



BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 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, 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, 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: Stan Buchanan.

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 Administrator French.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited.

SPECIAL MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Administrator French reminded the Aging/ADRC Kitchen Facility Committee members that they will have a meeting tomorrow afternoon at 4:00PM and to please let him know ASAP if you are unable to attend. Supervisor Krug invited the County Board to attend the 17th Annual Blue Grass Festival at the Pioneer Village Museum in Cameron this weekend, September 8 through September 10th.

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2023: Motion: (B. Anderson/Gores) to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Buchanan).

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

WEST CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING PRESENTATION: Executive Director Scott Allen discussed the history of the local regional planning committees, recent staffing changes and current funding projects around the region. Lending Specialist Amanda Veith spoke in regards to the partnership with the Regional Business Fund and the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Both Allen and Veith answered questions from the Board.

PROGRESS UPDATE ON HIGHWAY FACILITIES: Facilities Manager Kaiser gave an update on recent construction progress and answered questions from the Board.

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

2023-12 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – REZONING – TOWN OF CRYSTAL LAKE, JEFFREY A. ZAPPA: Motion: (Rogers/Cook) to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Buchanan).

2023-13 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – REZONING – TOWN OF STANFOLD, CODY B. FANKHAUSER AND E. PAT & DEETTE FANKHAUSER: Motion: (Gores/Langman) to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Buchanan).

2023-14 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – REZONING – TOWN OF STANFOLD, NORSWISS PROPERTIES, LLC / MATT SHILTS, AGENT: Motion: (Olson/Turcott) to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Buchanan).

2023-15 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – REZONING – TOWN OF STANLEY, CHRISTIAN & BRIDGET SCHNIDER: Motion: (Cook/Heller) to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Buchanan).

2023-16 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – REZONING – TOWN OF PRAIRIE LAKE, DANIEL O. & JOANN BRINKMAN / OWEN BRINKMAN, AGENT: Motion: (Mosentine/Thompson) to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Buchanan).

2023-32 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING BARRON COUNTY TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A FICA ALTERNATIVE PLAN AND TRUST AGREEMENT FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES AND PART-TIME ELECTED OFFICIALS: Motion: (Mosentine/Heinecke) to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Buchanan).

2023-33 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES: Motion: (Banks/B. Anderson) to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Buchanan).

2023-17 ORDINANCE – HIGHWAY FACILITY AND GROUNDS PUBLIC ACCESS: Corporation Counsel Muench gave an explanation for the reason to create the ordinance and answered questions from the Board. **Motion: (Gores/Wenzel)** to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Buchanan).

2023-18 ORDINANCE - BARRON COUNTY RULES & PROCEDURES CHANGES (2ND READING): Corporation Counsel Muench, Chair Okey and Administrator French answered questions from the Board. **Motion: (Cook/B. Anderson)** to approve. Carried with 25 Yes, 3 No (Effertz, Langman & Vaughn) and 1 Absent (Buchanan).

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) EXPENDITURES: County Administrator French, Chair Okey and Supervisor Nelson answered questions from the Board.

REPORT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- A. COUNTY BOARD MEETING TIMES SURVEY:** County Clerk Hodek distributed the survey results prior to the meeting and the 2024 County Board dates and times will be determined at the September meeting.
- B. WILD RIVERS TRAIL SIGNAGE – HIGHWAY 53:** The DOT, DNR, WHEDA and WEDA have all declined to participate monetarily for the cost of the requested signage and Administrator French will continue to research possible financing options for these signs.
- C. BEAD GRANT:** Administrator French applied for the grant but will not create additional documents after the grant has been submitted, and thus the County is not eligible for grant reimbursement.
- D. HEALTH JOY DATA:** Information was included in the packet.

APPOINTMENTS

A. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER – APPOINT MICHAEL HOEFS: Motion: (Gores/Wenzel) to approve. Michael Hoefs introduced himself to the Board. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Buchanan).

CLAIMS, PETITIONS & CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. First draft of the 2024 County Budget
2. 2024 County Board Meeting Dates & Times
3. 2024 Health Insurance Renewal - October

NEXT MEETING DATES: Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:00PM.

2024 HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL: Executive Vice President Tim Deaton from the Horton Group gave a presentation on the current statistics and trends of the self-funded insurance plan utilized by Barron County and the renewal projections for 2024. Deaton also answered questions from the Board.

Administrator French asked to confirm that all Aging/ADRC Kitchen Facility Committee members can attend the meeting tomorrow at 4:00PM. Discussion.

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.