



BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

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

Link to View Meeting: <http://youtube.com/c/BarronCountyMeetings>

Live streaming of the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

AMENDED AGENDA

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2. Oath of Office & Swearing In of All Supervisors
3. Roll Call – Public Notification
4. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
5. Special Matters and Announcements (Non-Action Items)
6. Approve Agenda
7. Introduction of Supervisors (*2 Minutes Each*)
8. Approve Minutes of March 18, 2024
9. Public Comment (*Prior Registration with County Clerk Required / Maximum Allotted Time is 3 Minutes*)
10. Election of Elective Positions
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 - c. County Board 2nd Vice Chair
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TO: County Board
FROM: Jeff French, Administrator 
DATE: April 9th, 2024
RE: **Tuesday**, April 16th, County Board Meeting - **9:00 a.m.**

For new members I would recommend arriving 15 to 20 minutes early to find your seat and to get logged in. Thank you.

1. Call to Order:
The County Clerk will Chair this meeting until the election of the Board Chair.
2. Oath of Office and Swearing in of Supervisors: Honorable James C. Babler will administer the oath of office to all Supervisors.
3. Roll Call – Public Notification:
Clerk Hodek will call the Roll, I will read the Public Notification
5. Special Matters and Announcements:
Patience! We have new software that must be programmed after the Chair is elected, this pertains to Agenda item #10.
If you are going to attend the WCA Annual Conference September 22nd to 24th, you need to inform Wendy Coleman by 8am Friday May 24th
7. Introduction of New Supervisors: Each Supervisor will be allotted 2 minutes to provide a brief introduction of themselves.
10. Election of Elective Positions: The positions of Chair and Vice Chairs will be nominated by ballot. Those receiving nominations may speak for not more than five (5) minutes regarding their interest and qualifications for a position of Board Leadership. Positions will be chosen in order (Chair, Vice Chair and 2nd Vice Chair) for nominations and voting. *If more than two (2) candidates appear on the ballot, the two (2) top vote getters shall have a run-off election.*

The Highway Committee shall consist of five (5) members of the County Board. Those Supervisors who desire to serve on the Highway Committee shall so advise the County Board by self nomination and may speak for not more than five (5) minutes prior to the election of the Highway Committee. Supervisors who have declared their interest in serving on the Highway

Committee will be voted on by written and initialed ballots by the entire County Board. Each ballot will be for all unfilled positions with each Supervisor voting for all unfilled positions. *If more than five (5) candidates appear on the ballot, the top five (5) candidates receiving the most votes shall be elected.*

All other Committees and Boards will be appointed by the County Board Chair and / or County Administrator at the May County Board meeting.

11. Zoning Ordinance - Town of Prairie Lake - Veteran Owned Properties LLC
My understanding is this rezoning was approved by the Committee and I recommend full C/B approval.
12. Presentation Broadband Infrastructure Grants - Mosaic Technologies:
DeAnna Westphal from Mosaic has requested a few minutes to speak to the Board regarding the Public Service Commissions Capital Projects Fund(s) awarded to Mosaic Technologies for fiber broadband expansion in the Towns of Barron, Maple Plain, Prairie Lake, Rice Lake and Doyle. DeAnna stated; “Your letters of support have made a significant impact on the Wisconsin PSC and our organization.”
13. Presentation Barron County Housing Authority Bob Kasmerski:
Bob, made a presentation to the Executive Committee and he was asked to also provide an update to the structural changes based on the BCHA applying for two separate grants. Attached are schematics of those changes. It is also my understand we are reaching the point of a final-final go/no-go decision regarding this matter which I believe the C/B should discuss with Bob.
14. Presentation Waste to Energy and Recycling Upgrades – Brent Bohn WTE Plant Manager:
At the February County Board meeting it was requested that Brent provide an update on the new Acid Gas Removal System, scheduled to be installed this summer, along with fixed asset improvements at the Recycling Center.
15. Presentation on Hwy Department Operations and Project Michael Hoefs, Hwy Commissioner:
Mike was hired in the fall of 2023 and subsequently he has been asked to provide his perception(s) on our Hwy operations and projects scheduled for this year.
16. Resolution University of Wisconsin Eau Claire Barron County Campus HVAC Piping Improvements \$2M:
On the date that I am writing this update, 4-9, it is my understanding there was only one bidder at the mandatory bid-meeting walk through. For a number of reasons I

recommend this Agenda item be pulled. I am certain that Chair Okey can provide additional information

17. Resolution – Final Budget Adjustments – General Fund:
This resolution is an annual resolution to close out any overdrafts for the prior budget year. You can see by this document that the total budget overrun is quite small in comparison to the total General Fund Budget. Jodi, can provide more details as necessary. I recommend approval of this Resolution.
18. Legislative Redistricting Maps:
Senator Romaine Quinn and Assemblyman Dave Armstrong will be at the meeting to explain the legislative maps, discussing why we have them and what, potentially, they mean to Barron County citizens.
19. Progress and Financial Update on the Highway Facilities:
Chair Okey or Hwy Commissioner Hoefs can provide whatever additional information may be necessary.
20. ARPA Expenditures:
Included with the packet are these financials as of 3-31. Jodi can answer any questions.
21. Report from County Administrator:
 - A. Distribution of Committee Assignments:
Clerk Hodek or I will distribute the Committee Assignment Forms.
These need to be returned to the Clerk or my Executive Assistant [Wendy Coleman](#) as quickly as possible. Please.
 - B. Barron County Expenditures Graphs:
These very important documents are prepared yearly by Finance Staff.
 - C. Strategic Planning Work Group Update:
Included with the update is this important document.
 - D. Facility Tours:
Please see Future Agenda Items:
 - E. HHS Overdraft:
The County's Fund Balance Policy will address this overdraft however, it is important to recognize that this is an oddity not a generally recurring event.

21. Appointments:
None at this time.
22. Claims, Petitions & Correspondence:
Clerk Hodek, or Mr. Muench will address this Agenda item.
23. Future Agenda Items:
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| May 20th C/B: | Peter Kilde from West Cap
Tim Deaton – Horton Group
5.30pm May 20 th Tour of Justice Center |
| June 17 th C/B: | 5.30pm Tour of Hwy Facilities |
| July 15 th C/B: | 5pm Tour of WTE Facilities
(subject to change based on AGRS install) |
| August 19 th C/B | 5pm Tour of UWECBC |
| September 16 th C/B | Review first draft 2025 Budget |
| October 21 st C/B | Review of 2025 Published Budget |
| November 4 th C/B | 2025 Budget Hearing
Setting of 2025 C/B meeting dates and times |
| November 12 th C/B | Subject to change if C/B approves 2025 Budget on 11-4 |

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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.

BARRON COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2024 –

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE, (Re: Veteran Owned Properties, LLC),
COUNTY OF BARRON, WISCONSIN**

The Barron County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows

1
2 **WHEREAS,** Veteran Owned Properties, LLC, owner, filed a Petition to rezone
3 certain property in Barron County;

4
5 **WHEREAS,** the Zoning Map of Barron County, Wisconsin as specified in Section
6 17.26 of the Barron County Land Use Ordinance shall be amended to change the zoning
7 classification of the property in the County of Barron, Wisconsin, depicted in the attached
8 map, incorporated herein by reference, and described hereafter from:

9
10 _____ **Residential-1** _____ to _____ **Business** _____

11
12 **LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:**

13 Rezone part of Lots 2 & 3 of CSM 29/54, consisting of approximately 1.06 acres, located
14 in Section 9, T34N, R11W, Town of Stanley.

15
16 **WHEREAS,** this Amendment was approved by the Zoning Committee on April 3,
17 2024, on a vote of 5-0, with Heinecke, Thompson, Rogers, Cook and Kusilek all voting in
18 favor and 0 against.

19
20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED,** that this Ordinance shall be effective
21 upon its adoption and publication and that publication of this ordinance may occur through
22 posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
23

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OFFERED THIS 16th day of April, 2024.

<p>Number of readings required: One (X) Two ()</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority (X) 2/3 Entire Board (20) ()</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted () General Fund () Grant () Contingency () Other (X) Details <u>N/A</u></p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ - Future years total amount: \$ - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by: _____ Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by: _____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Bob Rogers, Committee Chair</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted () Failed () Tabled ()</p>
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**BARRON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE
BARRON, WISCONSIN
ACTION AND REPORT**

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having heard the testimony and considered the evidence presented, the Zoning Committee determines the facts of this case to be:

Filing Date: March 15, 2024

File # 044-0900-03-020, 044-0900-03-030 (RZ2024-8)

Hearing Date: April 3, 2024

Petitioner: **Veteran Owned Properties, LLC**

Owner: Veteran Owned Properties, LLC – 2362 25th St, Rice Lake, WI 54868
(Name and Address)

1. The petitioner is the owner/lessee/mortgagee of the following described property, which is the subject of the petition to rezone the following: part of Lots 2 & 3 of CSM 29/54, consisting of 1.26 acres, located in Section 9, T34N, R11W, Town of Stanley, Barron County, Wisconsin.
2. The petitioner requests to rezone from the R-1 district to the Business district.
3. The present use of the property is: vacant yard area.
4. Petitioner purpose of the rezoning request is: To add to the lot size of business located to the west (Affordable Homes) to grow the business with future plans of building a storage shed.
5. Per Section 17.81(3)(a) of the Land Use Ordinance, the committee finds that:

Based on the following findings of fact, the Committee Recommends the APPROVAL/DENIAL of the petition to rezone:

- 1.) Meets the rezoning requirements for the Business district per Sec 17.81.
- 2.) The area adjoins other Business zoned property.
- 3.) Will allow the expansion of an existing business.
- 4.) The Town of Stanley is in favor.
- 5.)

Is the Committee's decision consistent with the County Plan? Yes X No

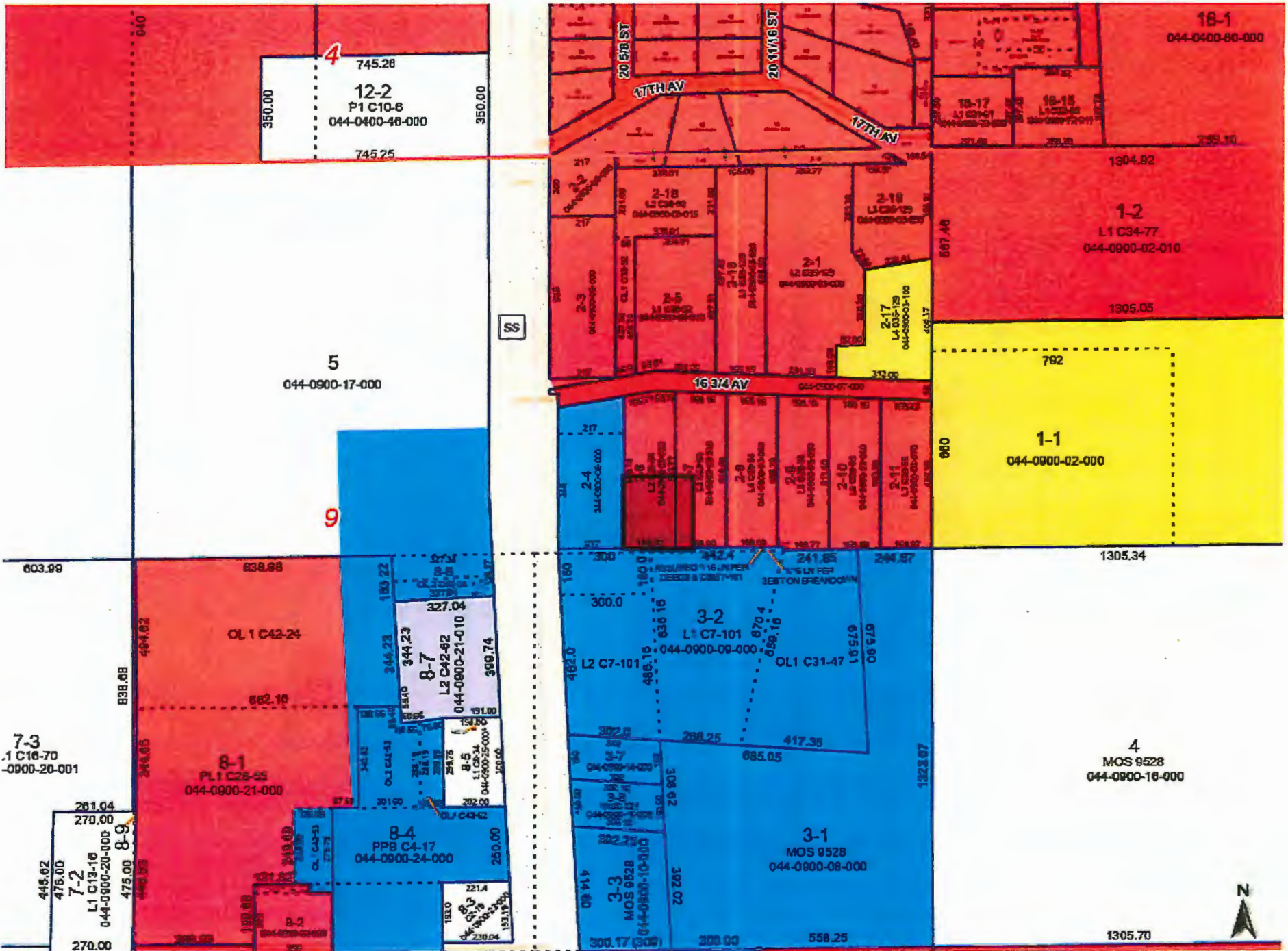
Barron County Zoning Committee:

Signed: _____
Committee Chairperson

Attest: _____
Committee Secretary

Dated: _____

(Signed by Committee Chairperson Rogers on 4-3-24.)
Committee action is not final until approved by County Board Resolution.



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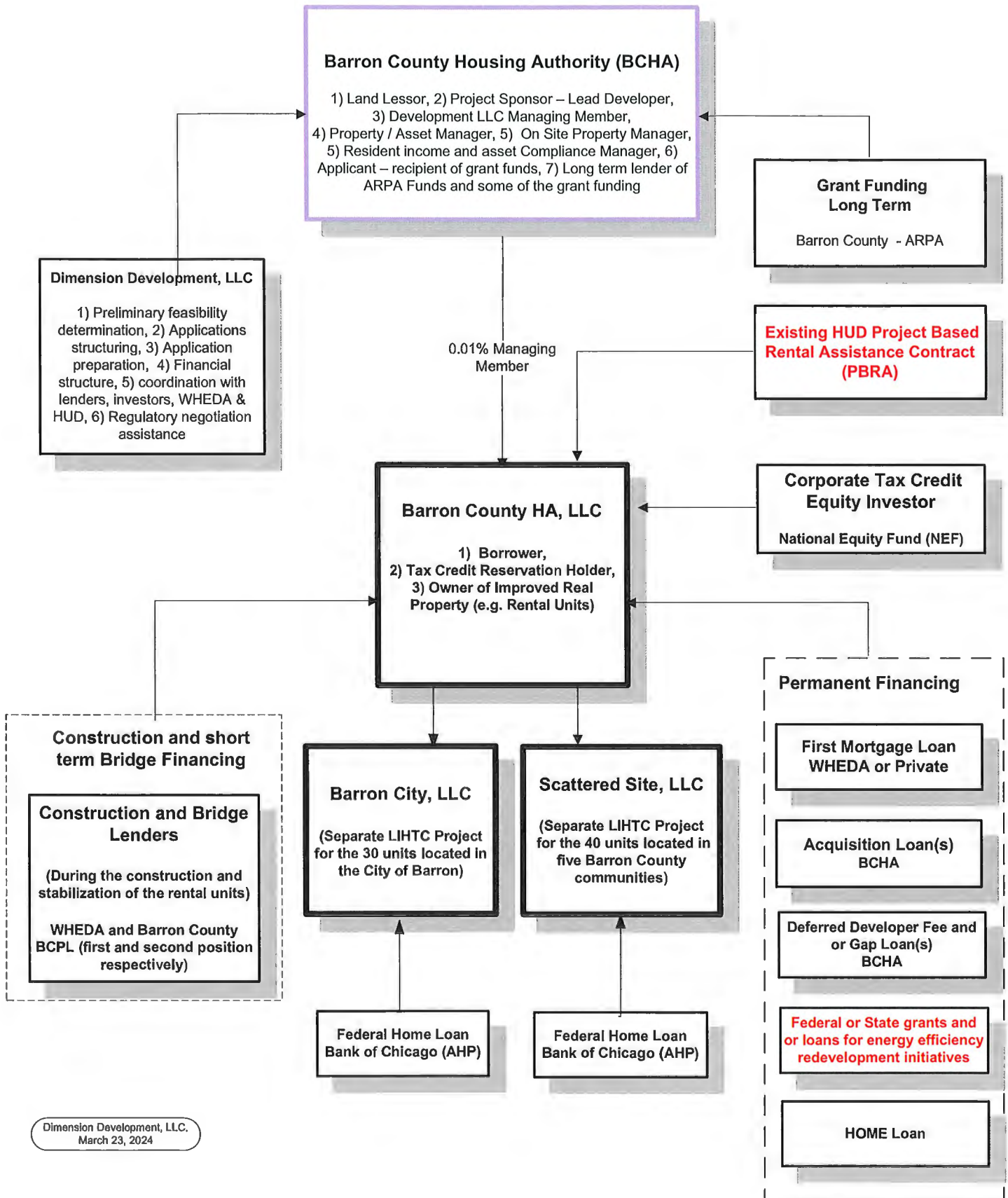
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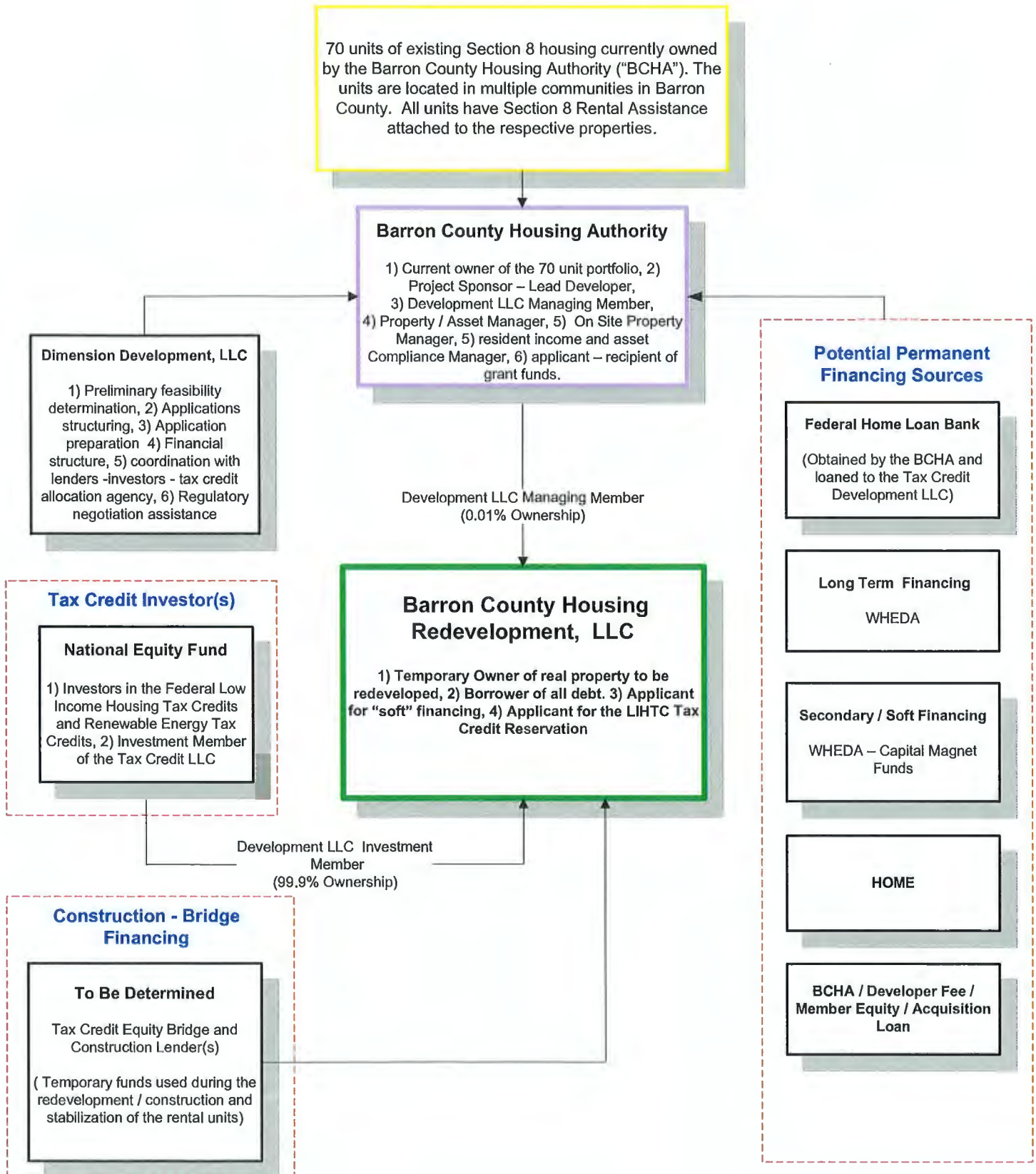


Barron County Housing Authority Master Development, LLC Structure



Barron County Housing Authority Tax Credit Application Structure

Rehabilitation of 70 Existing Multifamily Units



BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - _____

Wisconsin Assessment Monies (WAM) Program Application

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1
2 **WHEREAS**, a resolution authorizing application to the Wisconsin Department of
3 Natural Resources (DNR) Wisconsin Assessment Monies (WAM) program for the
4 property at 220 E. Charles Street, Rice Lake (Property) by the County of Barron;

5
6 **WHEREAS**, Barron County considers the property to meet the definition of
7 “brownfield” due to the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant
8 or contaminant that hinders the expansion, redevelopment or reuse of the Property; and

9
10 **WHEREAS**, Barron County recognizes that the environmental assessment of
11 brownfields is an important part of protecting Wisconsin’s resources; and

12
13 **WHEREAS**, a municipal resolution is required to apply for the WAM program;
14 and

15
16 **WHEREAS**, Barron County will allow the DNR and its duly authorized
17 representatives, agents or contractors access to inspect the Property and award records
18 should the application be awarded.

19
20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that an application may be submitted
21 to the DNR for contractor services under the WAM program.

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23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Barron County will comply with all state
24 and federal rules and requirements of the WAM program; and

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26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Administrator is authorized to
27 act on behalf of Barron County to submit an application to the DNR for contractor services
28 under the WAM program, sign documents and take necessary action to comply with
29 approved award activities.

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31 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that publication of this resolution may occur
32 through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
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BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - _____

Wisconsin Assessment Monies (WAM) Program Application

OFFERED THIS 16th day of April, 2024.

<p>Number of readings required: One (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Two (<input type="checkbox"/>)</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) 2/3 Entire Board (20) (<input type="checkbox"/>)</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted (<input type="checkbox"/>) General Fund (<input type="checkbox"/>) Grant (<input type="checkbox"/>) Contingency (<input type="checkbox"/>) Other (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Details: Possible Grant Funding</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ - Future years total amount: \$ - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department</p> <p>_____ Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by:</p> <p>_____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Louie Okey, Supervisor District 16</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted (<input type="checkbox"/>) Failed (<input type="checkbox"/>) Tabled (<input type="checkbox"/>)</p>
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BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2024- _____

Resolution Authorizing An Expenditure Not to Exceed \$2M for the Purpose of Installing New Underground Heating Ventilating and Cooling Pipe and Piping at the University of Wisconsin Barron County Campus (UWECBC)

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1
2 **WHEREAS**, the real property, land and equipment located at 1800 College Drive,
3 Rice Lake, Wisconsin is owned by Barron County; and

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5 **WHEREAS**, the current Heating\Cooling and Ventilating piping system is
6 approximately nineteen (19) years old and in need of replacement; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, over the past several years, leaks have been identified and repaired in
9 the HVAC system of underground piping; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, Barron County Maintenance Director Steve Olson has sought
12 competitive bids to replace this HVAC piping system, this year; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, on April 17, 2024, bids will be received back from prospective
15 bidders resulting in the recommendation to award this project now so-that completion of
16 the project is finished by September (proposed completion date); and

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18 **WHEREAS**, there is seventy-five (75) year lease agreement in existence between
19 Barron County and the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents upon which Barron
20 County is responsible to maintain the infrastructure at this location; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, the Barron County Board of Supervisors is desirous to honor the
23 above referenced contract along with adequately maintaining this location so-that it may
24 continue as a place of higher education and learning for many years; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, the drafting of this resolution was approved by the Executive
27 Committee on April 5, 2024, with Supervisors Bartlett, Buchanan, Cook, Hanson,
28 Heinecke, Moen, Okey Rogers and Thompson voting to recommend approval to the Barron
29 County Board of Supervisors meeting of April 16th, 2024.

