



BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023 – 7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

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

ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: None at this time.

ABSENT: Bob Anderson, Stacy Neuman and Marv Thompson.

CALL TO ORDER-ROLL CALL- PUBLIC NOTIFICATION: Chair Okey called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. County Clerk Hodek took attendance. County Administrator French stated the County's compliance with open meeting laws.

INVOCATION: Led by Pastor Paul Poppe from the Chetek Baptist Church located in Chetek.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited.

SPECIAL MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Okey discussed the disagreement at last week's Executive Committee meeting with Supervisor Vaughn and both are moving forward. Supervisor Taxdahl handed out information sheet on future WCWRPC workshops regarding renovating downtown buildings.

APPROVE AGENDA: Chair Okey recommended the removal of the Closed Session informing the Board that the County's attorneys and CBS² attorneys have exchanged letters requesting mediation. **Motion: (Cook/P. Anderson)** to amend the agenda by removing the closed session and approving the amended agenda. Carried with 26 Yes and 3 Absent (B. Anderson, Neuman and Thompson.)

APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2023: Motion: (Mosentine/Langman) to approve. Carried with 26 Yes and 3 Absent (B. Anderson, Neuman and Thompson.)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Paul Poppe, 1146 Dallas Street in Chetek and Patti Greene, 1229 21st Street in Cameron both declined to comment.

PRESENTATION ON UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN EAU CLAIRE, BARRON COUNTY – CHANCELLOR JAMES SCHMIDT: Chancellor Schmidt spoke regarding enrollment statistics, current priorities of the UWEC Barron County Campus, the potential reinstatement of the Bachelor of Professional Studies degree and answered questions from the Board.

PROGRESS UPDATE ON HIGHWAY FACILITIES: Highway Commissioner Servi gave an update on the new highway facilities and answered questions from the Board.

FINANCIAL UPDATE ON HIGHWAY FACILITIES PROJECT: Finance Director Busch gave an overview of the current financial spreadsheet of the new highway facility project, reviewed the recent bond activity and answered questions from the Board. Chair Okey also noted the Highway Finance Steering

Committee is now meeting weekly to ensure all outstanding invoices are paid weekly and answered additional questions from the Board.

2023-5 ZONING ORDINANCE – REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 17.32(F), AMENDING SECTIONS 17.32(2)(G), 17.36(1)(C)5A, 17.64(22)(A) AND 17.74(6)(A)9 AND CREATING SECTIONS 17.74(6)(F) AND 7(E) OF THE BARRON COUNTY LAND USE ORDINANCE: Motion: (Hanson/Kusilek) to approve. Carried with 26 Yes and 3 Absent (B. Anderson, Neuman and Thompson.)

2023-6 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – REZONING – TOWN OF STANLEY, MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM NORTHWEST WI REGION/ADAM STAFF, ACS PROPERTIES, LLC AS AGENT: Motion: (Kusilek/Cook) to approve. Carried with 26 Yes and 3 Absent (B. Anderson, Neuman and Thompson.)

2023-23 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING BARRON COUNTY MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR TO PROCEED WITH CONTRACTOR BIDS FOR NEW AGING/ADRC KITCHEN LOCATED AT THE BARRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER: Motion: (Cook/P. Anderson) to approve. Carried with 26 Yes and 3 Absent (B. Anderson, Neuman and Thompson.)

2023-24 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING INCREASE IN HOURLY WAGE FOR PART-TIME ADRC AND MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES: Motion: (Heller/Hanson) to approve. Carried with 26 Yes and 3 Absent (B. Anderson, Neuman and Thompson.)

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

REPORT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- A. 2022 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ANALYSIS:** Information including accounts payable expenditure graphs are included in the packet.
- B. SENATE BILL 262:** If passed, this bill would make it illegal to have open containers or consume alcohol while riding or driving an ATV/UTV. This bill was cosponsored by Representative Armstrong.
- C. WILD RIVERS TRAIL SIGNAGE:** Administrator French is currently working with the Governor's Office and WEDA to secure the remaining \$7,302.50 to complete the signage project.
- D. BROTEN PROPERTY – COOPER ENGINEERING:** A meeting will occur in the future with Bruce Markgren regarding the clean-up process.
- E. WI SUPREME COURT PPAC – COURT SECURITY:** Administrator French feels there will be a substantial need for security enhancements at the Justice Center in the future. Information from the Supreme Court is provided in the packet.
- F. REFUNDUNG ANALYSIS – COUNTY DEBT:** The analysis is included from Ehlers and at this time, no potential savings were discovered for the County.
- G. POTENTIAL WTE GRANT –** Administrator French is working with Senator Baldwin on Discretionary Government Spending for 4 million for Acid Gas Removal System at WTE Plant and is also applying for EPA grants for the WTE Plant.

APPOINTMENTS

- A. MOSAIC USDA COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS GRANT PLANNING COMMITTEE – APPOINT BILL EFFERTZ: Motion: (Buchanan/Rogers) to approve all appointments as presented. Carried with 26 Yes and 3 Absent (B. Anderson, Neuman and Thompson.)**
- B. COUNTY BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO MUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOARDS (3 YEAR TERMS 05/01/2023 TO 05/01/2026): Motion: (Buchanan/Rogers) to approve all appointments as presented. Carried with 26 Yes and 3 Absent (B. Anderson, Neuman and Thompson.)**

1. **BARRON – APPOINT GARY NELSON AND AUDREY KUSILEK**
 2. **CAMERON – APPOINT KATHY KRUG AND CAROL MOEN**
 3. **CHETEK – APPOINT JOHN BANKS AND STACY NEUMAN**
 4. **RICE LAKE – APPOINT BURNELL HANSON AND STACEY WENZEL**
 5. **TURTLE LAKE – APPOINT GARY TAXDAHL**
- C. PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER – APPOINT KARLA POTTS-SCHUFELT TO REPLACE LAURA SAUVE: Motion: (Buchanan/Rogers) to approve all appointments as presented. Carried with 26 Yes and 3 Absent (B. Anderson, Neuman and Thompson.)**

CLAIMS, PETITIONS & CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None at this time.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, June 19, 2023 at 7:00PM in the Auditorium of the Government Center located in Barron.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Okey adjourned the meeting at 7:59PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, County Clerk

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