



# PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 12, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.  
Barron County Government Center – Room 2151  
335 East Monroe Avenue - Barron, WI 54812

## Minutes

**Members Present in Person:** Dana Heller, Craig Fowler, Karolyn Bartlett, Bob Rogers, Carol Moen, Bill Schradle, Louie Okey (alternate for Bill Effertz)

**Others Present:** Jeff French, Wendy Coleman, Chris Fitzgerald, Janette Cain, John Muench, Stacey Frolik, Ruth Erickson, Jeff Wolfe, Ken Beranek, Steve Olson, Ryan Urban, Tyler Gruetzmacher

The Property Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Heller at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024.

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

There were no comments from the public.

**Motion:** (Okey / Schradle) to approve the agenda as presented. Carried

Minutes were corrected prior to the meeting reflecting Bob Rogers was in attendance at the January 8, 2024 meeting. **Motion:** (Rogers / Schradle) to approve the minutes of January 8, 2024. Carried

Heller welcomed new member Craig Fowler who has been appointed to finish Jerry McRoberts term.

DHHS Vehicle Request – ARPA Funds: Stacey Frolik requested to purchase an additional vehicle for staff use through HHS ARPA funds. Reviewed 2023 usage of the vehicles by HHS staff. Discussion.

**Motion:** (Bartlett / Fowler) to approve the purchase of one vehicle for Public Health/DHHS using HHS ARPA funds. Carried

Ordinance – Repealing and Recreating Barron County General Code Entitled Parks & Recreation: Muench reviewed the ordinance and changes over the past 10 years. Language is being added regarding camping fees at Kirby Lake, Kelly Lake and county forest blocks that was discussed in 2023. **Motion:** (Bartlett / Schradle) to recommend approval the Parks and Recreation ordinance as presented. Carried.

Closure of Government Center Upper Parking Lot – Loading Zone Only: French is requesting that the upper parking lot at the Government Center be closed to parking effective immediately and to be used for loading / unloading only. **Motion:** (Rogers / Bartlett) to approve no parking in the upper lot except for loading and unloading effective immediately. Carried

## Staff Reports / Updates

- Dam Update: Gruetzmacher gave an update on water levels and working on motor issue at the Rice Lake Dam. Ice Age Trail work will likely be done by Wisconsin Conservation Corp later this year.
- Skid Steer Usage: Wolfe gave an update on the usage of the skid steer this year by Club. Discussion on lack of snow and effects on funding. **Motion:** (Bartlett / Moen) recommend to County Board to stop tracking skid steer hours individually and use DNR format. Carried
- Tour of New Kitchen: Committee will view the kitchen prior to adjourning.
- Pioneer Village Museum Welcome Center / Headquarters – Letter of Support: French submitted a letter of support to the Museum for their proposed Welcome Center.
- UWECBC – HVAC Estimates: Olson gave an update on the engineering plans of the upgrade and the issue of the lines running under Ritzinger Hall. Current estimates are \$1.6M. Discussed if there is adequate contingency budgeted at this time.

Suggestions For Future Agenda Items: Additional engineering costs for UWECBC - HVAC, budget carryovers (April)

There were no questions or concerns regarding the voucher edit lists.

The next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for March 4, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. if needed.

Committee viewed the new Aging Kitchen and adjourned by unanimous consent at 1:52 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:  
Wendy Coleman, Executive Assistant

***Minutes are not official until approved by the Property Committee at their next meeting.***