



BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024 – 9:00 AM

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, Craig Fowler, Jim Gores, Bun Hanson, Dale Heinecke, Dana Heller, Kathy Krug, Audrey Kusilek, Fran Langman, Carol Moen, Roberta Mosentine, Gary Nelson, Stacy Neuman, Louie Okey, Bob Rogers, Bill Schradle, Marv Thompson, Craig Turcott and Diane Vaughn.

ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: Pete Olson and Stacey Wenzel.

ABSENT: Pam Fall and Gary Taxdahl.

CALL TO ORDER-ROLL CALL-PUBLIC NOTIFICATION: Chair Okey called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. County Clerk Hodek took attendance and County Administrator French stated the County's compliance with open meeting laws.

INVOCATION: Led by Pastor Arthur Bergren from the Bethany Lutheran Church located in Rice Lake.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited.

SPECIAL MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (NON-ACTION ITEMS): Administrator French reviewed the current Lona's Café statistics, located in Haugen. The County has hopes of opening other similar locations within the County. Chair Okey thanked Supervisor Patti Anderson for all of her help with organizing, assisting with operations and her dedication to this senior dining location in Haugen.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion: (B. Anderson/Gores) to approve. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Fall & Taxdahl).

APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2024: Motion: (Hanson/Langman) to approve. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Fall & Taxdahl).

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nancy Keeler - 996 20 3/4th Avenue in Cumberland spoke regarding the Barron County Housing Authority Rehabilitation project.

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS: Chair Okey thanked the four retiring Supervisors: Stan Buchanan, Dale Heinecke, Stacy Neuman and Gary Taxdahl for their dedication to Barron County and presented plaques to those who attended the meeting in person.

SEH PRESENTATION ON BARRON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY REHABILITATION PROJECT: Dan Penzkover, Representative from SEH spoke regarding projected costs of the rehabilitation project, including the differences in cost projection for this specific project. Joseph Schwenker attended the meeting virtually for the SEH Housing Authority Rehabilitation Project Presentation and echoed Penzkover's remarks. Discussion. Tom Landgraf also answered questions from the Board.

BARRON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY PRESENTATION – BOB KAZMIERSKI: Bob Kazmierski, Executive Director of the Barron County Housing Authority, reviewed the proposed remodel project for the Barron County Housing Authority building complex in Turtle Lake.

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) DOLLARS FOR BARRON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY APARTMENT COMPLEX REHABILITATION NOT TO EXCEED 3.5 MILLION: Administrator French and County Board Chair Okey discussed the available options and answered questions from the Board. **Motion: (Moen/Cook)** to postpone to a Time Certain at the May 2025 County Board Meeting. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Fall & Taxdahl).

PRESENTATION ON MULTI-AGENCY RESPONSE EVENT – SHERIFF CHRIS FITZGERALD: Sheriff Fitzgerald and Health & Human Services Director Frolik highlighted the event and noted this is the second event that the County has hosted. This is a preventative event that helped over 200 families in our community and was held at the Rice Lake Cedar Mall.

2024-9 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN EAU CLAIRE AND UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN EAU CLAIRE BARRON COUNTY CAMPUS STAFF TO APPLY FOR AND ADMINISTER A WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AND WISCONSIN OFFICE OF ENERGY INNOVATION RURAL ENERGY STARTUP PROGRAM ENERGY AND EFFICIENCY CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT, ACTIVITY 3: ENERGY AUDITS AND BUILDING UPGRADES GRANT: UW Eau Claire Barron County Campus Director Abbey Fisher gave an update on campus statistics. Lily Strelow and Troy Terhark from the UW Eau Claire Campus discussed the grant and how it could determine cost effective improvements to the UW Eau Claire Barron County Campus. Discussion. **Motion: (Turcott/Hanson)** to approve. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Fall & Taxdahl).

REZONING PETITIONS

- A. 2024-3 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – ESTABLISH ZONING DISTRICT – TOWN OF PRAIRIE LAKE, DAVID B. THEESFELD AND KAREN CANFIELD, OWNERS / TOWN OF PRAIRIE LAKE, PETITIONER: Motion: (Cook/Heller)** to approve. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Fall & Taxdahl).
- B. 2024-10 RESOLUTION TO DENY REZONING REQUEST – TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE, JEFFREY ALLEN BIGOTT, SUZANNE MARIE BIGOTT & DUSTIN RICHARD BIGOTT, OWNERS / TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE – KEN LENERS, CHAIR, PETITIONER (LOT 39): Motion: (Kusilek/Moen)** to approve. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Fall & Taxdahl).
- C. 2024-11 RESOLUTION TO DENY REZONING REQUEST – TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE, JEFFREY ALLEN BIGOTT, SUZANNE MARIE BIGOTT & DUSTIN RICHARD BIGOTT, OWNERS / TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE – KEN LENERS, CHAIR, PETITIONER (LOT 30, 37 & 38): Motion: (P. Anderson/Heller)** to approve. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Fall & Taxdahl).
- D. 2024-12 RESOLUTION TO DENY REZONING REQUEST – TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE, JOHN F. BOLLES, OWNERS / TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE – KEN LENERS, CHAIR, PETITIONER (LOT 36): Motion: (Kusilek/Cook)** to approve. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Fall & Taxdahl).
- E. 2024-13 RESOLUTION TO DENY REZONING REQUEST – TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE, MARY M. ECKWRIGHT IRREVOCABLE TRUST, OWNERS / TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE – KEN LENERS, CHAIR, PETITIONER (LOT 35): Motion: (Gores/Heller)** to approve. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Fall & Taxdahl).
- F. 2024-14 RESOLUTION TO DENY REZONING REQUEST – TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE, ERNEST & AMBER R. HALL, OWNERS / TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE – KEN LENERS, CHAIR, PETITIONER (LOT 40): Motion: (Thompson/Heller)** to approve. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Fall & Taxdahl).
- G. 2024-15 RESOLUTION TO DENY REZONING REQUEST – TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE, ERNEST & AMBER R. HALL, OWNERS / TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE – KEN LENERS, CHAIR, PETITIONER (LOT 41): Motion: (Kusilek/Heller)** to approve. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Fall & Taxdahl).

2024-16 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING SALE OF BARRON COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX – 410 EAST LASALLE AVENUE, BARRON, WI: Motion: (Moen/Gores) to approve. Discussion. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Fall & Taxdahl).

2024-17 RESOLUTION – SALARY OF BARRON COUNTY CLERK, REGISTER OF DEEDS AND TREASURER FOR 2025-2028: Motion: (Gores/Banks) to approve. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Fall & Taxdahl).

2024-18 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: (B. Anderson/Heller) to approve. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Fall & Taxdahl).

2024-19 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING BARRON COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER SALLY PORT GARAGE AND VISITATION ROOM STUDY AND USE OF UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE - \$422,575: Motion: (Buchanan/Heller) to approve. Sheriff Fitzgerald reviewed the potential funding and answered questions from the Board. Joel Dunning and Jacob Wollensak from Wold Architect appeared virtually during this discussion item. Discussion. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Fall & Taxdahl).

2024-20 RESOLUTION – APPROVING A MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR BARRON COUNTY: Sheriff Fitzgerald and Emergency Management Director Judy gave a brief overview of the plan received from WCWRPC and noted the document will be posted online after the meeting. **Motion: (Olson/Heller)** to approve. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Fall & Taxdahl).

2024-21 RESOLUTION – 2024 WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK IN BARRON COUNTY: Motion: (Thompson/Nelson) to approve. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Fall & Taxdahl).

2024-4 ORDINANCE – CREATING SECTION 50-6 OF ARTICLE I OF THE BARRON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING SALE OF TAX DEEDED LAND TO MUNICIPALITIES: Motion: (Rogers/Heller) to approve. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Fall & Taxdahl).

PROGRESS & FINANCIAL UPDATE ON HIGHWAY FACILITIES: Chair Okey gave a financial update of the new highway facilities.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) EXPENDITURES: Finance Director Busch gave an update on recent ARPA expenditures in the packet.

REPORT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- A. BOARDING PRISONERS OUT OF COUNTY:** Information is included in the packet.
- B. INTEREST ON ACCRUED UNFUNDED STATE RETIREMENT:** Information is included in the packet.
- C. CLOSEOUT OF AGING/ADRC KITCHEN PROJECT:** Information is included in the packet and the project is expected to be closed out in mid-May.

APPOINTMENTS

- A. BARRON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY – DOUG EDWARDSON TO REPLACE SHAY HORTON: Motion: (Rogers/Heller)** to approve. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Fall & Taxdahl).

CLAIMS, PETITIONS & CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. WTE Presentation – Acid Gas Removal System, WTE Operations, Recycling Update – WTE Plant Manager Bohns & Assistant Plant Manager Andy Hanson
2. Highway Presentation – Highway Commissioner Hoefs
3. Mosaic Telecommunications Presentation
4. Horton Group Presentation – Tim Deaton
5. WestCap Presentation

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 9:00AM in the Auditorium of the Government Center located in Barron.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Okey adjourned the meeting at 10:54AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, County Clerk

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