

Barron County Highway Facility Finance Committee
Government Center – Room 2151
335 E Monroe Ave
Barron, WI 54812
July 31, 2023 Minutes – 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members Attended in Person: Members of the Board Appointed Mediation Committee:
Louie Okey, Pete Olson, Stan Buchanan, Jodi Busch, MAK Kaiser

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Present: John Muench

Others Present: Matt Thome from Attolles Law, Jim Kremer from Dewitt Law Firm, Sheryl Claflin, Chad Oster, Zach Elstran, John Beckfield, & Neil Bowe from CBS2

The Highway Facility Finance Committee was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chair Okey.

The public meeting notification was provided by Okey confirming compliance with open meeting requirements.

Approve the Agenda: Motion (Olson / Buchanan) to approve the agenda. All in favor. Carried.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Introductions were shared.

Closed Session – Barron County Highway Facility 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 and payment of additional bills, extra costs and extra charges. Motion: (Buchanan / Olson) to go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) for 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) for conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advise 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 and mediation. To include all County Board Supervisors present, Finance Director Busch, Corporation Counsel Muench, Equipment and Facility Manager Kaiser, Attorney Thome from Attolles Law, Attorney Kremer from DeWitt Law Firm and all representatives present from CBS2. Carried with 5 yes, 0 No, and two absent.

Attorney Kremer and all representatives of CBS2 left at 11:00 am

Return to Open Session – Motion: (Kaiser / Olson) All in favor. Carried.

Recommendation (Olson / Kaiser) to schedule a special session of the County Board of Supervisors pertaining to agenda item #6 on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Adjourn by unanimous consent at 11:07 a.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Jodi Busch, Finance Director