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31 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that with passage of this resolution
32 the Barron County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize and expenditure not to
33 exceed \$ 2,000,000.00 (\$2M) dollars for the purpose of replacing the heating/cooling and
34 ventilating underground piping system located at the University of Wisconsin Barron
35 County Campus, located at 1800 College Drive, Rice Lake, WI 54868; and

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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that with passage of this Resolution, the
38 expenditure is paid for as follows:

- 39 A: ARPA Dollars earmarked for HHS Software purchase: \$ 1,186,203.84
40 B: General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance: \$ 813,796.16
41 C: Total Allowable Expenditure: \$ 2,000,000.00,
42 ; and

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2024- _____

**Resolution Authorizing An Expenditure Not to Exceed \$2M for the Purpose of
Installing New Underground Heating Ventilating and Cooling Pipe and Piping at
the University of Wisconsin Barron County Campus (UWECBC)**

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that with passage of this Resolution the Barron County Board of Supervisors agrees to:

- A: Spend ARPA Dollars earmarked for HHS Software purchase;
\$ 1,186,203.84 when this software project is ready for implementation and
- B: Replenish the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance \$ 813,796.16, in the future when completing a future borrowing; and
- C: The following amounts have already been allocated or subtracted from Fund Balance:
Sally Port: \$ 422,575.00
Communications Upgrade State Grant Dollars not awarded: \$ 697,992.52
Estimated total FB to be repaid, (including above amount): \$ 1,934,363.68; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that with passage of this resolution and the additional allocation of \$ 813,796.16, the estimated Unassigned Fund Balance will be at \$ 6,768,569 or 26.3%; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that with passage of this resolution the Barron County Finance Director/County Auditor is authorized to amend the 2024 and/or 2025 Budget so as to effectuate the meaning and intent of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that publication of this resolution may occur through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2024- _____

**Resolution Authorizing An Expenditure Not to Exceed \$2M for the Purpose of
Installing New Underground Heating Ventilating and Cooling Pipe and Piping at
the University of Wisconsin Barron County Campus (UWECBC)**

OFFERED THIS 16th day of April 2024

<p>Number of readings required: One (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Two ()</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority () 2/3 Entire Board (20) (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted () General Fund (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Grant () Contingency () Other (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>): Financial Details are outlined above</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ \$2M - Future years total amount: \$ Unknown - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ -0- - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ -0-</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department</p> <p>_____ Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by:</p> <p>_____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Louie Okey, Chair Executive Committee</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted () Failed () Tabled ()</p>
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BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2024 -

Final Budget Adjustment(s) to Close 2023 Accounts

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

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2 **WHEREAS**, expenditures in four departmental accounts have been higher than
3 anticipated when funds were appropriated for these accounts in November of
4 2022; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, Section 65.90(5)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes requires that
7 adjustments be made to bring said accounts into alignment in order that same are
8 not closed out in excess of funds appropriated; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, these adjustments are considered the final amended budget for the
11 fiscal year ending 12/31/2023; and

12 **WHEREAS**, this resolution was approved by the Executive Committee on April
13 5, 2024, on a vote of 9 - 0 with Bartlett, Buchanan, Cook, Hanson, Heinecke,
14 Moen, Okey, Rogers and Thompson voting in favor and no members voting
15 against.

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17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Finance Director be
18 authorized to transfer \$71,797 from the General Fund – Unassigned Fund Balance
19 to prevent overdrafts in the following accounts on 12/31/23:

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Accounting & Auditing – GASB 87 Implementation	\$ 3,379
Barron Co Housing Authority Committee Expense	\$ 1,027
Attorney Fees Related to Highway Facility Construction	\$ 52,920
Tax Deed Property Clean-Up	\$ 14,471
Total	\$ 71,797

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27 **RECAP (Unaudited)**

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Actual General Fund Revenues:	\$22,493,231
Actual General Fund Expenditures:	\$22,052,299
Undesignated Fund Balance 12/31/23	\$ 9,504,940

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32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that publication of this resolution may occur
33 through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
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BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2024 -

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OFFERED THIS 16th day of April, 2024.

<p>Number of readings required: One (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Two ()</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority () 2/3 Entire Board (20) (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted () General Fund (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Grant () Contingency () Other (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Details: <u>Unassigned Fund Balance</u></p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ 71,797 - Future years total amount: \$ - 0 - - Effect on tax levy – current year: \$ - 0 - - Effect on tax levy – future years: \$ - 0 -</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by:</p> <p>_____ Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by:</p> <p>_____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Louie Okey, Executive Committee Chair</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted () Failed () Tabled ()</p> <p>Motion:</p>
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Internal Management Memorandum
Unaudited Draft for Discussion Purposes Only

Overdraft Resolution Amount	Department	Overdraft Description
\$ 52,920.00	County Board	Attorney Fees - Hwy Facility
\$ 3,379.00	County Board	Audit Fees due to GASB 87 Implementation
\$ 14,471.00	Treasurer	Tax Deed Property Clean-up
\$ 1,027.00	Housing Authority	Committee Per Diems & Mileage
<u>\$ 71,797.00</u>		

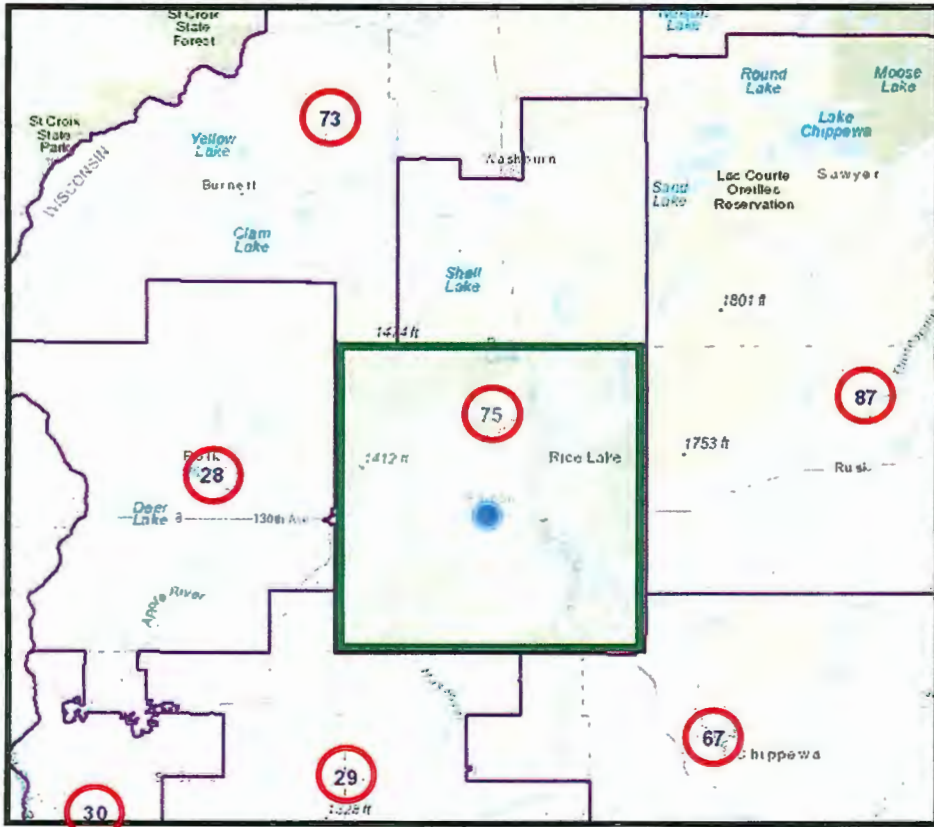
Above variance compared to actual general fund expenditures (\$71,797/\$22,052,299 = .003%)

20 Yr Historical Analysis - Overdraft Resolution

	Overdraft Amount	Year
\$	150,723.23	2004
\$	280,246.75	2005
\$	1,251.73	2006
\$	9,610.11	2007
\$	13,547.25	2008
\$	18,452.16	2009
\$	31,513.26	2010
\$	50,929.74	2011
\$	615.02	2012
\$	3,154.00	2013
\$	551.32	2014
\$	16,586.98	2015
\$	-	2016
\$	44,067.00	2017
\$	61,519.00	2018
\$	-	2019
\$	11,938.00	2020
\$	19,835.00	2021
\$	37,357.00	2022
\$	71,797.00	2023

Barron County Assembly Maps

Wisconsin State Assembly 2022

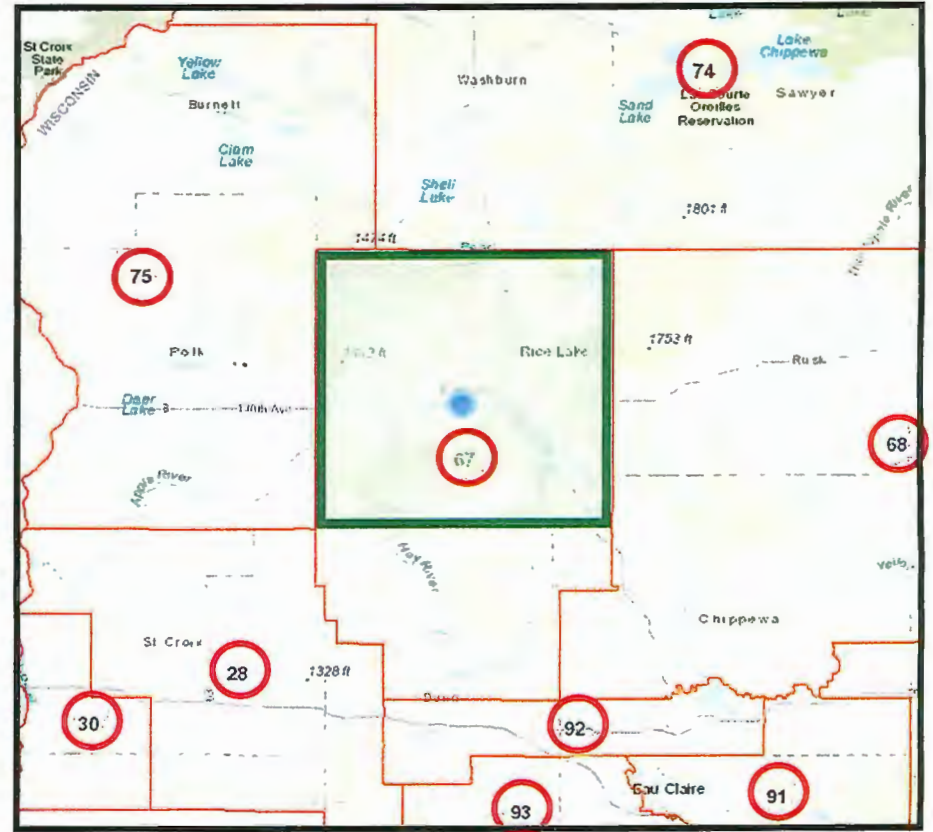


- Barron County was part of the 75th District which covered the entire County of Barron, except a portion of the Village of New Auburn, as well as the southern portion of Washburn County.
- Representative Dave Armstrong represented this district.



Representative David Armstrong
 (R - Rice Lake)
 Assembly District 75
 (608) 237-9175
 (888) 534-0075
Rep.Armstrong@legis.wisconsin.gov

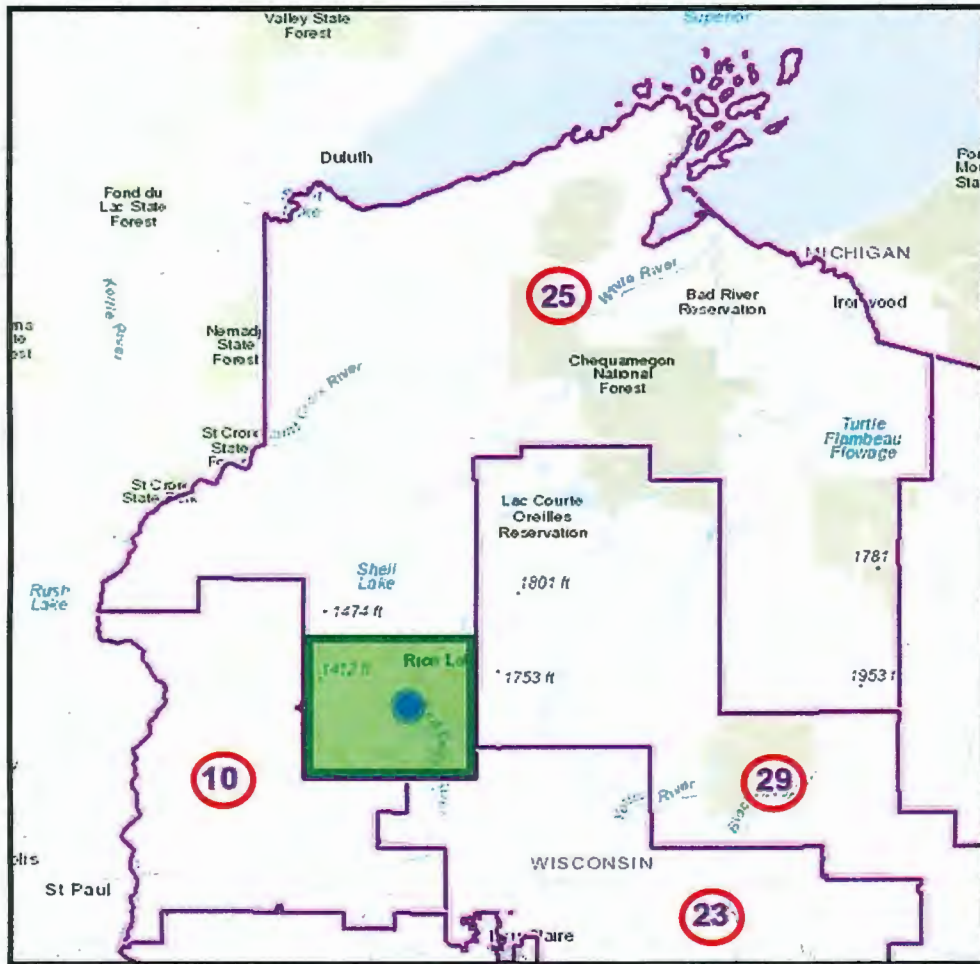
Wisconsin State Assembly 2024



- Barron County will now be included in the District 67th Assembly District which covers the entire County as well as a portion of northern Dunn County and northwestern Chippewa County.
- Representative Dave Armstrong currently resides in this district and will be up for reelection on November 2024.

Barron County, Senate Maps

Wisconsin State Senate 2022

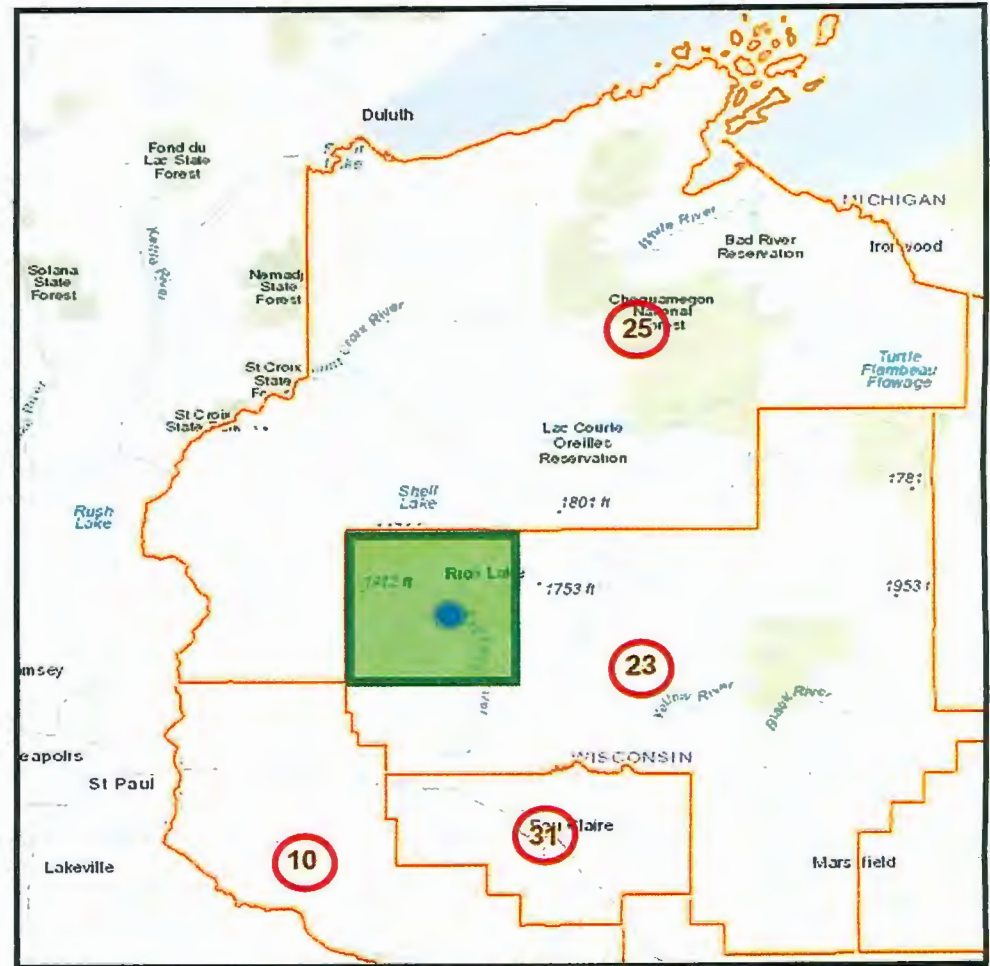


- Barron County was part of the 25th Senate District which included the entire County except for a portion of the Village of New Auburn.
- State Senator Romaine Quinn represented this district.



Senator Romaine Robert Quinn
 (R - Cameron)
Senate District 25
 (608) 266-3510
 (800) 469-6562
Sen.Quinn@legis.wisconsin.gov

Wisconsin State Senate 2024



- Barron County will now be included in the 23rd Senate District which covers the entire County as well as portions of Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Marathon, Price, Rusk and Taylor Counties.
- State Senator Romaine Quinn currently resides in this district and will be up for reelection in November 2026.

**Barron County, Barron Wisconsin
 Monthly Reconciliation of Highway Facility Construction
 Revenues & Expenditures as of 3/31/2023**

Date 4/9/2024
 Preparer JBB

Period 13

\\barron\shares\HighwayFacility\BC Financials - 3.31.2024.xlsx\CAPITALIZATION

Internal Management Memorandum

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EXPENDITURES:

Engineering & Architectural
 Construction Management
 General Construction
 Investment Mgmt Fees
 Other Capital Equipment

Total Expenditures

HIGHWAY FACILITY CONSTRUCTION FUND 405	HIGHWAY RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE FUND 701
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47,647

4,318

51,965

0

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):

Sale of Unused Materials
 Interest Earned
 Transfer In from Hwy Fund 701
 Use of Highway Fund Balance for Paving per 2023-35
 Close Out Non-Bond Investment
 2023 Retainage Reversal

Total Other Financing Sources

173,033

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Fund Balances, January 1

0

1,000,688

Fund Balances, March 31, 2024

(Cash on Hand)

121,069

1,000,688

744,955

25,120,000

4,600,000

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-4,223,198

Addl Funding:

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1,121,757

Interest	2020-2023	90,594
2017 Budget	Initial A&E	303,000
Resolution 2020-34	Federated Co-op Land Swap	176,000
Resolution 2021-31	Asbestos	349,850
Resolution 2022-15	Remainder from Fuel System	144,244
County Board 11/2/2022	Applied to Project Deficit	4,600,000
Resolution 2023-35	Paving	744,955
		<u>6,408,643</u>

Bond

25,120,000

Total Funding

31,528,643

Total Costs to Date

30,406,887

Budgeted Costs yet to Pay

1,022,265

Balance Remaining

99,492

Barron County, Barron Wisconsin
Monthly Reconciliation of American Rescue Plan Act Projects
Revenues & Expenditures as of 3/31/24

Date 3/28/2024
Preparer JBB

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Internal Management Memorandum

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REVENUES/OTHER FINANCING:	ESTIMATED FUNDING	ACTUAL REVENUES
ARPA Proceeds	8,788,117.00	8,788,117.00
LGIP Interest - 2021	1,425.65	1,425.65
LGIP Interest - 2022	128,123.58	128,123.58
LGIP Interest - 2023	363,065.85	363,065.85
LGIP Interest - 2024	54,791.81	54,791.81
	<u>9,335,523.89</u>	<u>9,335,523.89</u>

EXPENDITURES:	RESOLUTION	ENCUMBERED	ACTUAL EXPENSE
Attorney Fees	212-000	4,752.50	4,752.50
Financial Advisor Fees	212-000	2,565.00	2,565.00
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	342-000	23,096.00	23,096.00
IT Equipment	813-161 2021-38/2022-35	205,163.39	205,163.39
Future Payroll Costs - f/k/a Ann St Upgrades	2023-50	300,000.00	300,000.00
BCEDC Website Upgrades prev Hwy Maps	313-000 2023-3	6,723.00	6,723.00
ATV/Snow Trail Maps	313-000 2021-42	8,143.00	8,143.00
Hwy T Vermillion Creek Bridge	840-165 2021-46	293,926.45	293,926.45
Highway Speed Signs	313-000 2021-50	9,999.90	9,999.90
Well Water Testing	218-000 2022-11	8,000.00	8,000.00
BCHA Rehabilitation	842-163 2022-20	3,500,000.00	168,932.23
Snow/ATV Bridge Rehab	840-160 2022-18	289,878.00	264,207.56
Snow/ATV Groomer Equipment	813-160 2022-18	198,434.00	192,441.64
Veteran's Memorial Auditorium Seating	830-164 2022-21	47,163.81	47,163.81
Broadcast Equipment - RL Comm Media	813-161 2022-37	10,000.00	10,000.00
Owen Anderson Rifle Range Improvements	830-166 2022-41	25,000.00	25,000.00
Fiber to Communication Towers	830-162 2022-54/2023-2	672,000.00	556,652.48
JC Stanley Security Upgrades	830-167 2022-55	80,975.00	46,458.75
Straw Pit Rifle Range Improvements	830-170	25,000.00	0.00
Aging / ADRC Kitchen Construction	842-168 2023-10 / 2023-25	2,347,500.00	1,997,240.04
UWEC-BC Water Line Design	830-000 2023-34	91,000.00	4,200.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 8,149,320.05 4,174,665.75

BALANCES 1,186,203.84 5,160,858.14

Amount Available 1,186,203.84

BARRON COUNTY COMMITTEES

Supervisor: _____

Please rank committees you would be interested in serving on 1 – 3 (1 being your first choice – 3 being your third choice) and indicate “NO” by any committee you are not interested in serving on. Most committees meet monthly during the daytime hours.

Appointed by County Board Chair

- _____ ADRC of Barron, Rusk & Washburn Counties (1)
- _____ Community Development (CDBG) (3)
- _____ Extension / Land Conservation Committee (6)
- _____ Law Enforcement / Emergency Management (5)
- _____ Property (7)
- _____ Veterans (3)
- _____ West Cap (Meets in Glenwood City) (1)
- _____ Zoning Committee (5)

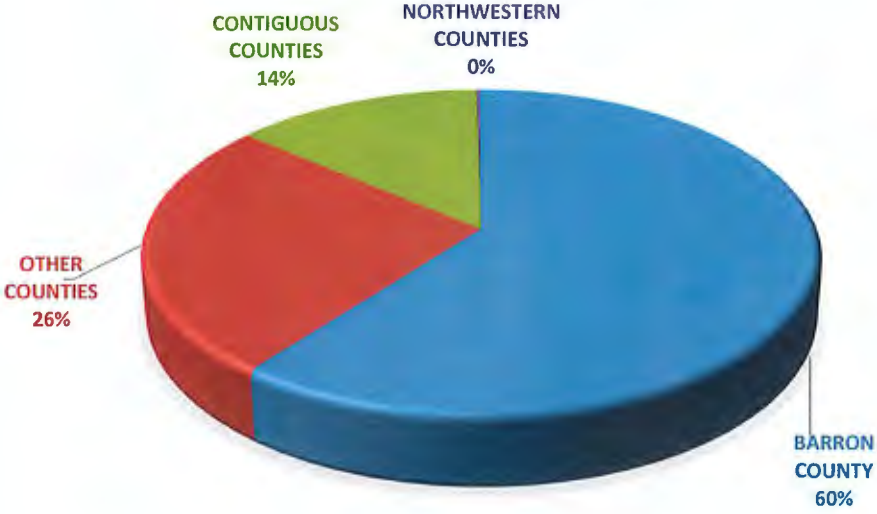
**Please Return to
Administration
by April 19nd**

Briefly list any education, training or background that may be relevant to your choice of committee appointments.

Appointed by County Administrator

- _____ Commission on Aging (4)
- _____ Economic Development Board (3)
- _____ Fair Board (1 from LCC/Extension)
- _____ Health & Human Services Board (6)
- _____ Highway Safety (2)
- _____ Housing Commission (2)
- _____ IFLS (Indianhead Federated Library Service) (1)
- _____ ITBEC (International Trade, Business & Economic Development Council) (1)
- _____ LEPC (2)
- _____ Lake Districts (Staples & Lower Turtle / Beaver Dam, Kirby & Sand / Rice Lake & Dummy) (4)
- _____ Momentum West (2)
- _____ Museum (1 from Property)
- _____ NORTAC (1)
- _____ PACE (2)
- _____ Solid Waste Board (Incinerator & Recycling) (5)
- _____ West Central Land & Water Conservation Association (1)
- _____ West Central Regional Planning (7 Counties, Bi-monthly) (3)
- _____ Woodland Enhanced Health Services Commission (1)
- _____ Workforce Resource (1)
- _____ Zoning Board of Adjustment (3)

BARRON COUNTY 2023 EXPENDITURES (BY WISCONSIN COUNTY REGION)



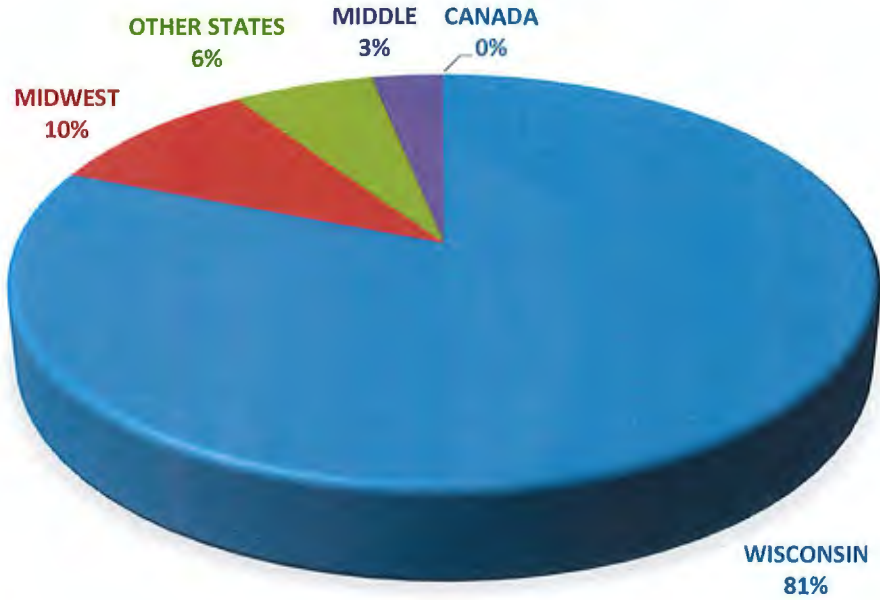
Contiguous Counties include Burnett, Chippewa, Dunn, Polk, Rusk, Sawyer, St. Croix & Washburn.

Northwestern Counties includes Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas, Iron & Price.

Reflects expenditure payments made by accounts payable checks as of 2/29/24.

Region	Total Amount	Percentage
BARRON COUNTY	\$ 28,335,664	60.51%
OTHER COUNTIES	\$ 11,989,321	25.60%
CONTIGUOUS COUNTIES	\$ 6,399,221	13.67%
NORTHWESTERN COUNTIES	\$ 100,048	0.21%
Grand Total	\$ 46,824,256	100.00%

BARRON COUNTY 2023 EXPENDITURES (BY STATE REGION)



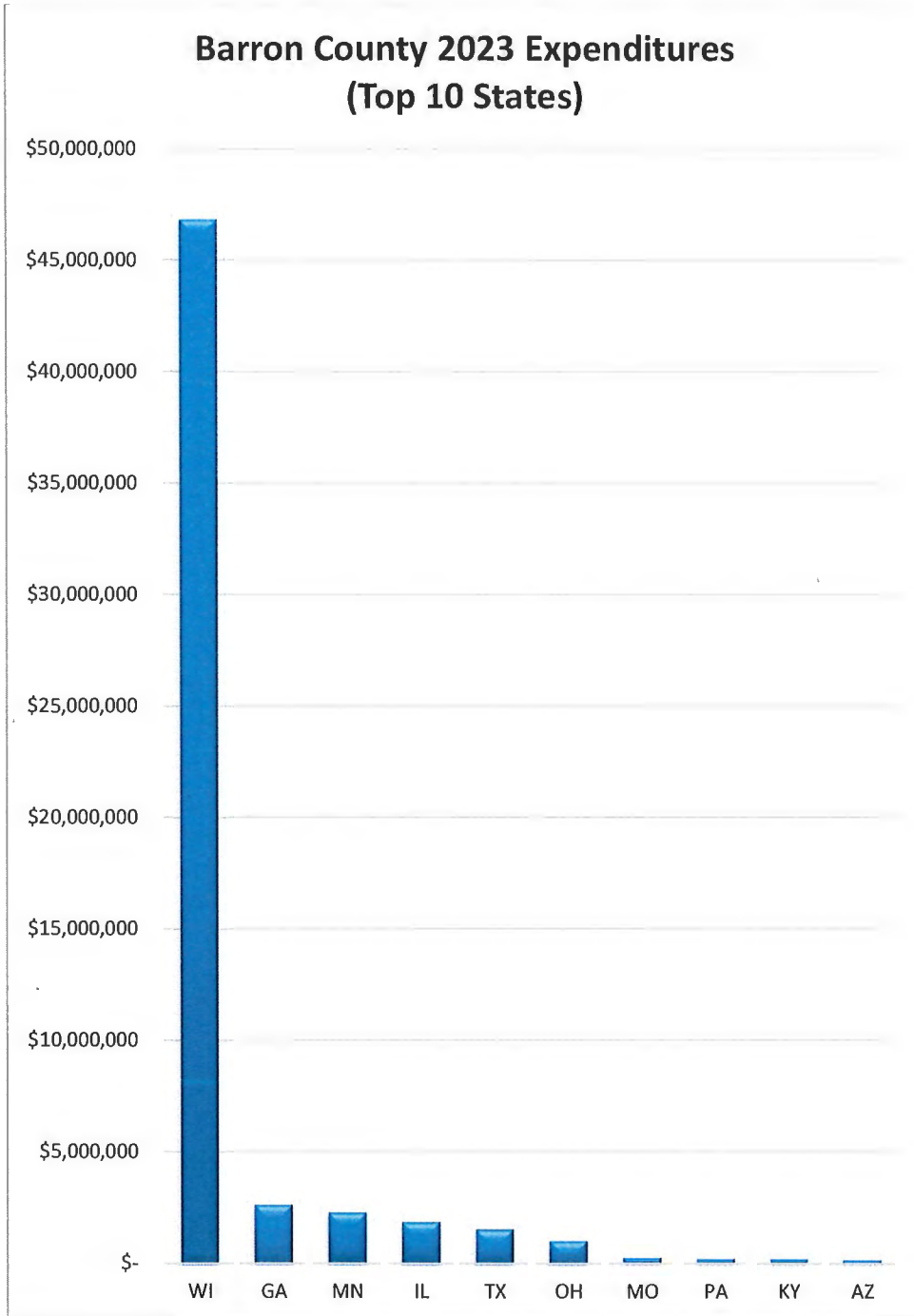
Middle includes the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Tennessee & Wyoming.

Midwest includes the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio & South Dakota.

Reflects expenditure payments made by accounts payable checks as of 2/29/24.

Region	Total Amount	Percentage
WISCONSIN	\$ 46,824,256	80.94%
MIDWEST	\$ 5,594,050	9.67%
OTHER STATES	\$ 3,606,877	6.23%
MIDDLE	\$ 1,824,104	3.15%
CANADA	\$ 4,208	0.01%
Grand Total	\$ 57,853,495	100.00%

Barron County 2023 Expenditures (Top 10 States)



Reflects expenditure payments made by accounts payable checks as of 2/29/24

State	Total Amount	Percentage
WI	\$ 46,824,256	80.94%
GA	\$ 2,589,616	4.48%
MN	\$ 2,252,125	3.89%
IL	\$ 1,842,539	3.18%
TX	\$ 1,495,780	2.59%
OH	\$ 1,003,085	1.73%
MO	\$ 242,976	0.42%
PA	\$ 197,983	0.34%
KY	\$ 192,031	0.33%
AZ	\$ 152,620	0.26%
TOTAL	\$56,793,010.76	98.17%

STATUS_DESCRIPTION (Multiple Items)

Row Labels	Count of EMPLOYEE_NO
ALMENA	10
AMERY	2
BARRON	35
BARRONETT	2
BIRCHWOOD	5
BLOOMER	3
BRUCE	2
CAMERON	43
CHETEK	24
CHIPPEWA FALLS	4
CLAYTON	4
CLEAR LAKE	1
COMSTOCK	2
CORNELL	1
CUMBERLAND	18
DALLAS	6
DRESSER	2
EAU CLAIRE	3
FREDERIC	1
HAYWARD	1
HILLSDALE	7
LADYSMITH	2
NEW AUBURN	4
NEW RICHMOND	1
PRAIRIE FARM	12
RICE LAKE	83
RIDGELAND	7
SARONA	3
SHELL LAKE	3
SPOONER	6
TURTLE LAKE	9
WEYERHAEUSER	5
Grand Total	311

**2024 Strategic Planning Work Group
Barron County Strategic Plan Update
For Years 2021 – 2025
Adopted January 11, 2021**

Accomplishments or in-process projects corresponding to the current Strategic Plan

