



BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023 – 7:00 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, Dale Heinecke, Dana Heller, Kathy Krug, Audrey Kusilek, Fran Langman, Jerry McRoberts, Carol Moen, Roberta Mosentine, Stacy Neuman, Louie Okey, Pete Olson, Bob Rogers, Bill Schradle, Gary Taxdahl, Marv Thompson, Diane Vaughn and Stacey Wenzel.

ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: None at this time.

ABSENT: Gary Nelson and Craig Turcott.

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 Todd Arneson from the Red Cedar Church located in Rice Lake.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited.

SPECIAL MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Administrator French announced Highway Commissioner Servi's upcoming retirement on August 3, 2023, thanked Supervisor Effertz for his work with Mosaic on their grant request and told the Board the City of Barron's Joint Review Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, and due to the short notice, Chair Okey has appointed Administrator French as the County's Representative.

APPROVE AGENDA: Chair Okey requested the Closed Session pertaining the Highway Facility be removed from the agenda. **Motion: (Cook/Effertz)** to amend the agenda by removing the Closed Session and approve. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Nelson and Turcott.).

APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2023: Motion: (Langman/Olson) to approve. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Nelson and Turcott).

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kristin Hanson – 702 North Mill Street in Barron spoke regarding the UW-Extension Administrative Assistant position. Russell Rindsig - 2106 29 ½ Avenue in Sarona spoke regarding the UW-Extension Administrative Assistant position. Pattie Greene – 1229 21st Street in Cameron declined to speak during Public Comment.

PROGRESS UPDATE ON HIGHWAY FACILITIES: Highway Commissioner Servi gave an update on the new highway facilities and answered questions from the Board. Chair Okey and Highway Commissioner Servi answered questions from the Board. There will be a tour of the new Highway Facilities before the July County Board meeting.

FINANCIAL UPDATE ON HIGHWAY FACILITIES PROJECT: Finance Director Busch gave an overview of the current financial updates with the new Highway Facility.

2023-7 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – REZONING – TOWN OF MAPLE GROVE, JEAN KALLENBACH, OWNER / SCHEIL CONSTRUCTION, AGENT: Motion: (Rogers/Gores) to approve. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Nelson and Turcott).

2023-8 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – REZONING – TOWN OF CUMBERLAND, RAYMOND WIIK, OWNER / TRAVIS ERICKSON, AGENT: Motion: (Kusilek/Heinecke) to approve. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Nelson and Turcott).

2023-25 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF NEW AGING / ADRC KITCHEN FACILITY: Motion: (Effertz/Cook) to approve. Discussion. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Nelson/Turcott).

APPROVAL OF K9 AGREEMENT: Motion: (Kusilek/Heller) to approve. Sheriff Fitzgerald gave an overview of the lease. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Nelson and Turcott).

2023-9 ORDINANCE – TO REPEAL AND RECREATE SECTIONS 42.13(1)(G) AND 42.28(3) OF THE PARKS & RECREATION ORDINANCE RELATING TO BOARD LAUNCH USER FEES AND ENFORCEMENT: Motion: (B. Anderson/Thompson) to approve. Discussion. Carried with 26 Yes, 1 No (Langman) and 2 Absent (Nelson and Turcott).

2023-26 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING CREATION OF TWO ADDITIONAL PATROL DEPUTIES IN THE BARRON COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT: Motion: (P. Anderson/Olson) to approve. Discussion. Carried with 26 Yes, 1 No (Banks) and 2 Absent (Nelson and Turcott).

2023-27 RESOLUTION – ESTABLISHING 2024 BARRON COUNTY BUDGET PREPERATION GUIDELINES AND BUDGET PROCESS TIMELINE: Motion: (Taxdahl/Wenzel) to approve. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Nelson and Turcott).

2023-28 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING NATIONWIDE 457B RETIREMENT PLAN AMENDMENT ALLOWING IN-SERVICE PLAN DISTRIBUTIONS BEGINNING AT AGE 59 ½: Motion: (Cook/Wenzel) to approve. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Nelson and Turcott).

2023-29 RESOLUTION – SUPPORTING WASHBURN COUNTY ATV/UTV LETTER TO WISCONSIN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION: Motion: (Taxdahl/Gores) to approve. Carried with 26 Yes, 1 No (Kusilek) and 2 Absent (Nelson and Turcott).

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

REPORT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- A. 2022-2023 Health Insurance Data: Information is included in the packet and Tim Deaton from the Horton Group will be at the August County Board meeting to discuss the 2024 renewal.
- B. Management’s Discussion & Analysis (MD&A): Finance Director Busch reviewed the information included in the packet and answered questions from the Board.
- C. Pelion Benefits – Contract Amendment for HRA Participant Suspension: This amendment allows employees with an HRA to suspend their HRA so the employee can purchase health insurance on the exchanges.
- D. Piano in Room 110: The ownership of the piano in Room 110 of the Government Center has not been established. If ownership is not established by August 1, 2023, the piano will be put for sale on a future Wisconsin Surplus Auction.
- E. Blood Drive Statistics: The summer Red Cross Blood Drive resulted in 69 total appointments and 52 units collected. The next onsite blood drive is scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2023.

- F. 2023 1st Quarter Financials: Finance Director Busch presented the 1st Quarter Financials and answered questions from the Board.

APPOINTMENTS

- A. Solid Waste Board – Reappoint Jim Gores, Bun Hanson, Bob Heil & Dan North (3 Year Terms): **Motion: (Effertz/B. Anderson)** to approve all seven appointments as presented. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Nelson and Turcott).
- B. Board of Adjustment – Reappoint Dan North (3 Year Term): **Motion: (Effertz/B. Anderson)** to approve all seven appointments as presented. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Nelson and Turcott).
- C. Municipal Library Boards (3 Year Terms 05/01/2023 to 05/01/2026): **Motion: (Effertz/B. Anderson)** to approve all seven appointments as presented. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Nelson and Turcott).
1. Cumberland – Appoint Craig Turcott
 2. Chetek – Appoint Bob Rogers to Replace Stacey Neuman

CLAIMS, PETITIONS & CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Tim Deaton from the Horton Group – August
2. Update from West Central Regional Planning Commission (WCRPC) – August
3. Judge Babler & Laura Doebereiner, Social Worker Lead – Family Drug Court Treatment Program
4. Amend County Board Rules & Procedures to Allow Chair and Vice Chairs to Serve as Voting Alternates at Committee Meetings.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, July 17, 2023 at 7:00PM in the Auditorium of the Government Center located in Barron.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Okey adjourned the meeting at 8:10PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, County Clerk

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