



Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, April 5, 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, Louie Okey, Bob Rogers and Marv Thompson.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: None.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ruth Erickson, Bob Kazmierski, Amanda Kohnen and Ryan Urban.

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): Administrator French noted the Chronotype History book will be distributed at the next County Board meeting. Chair Okey thanked retiring Supervisors Buchanan and Heinecke for their service on the County Board and numerous committees.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2024: Motion: (Heinecke/Thompson) to approve. Carried.

APPROVE BROTEN PROPERTY WAMS / DNR GRANT – COOPER ENGINEERING \$2,500: BCEDC Director Armstrong gave an overview of the Broten Property and the available DNR grant.
Motion: (Buchanan/Cook) to approve. Carried.

2025-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND POTENTIAL BORROWINGS: Maintenance Director Olson discussed the necessary improvements to the HVAC waterline required at the UW Eau Claire Barron County campus. Chair Okey reviewed the recent changes of the UW System regarding closing various two year campuses. County Administrator French discussed his position on the viability of the UW Eau Claire Barron County campus. Chair Okey noted there will be a special April 22, 2024 County Board meeting at 10:00AM to discuss this matter. Administrator French discussed the Great Pivot and potential changes with County funded projects. Chair Okey noted that potential impact of withdrawing funding from the Housing Authority rehabilitation project in Turtle Lake. Discussion. **Motion: (Cook/Buchanan)** to create a resolution not to exceed 2 million to fund UW Eau Claire Barron County Campus updates. Sheriff Fitzgerald discussed the impact on the upcoming project at the Sheriff's Department. Carried.

2023 OVERDRAFT ACCOUNTS: Finance Director Busch reviewed the 2023 Overdraft Fees and answered questions from the Board. **Motion: (Hanson/Rogers)** to approve. Carried.



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LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING MAPS: Representative Armstrong explained the background of the new legislative maps and changes within Barron County. County Clerk Hodek discussed the new legislative maps in regards to the upcoming Fall Elections and the impact on Barron County voters.

STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES

- A. **STRATEGIC PLANNING WORK GROUP UPDATE:** County Administrator French reviewed updates discussed at the recent committee meeting.
- B. **APRIL TABLETOP EXERCISE – LUNCH PAID BY COUNTY:** The emergency plan scenario tabletop exercise was led by the Sheriff on Thursday, April 4, 2024 with Department Heads.
- C. **2023 HHS OVERDRAFT UPDATE:** County Administrator French said this will be covered with funds from the General Fund balance.
- D. **HOUSING AUTHORITY REHABILITATION STRUCTURE:** Barron County Housing Authority Director Kazmeirski reviewed the timeline and funding request for the Housing Authority Rehabilitation project. Chair Okey highlighted the importance of the County's relationship with HUD.
- E. **TINY HOMES PROJECT:** Information is included in the packet. Discussion.
- F. **PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE:** The LaSalle Avenue project in the City of Barron will start on April 8. The auction for sale of the office complex located at 810 East LaSalle Avenue will take place on May 21, 2024.

REVIEW VOUCHER EDIT LISTS: Included in the packet.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Closing of County's 2023 Health Insurance Fund – Tim Deaton.

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 8:00AM.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Okey adjourned the meeting at 9:15AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk