



BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MONDAY, JULY 17, 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, Craig Turcott, Diane Vaughn and Stacey Wenzel.

ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: None at this time.

ABSENT: Gary Nelson.

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 Tom Olson from the Hosanna Free Lutheran Church located in Cumberland.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited.

SPECIAL MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Information was included in the packet.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion: (Cook/Langman) to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Nelson).

APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2023: Motion: (B. Anderson/Langman) to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Nelson).

PUBLIC COMMENT: Russell Rindsig – 2106 29 ½ Avenue in Sarona spoke regarding the upcoming Barron County Fair which starts this week.

FAMILY DRUG COURT TREATMENT PRESENTATION – JUDGE JAMES BABLER AND LAURA DOEBEREINER: Judge Babler and Doebereiner gave an overview of the Family Drug Court Recovery Program including the program development, program costs, program statistics and successful participant stories. Judge Babler noted that the Family Drug Court Treatment Program was recently changed to the Family Drug Court Recovery Program. Judge Babler and Doebereiner both answered questions from the Board.

PROGRESS UPDATE ON HIGHWAY FACILITIES: Highway Commissioner Servi gave an update on the new highway facilities. Highway Commissioner Servi also led a tour of the new Highway Facilities before the County Board meeting this evening at 5:30PM.

FINANCIAL UPDATE ON HIGHWAY FACILITIES PROJECT: Finance Director Busch gave an overview of the current financial updates with the new Highway Facility. Chair Okey also answered questions from the Board.

2023-10 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – REZONING – TOWN OF TURTLE LAKE, DAVE & TRUDY PABST: Motion: (B. Anderson/Rogers) to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Nelson).

2023-30 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING NATIONWIDE 401(a) TRUST AGREEMENT: Motion: (Heller/Wenzel) to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Nelson).

BARRON COUNTY RULES & PROCEDURES CHANGES (1ST READING): Corporation Counsel Muench read the proposed changes to the Barron County Rules & Procedures.

2023-31 RESOLUTION – REQUESTING A PORTION OF CTH SS IN BARRON COUNTY BE NAMED “OFFICER EMILY BREIDENBACH AND OFFICER HUNTER SCHEEL MEMORIAL HIGHWAY:” Motion: (Cook/Kusilek) to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Nelson).

2023-11 RESOLUTION – AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2008-16 RELATING TO THE DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE WITHIN BARRON COUNTY, WISCONSIN (FLOW CONTROL ORDINANCE): Motion: (Mosentine/Thompson) to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Nelson).

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

REPORT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- A. HOMELAND SECURITY ELECTION AUDIT:** County Clerk Hodek gave an overview of the background for the Election Audit completed by the Homeland Security staff last week and will update the Committee next month once the report has been finalized. It was indicated there are several security enhancements that will need to be completed prior to the start of the 2024 election cycle with additional details to follow next month.
- B. HSA USAGE DATA:** Information was included in the packet.
- C. CITY OF BARRON TIF/TID MEETING:** Information was included in the packet.
- D. PUBLIC RETIREMENT PLAN TRUST ARRANGEMENT FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES:** Information was included in the packet.
- E. BARRON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY REHABILITATION UPDATE:** Information was included in the packet.

APPOINTMENTS

- A. INTERIM HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER – APPOINT NATE NELSON: Motion: (Buchanan/Wenzel)** to approve all appointments as presented. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Nelson).
- B. WPPA NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE – APPOINT LOUIE OKEY, KAROLYN BARTLETT, PETE OLSON, BOB ROGERS AND GARY NELSON: Motion: (Buchanan/Wenzel)** to approve all appointments as presented. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Nelson).
- C. BIKE & PEDESTRIAN PLAN COMMITTEE – APPOINT PATTI ANDERSON, KATHY KRUG, KAROLYN BARTLETT, BRANDI NELSON, TYLER GRUETZMACHER, BILL EFFERTZ, BURNELL HANSON, CRAIG TURCOTT, NATE NELSON, JENNIFER BLATZ, ERIC GRUNDIN AND ALTERNATES KELLI RASMUSSEN & LIZ JACOBSON: Motion: (Buchanan/Wenzel)** to approve all appointments as presented. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Nelson).
- D. HIGHWAY FACILITY FINANCE COMMITTEE – APPOINT MAK KAISER: Motion: (Buchanan/Wenzel)** to approve all appointments as presented. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Nelson).

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. 2nd Reading - Amend County Board Rules & Procedures to Allow Chair and Vice Chairs to Serve as Voting Alternates at Committee Meetings – August
4. Public Retirement Plan Trust Arrangement for Part-Time Employees

NEXT MEETING DATES:

1. **Special Meeting** - Friday, July 28, 2023 at 9:00AM in the Auditorium of the Government Center located in Barron.
2. **Regular Monthly Meeting** – Monday, August 21 at 7:00PM in the Auditorium of the Government Center located in Barron.

BARRON COUNTY HIGHWAY FACILITY UPDATE 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: (Cook/B. 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 and Corporation Counsel Muench. Carried with 28 voting Yes and 1 Absent (Nelson).

County Administrator French took minutes for the remainder of the meeting.

Motion to return to open session; Supervisors Cook/Bartlett, Carried.

Motion by Supervisor Bob Anderson/Dana Heler: To appoint the following individuals to a mediation committee to meet with CBS2, their attorneys, along with our attorneys, to begin the mediation process. Supervisors; Louie Okey, Stan Buchanan, Peter Olson, Staff: Finance Director Busch, Hwy Facilities Manager Mat Kaiser. Carried

Motion to approve a special County Board meeting Friday July 28th, 9am, if necessary: Gores/Banks, carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Okey adjourned the meeting at 8:11PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, County Clerk

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