, PETITIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:** None at this time.

#### **SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- 1. Opioid Settlement Resolution

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Okey adjourned the meeting at 5:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessica Hodek, County Clerk

**MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD AT THE NEXT MEETING.**