



PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Minutes

Members Present: Dana Heller, Bill Effertz, Carol Moen, Craig Fowler, Bob Rogers, Bill Schradle, Karolyn Bartlett (1:02 p.m.)

Others Present: Louie Okey, Jeff French, Wendy Coleman, Jodi Busch, Chris Fitzgerald, Lance Peterson, John Muench, Steve Olson, Abby Fischer, Ruth Erickson, Ryan Urban, Tyler Gruetzmacher, Dave Gifford, Ken Beranek, Aaron Mickelson

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

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

Public Comment: French stated that there were handouts on the table from the Museum.

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

Motion: (Fowler / Effertz) to approve the minutes of March 4, 2024 as presented. Carried

Bartlett arrived at 1:02 p.m.

Process for Awarding UWECBC HVAC Bids and Project Completion: Olson requested that Property be the oversight committee for the HVAC project. Bid opening will be April 17th and will be published for 2 weeks prior to bid opening. A special County Board meeting may need to be held on April 22nd to approve bids. Abby Fischer with UWECBC spoke regarding the future of the UW Barron County campus, recruitment efforts and enrollment outlook. Discussion. French provided a review of how the timeline will happen and that a special County Board meeting for approval. No action taken.

Discuss 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Projects and Possible Borrowings: French reviewed upcoming projects and options for funding these projects. Reviewed funds that have been set aside for the Housing Authority upgrades and how and if those funds could be used in the interim. Discussion on effect on the housing authority project to unencumbered the ARPA project from the project. Discussion on how the projects all move forward. Will be discussed at the Executive Committee and County Board meetings. No recommendation made.

Dairyland Power Easement: Muench explained the request from Dairyland Power to update an existing easement through the Narrow Gauge from 1949. This would make the location of the

existing easement more accurate. **Motion:** (Effertz / Schradle) to recommend the County Clerk execute the updated easement. Carried

LaSalle Avenue Rebuild – Phase II: French included a memo regarding the LaSalle Avenue upgrade and potential timeline of the project. If the water to the Government Center would need to be shut off for more than a couple of hours, the majority of staff may need to work remotely for a day or so.

Sale of 410 East LaSalle Avenue (Office Complex) Update: French reported that the Office Complex has been posted on the Hansen Auction site and reviewed the timeline of the potential sale of the building.

Staff Reports / Updates

- a. 2023 Carryover Requests and Squad Room Upgrades: Proposed carryovers were included in the packet.
- b. Soil Borings for Xcel Energy Line: French gave an update on potential soil borings as part of the Xcel Energy project. .
- c. Pipestone Quarry: French gave an update on the recent webinar by Rick St. Germain regarding the Pipestone Quarry. Staff met with Mr. Germain and a letter has been drafted. Site is a national historic site and has restrictions based on that designation.

Suggestions For Future Agenda Items: None

Review Voucher Edit Lists: No questions or concerns.

Set Next Meeting Date: May 6 at 1:00 p.m.

The Property Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:09 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:
Wendy Coleman, Executive Assistant

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