Directional Statement #1: Expand affordable housing programs for aging population, rental and entry level buyers

Actions:

- 2021 CDBG-Covid 19 grant application for transitional housing (CTH TT)
- Veterans housing in Rice Lake
- [ARPA Funds for Barron County Housing Authority](#)

Directional Statement #2: Expand broadband coverage and enhance technology advancement in Barron County

Actions:

- EDC and County Board action to support \$7M grant application by Mosaic Technologies for fiber expansion in Barron and Washburn Counties
- December 2021 – County support for Mosaic USDA Reconnect Grant
- [Continued use of Zoom for Court hearings](#)
- [2023 Roll Call Voting system for County Board meetings](#)
- [2024/2025 Mosaic Fiber Grants to rural areas](#)

Directional Statement #3: Maintain and improve all County owned facilities

Actions:

- New Highway Facility
- Auditorium upgrades
- Waste to Energy Z-wall, acid gas removal system, duct sizing, substantial repairs to boilers, air pollution control construct & operation permit renewal
- 2021-2022 acid gas removal system (in-process)
- 2022 budget for Sheriff radio system
- [Ann Street School](#)
- [Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill and Reservation of Fund Balance for these projects](#)
- [Improvements to Chetek Dam](#)
- [New Aging Kitchen](#)
- [Improvements to Arland Rifle Range, possible improvements to Maple Plain Rifle Range](#)
- Squad car maintenance by Hwy Department
- New Sally Port
- Ann Street School – Sale – Improvement Mental Health Services
- Preparedness/safety at buildings and table-tops trainings for Dept. Heads

Directional Statement #4: Improve mental health and decrease substance abuse

Actions:

- NW Hope Consortium – addressing opioid and alcohol abuse in Barron, Chippewa, Rusk and Washburn Counties (Public Health / Sheriff / ADRC)
- Recovery Corps Grant
- Ann Street School for Community Support Program
- Transitional Housing (CTH TT)
- October 2021 - Family Drug Treatment Court testimonials from graduates
- **Co-Responder pilot program (HHS / Sheriff)**
- **Investment of opioid settlement funds – Community Health Workers (continuation)**
- **Decrease drug abuse – 2023/2022 \$150K TAD Grant from WI Dept. of Justice**
- **Ann Street School Sale – Mental health services expansion**

Directional Statement #5: Remain fiscally responsible

Actions:

- 2021 group purchase of new voting equipment
- Continued strong bond rating – Highway Facilities
- WCA article on unfunded mandates by French, Frolik and Syvinski
- 2021 approved budget – reduced mill rate, used 1/3 of sales tax collections
- **TID meetings with cities and oversight of distressed TIDS**
- **Preserved Fund Balance and Strategic Borrowing for Capital Projects**
- **Increase medical assistance private insurance billing**

Directional Statement #6: Attract and retain new skilled workforce

Actions:

- Proposed change to how sick and vacation are paid out to employees
- Allow employees up to 3 hours paid time for blood donation
- Allow remote work / telework for employees
- 2021 Pay plan step movement for employees with more than ten (10) years of service
- **Work from home – 2 days per week**
- **2023 Brent & Lance recommendation, attend NACo Leadership Academy**
- **Increased paid leaves, life insurance contribution, allow sale of vacation and sick leave to deferred comp plan, matching of deferred comp for management/confidential staff**
- **Telework and flexible schedule options available**
- **Implemented Laser fiche on-boarding process for new hires**
- **County Administrator meets, calls or emails new hires**
- **Raises for Jail and Dispatch (retention)**
- **Allow out of County patrol car usage**

Other Actions:

Barron County as a great place to live and work

- Administrator interviews of CASTA and BANTA supporting Barron County as a great place to live, work and play
- County support of Discover Wisconsin winter segment
- 2021-2022 working with Gary Peterson, Red Cedar River canoe paddling and possible canoe/kayak docks – City of Rice Lake
- 2021 Special Administrator reports – Judge Babler & Bell Press Pod Cast
- **Continued improvements to Cedar Side Trail - Buckthorn**
- **2022-2023 More special Administrator reports & BANTA special program**
- **February 2023 – special program at Waste to Energy plant**
- **Demonstration Plan – Cameron, cooperation with local farmer**
- **2022 special TV interview of Mark O’Connell, WCA**
- Street and Infrastructure Improvements City of Rice Lake
- Bike and Pedestrian Plan

Safety

- HISP and ICE study and improvements to Decker Drive – Rice Lake
- 2022 Sheriff’s radio system – upgrade
- ARPA dollars for high-speed fiber lines to towers
- **Signage on Red Cedar River bridge crossings, etc.**
- Patrol deputies at lakes and recreation areas, Saturdays and Sundays
- School Resource officers

Protect Environment

- Successful reclamation of NIS site
- Ten (10) Year Land and Water Plan
- Air Pollution Control Construction and Operation Permit renewal – Waste to Energy
- Fifteen (15) Year Forestry Plan
- New air emissions analytical equipment
- Recycling site and infrastructure improvements (new boxes and recycling truck)
- **(In Process), WTE Plant more and diverse specialty waste loads from out of state**
- Portable grinder for WTE Plant
- Grant application(s) with WCWRP for schematic design, new Recycling Center
- Ground Water Study

Cooperation

- Manned recycling sites – cooperation with local municipalities
- Red Cross Blood Drives – 90% of appointments filled
- Highway Commissioner – NACo trip to Washington, DC
- 2021 purchase of new election equipment with municipal clerks
- **Barron County Housing Authority – Apartment complex rebuild**
- **Sterling Bank help with opioid settlement dollars incorrectly remitted**
- **Special TV Show Rice Lake Cable Commission – WTE Plant**
- Multi-County Bike and Pedestrian Plan (Polk-Barron)

Use of Technology – Response to Citizens

- Online applications for zoning permits
- **New website design and layout**
- **Availability of information on new website**
- Open Meeting software by C/B members
- Dryden Wire interviews
- Homeland Security Audit – voting, Clerk’s Office
- Technology Improvements at Register of Deeds office

Delivery of Services to Citizens

- Meals on Wheels adapting to Covid and offering drive-by / drive-up delivery system
- Virtual attendance and expanding virtual assistance
- 2020 & 2021 Court System Full Operational during Covid
- September 2020 UW Lecture Series – “What is a County?”
- Snowbound Bison – Tyler’s work / report to LCC Extension working cooperatively to help local citizen
- Congregate meals at Lona’s Café
- Potential expansion of Lona’s Café model
- HSHS/Prevea Closing – inter-county collaboration
- Ground Water Study

Forward thinking changing demographics

- Number of and conversion of lake homes to permanent residences
- Tourist rooming houses
- **Tourist rooming houses & work with DOR – sales tax**
- **Farmland Preservation and balance with the small rural business**
- **Seasonal park-model mobile homes at farmsteads**
- Future Department Head retirements
- Agreement with WI DOR – sales tax & reporting to DOR short term rentals
- Moving UW Extension to UWECBC

Tourism

- Ice Age Trail & working on Memorandum of Agreement between IAT and County – Completed 2021
- ATV/UTV Trail System expansion
- **ATV/UTV & Snowmobile Trail System – bridge rebuild**
- 2024 Approval Property Committee IAT Improvements
- Wild Rivers Trail Signage (possible)
- New Tourism Magazine
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Other in-process considerations

- Monitor opportunities to identify vacated space in Government Center due to increased telework, cost savings due to vacated spaces (City of Barron)
- Discuss long-term plan for Government Center due to age of building, increased telework, etc
- Consider pursuing outdoor wellness grant
- 2021 WCA Magazine article on County Finances – Frolik, Syvinsk, French
- 2021-2022 Continued work on Highway Facility (lots of staff time)
- **ARPA expenditures**
- **Automated payroll system**
- Consider County-wide snowmobile & ATV/UTV alliance
- Implement an international trade symposium or etc.
- Continued annual Centenarian celebration
- Working cooperatively – coat giveaway drop location
- Concern express moving Aquafest to Lumbering Hall of Fame
- Snowbound Bison – Tyler’s work & report to LCC/Extension Committee
- Seasonal – Permanent Park model Rv’s @ Farm Locations (Bayfield Cnty)
- Refuge Letter
- 2024 Affordable Connectivity Program Discontinued

Recommended Action Items:

2025 Budget Aging/ADRC to include a supplement reference, replicating Lona’s Café in another location

Color Scheme

2021 Updates

2022 Updates

2023 Updates

2024 Updates

2025 Updates

Updated:

2021-2-1

2021-2-5

2021-3-25

2021-12-27

2022-1-26

2022-2-14

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