



Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, March 1, 2024 – 8:00 a.m.

Barron County Government Center – Auditorium
335 East Monroe Avenue – Barron, Wisconsin 54812

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON: Karolyn Bartlett, Stan Buchanan, Randy Cook Sr, Bun Hanson, Dale Heinecke, Carol Moen, Gary Nelson, Louie Okey and Marv Thompson.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: None.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Rogers.

STAFF PRESENT IN PERSON: Finance Director Busch, Sheriff Fitzgerald, Administrator French, County Clerk Hodek, Emergency Management Director Judy, ROD Katterhagen, Corporation Counsel Muench, IT Director Peterson, HR Director Richie, and Treasurer Sommerfeld.

OTHER COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Patti Anderson, Kathy Krug, and Diane Vaughn.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ruth Erickson and Russell Rindsig.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Okey called the meeting to order at 8:00AM.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTIFICATION: Administrator French read the Public Meeting Notification.

SPECIAL MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (NON-ACTION ITEMS): None at this time.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion: (Cook/Buchanan) to approve. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2024: Motion: (Heinecke/Thompson) to approve. Carried.

MEMO REGARDING WORLD RELIEF MEETING: Supervisor Vaughn asked for clarification regarding the World Relief Housing letter that was mailed to the request of the County Board. Administrator French answered questions from Supervisor Vaughn and the Committee. Supervisor P. Anderson also spoke regarding the letter.

RESOLUTION – SALARY OF BARRON COUNTY CLERK, REGISTER OF DEEDS AND TREASURER FOR 2025-2028: Chair Okey gave an overview of the resolution. Treasurer Sommerfeld and Register of Deeds Katterhagen spoke regarding the resolution. Administrator French reviewed a spreadsheet that was shared with him by ROD Katterhagen. Discussion. **Motion: (Thompson/Heinecke)** to approve a 4% increase for each year in 2025-2028. Carried with 8 voting yes and Cook abstaining.

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING USE OF CONTINGENCY FUND, AGING KITCHEN (ARPA) FUNDS AND TRANSFER OF 2024 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL OUTLAY (CICOP) FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING AND INSTALLING A NEW BOILER AT THE BARRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER: Motion: (Cook/Buchanan) to approve. Discussion. Carried.

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING BARRON COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER SALLY PORT GARAGE AND VISITATION ROOM STUDY AND USE OF UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE - \$422, 575: Motion: (Hanson/Buchanan) to approve. Sheriff Fitzgerald gave an explanation of the project, including financing. Maintenance Director Olson will be the project manager for the County's portion of the project with Jail Captain Evenson assisting with the Jail portion. Carried.



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RESOLUTION – APPROVING A MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR BARRON COUNTY: Emergency Management Director Judy gave an overview of the resolution **Motion: (Cook/Bartlett)** to approve. Carried.

ORDINANCE – CREATING SECTION 50-6 OF ARTICLE I OF THE BARRON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING SALE OF TAX DEEDED LAND TO MUNICIPALITIES: Treasurer Sommerfeld gave an overview of the change in the ordinance. **Motion: (Nelson/Hanson)** to approve. Treasurer Sommerfeld and Corporation Counsel Muench answered questions from the Committee. Carried.

APPROVE ADDITIONAL COMP TIME ACCRUAL FOR WASTE TO ENERGY MANAGEMENT STAFF: Administrator French and Chair Okey asked for approval of this additional comp time due to the current acid gas removal project at the WTE plant. **Motion: (Cook/Hanson)** to allow the management staff at the WTE Plant to accrue an additional 40 hours, not to exceed 80 hours, of compensatory time to be used by December 31, 2025. Carried.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL – DRUG TREATMENT COURT RISE CONFERENCE – HOUSTON, TEXAS: Administrator French asked for approval. **Motion: (Bartlett/Moen)** to approve. Carried.

STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES

- A. WRITE-OFF OF TAX CERTIFICATES:** Administrator French thanked Treasurer Sommerfeld for her work on this item. Corporation Counsel Muench answered questions from the Committee.
- B. AGING/ADRC KITCHEN CONTINGENCY EXPENDITURES:** Administrator French thanked the Committee for keeping the new kitchen project under budget.

REVIEW VOUCHER EDIT LISTS: Included in the packet.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Tim Deaton from the Horton Group will provide a final report for 2023 and plans for 2025 – May
2. Update from WTE on Acid Gas Removal Project - April

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 8:00AM.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Okey adjourned the meeting at 8:49AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk