



# **BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MONDAY, JULY 22, 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, Randy Cook Sr, Bill Effertz, Pam Fall, Craig Fowler, Jim Gores, Bun Hanson, Dana Heller, Dennis Jenkins, Amanda Kohnen, Kathy Krug, Audrey Kusilek, Fran Langman, Carol Moen, Roberta Mosentine, Gary Nelson, Louie Okey, Pete Olson, Bob Rogers, Pete Schneider, Bill Schradle, Marv Thompson, Craig Turcott, Diane Vaughn and Stacey Wenzel.

**ATTENDING VIRTUALLY:** None at this time.

**ABSENT:** District #8 - Vacant.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Okey called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

**ROLL CALL – PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:** County Clerk Hodek took attendance and County Administrator French stated the County's compliance with open meeting laws.

**INVOCATION:** Led by Supervisor Heller.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited.

**SPECIAL MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):** County Administrator French noted a request was made from the Town of Sumner for a Proclamation of their 150<sup>th</sup> Year Sesquicentennial celebration in August.

**APPROVE AGENDA: Motion: (Heller/Olson)** to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Vacant (District #8).

**APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2024: Motion: (Kusilek/Cook)** to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Vacant (District #8).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Joy Bartsch: 1404 24 ½ Street in Cameron spoke regarding the 150<sup>th</sup> Year Sesquicentennial celebration in August. Jeneene Rydberg: 663 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Cumberland discussed the definition of "rural" in federal grants.

**INTRODUCTION / QUESTIONS & ANSWERS – HARLAN DODGE, CITY OF RICE LAKE MAYOR:** Newly elected City of Rice Lake Mayor, Harlan Dodge, gave a brief introduction, highlighted recent and upcoming staffing changes at the City Hall and answered questions from the Board.

**APPROVE EXTENSION OF CDBG / SALVATION ARMY CTH TT PROJECT: Motion: (Thompson/Hanson)** to approve. Chair Okey gave an overview of the project and extension request. BCEDC Director Armstrong discussed the necessity of the project in our county. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Vacant (District #8).

### **ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS**

- A. 2024-12 REZONING – TOWN OF CHETEK, PAUL V. MUMM TRUST: Motion: (Kusilek/B. Anderson)** to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Vacant (District #8).
- B. 2024-13 REZONING – TOWN OF DALLAS, BRADLEY S. & PAMELA M. ALMS: Motion: (Mosentine/Kusilek)** to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Vacant (District #8).
- C. 2024-14 REZONING – TOWN OF PRAIRIE LAKE, ROCKY & PATRICIA FLATLAND: Motion: (Kusilek/Langman)** to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Vacant (District #8).

**D. 2024-15 REZONING – TOWN OF TURTLE LAKE, DUSTIN DAHLBLOM: Motion: (Cook/Rogers)** to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Vacant (District #8).

**2024-28 RESOLUTION – FORMAL ENDORSEMENT TO MOSAIC TECHNOLOGIES TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING THE WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION’S BROADBAND EQUITY, ACCESS & DEVELOPMENT (BEAD) PROGRAM: Motion: (Heller/Hanson)** to approve. Chair Okey reviewed the original request and asked for approval for Mosaic. Discussion. Corporation Counsel Muench noted that there are changes to the original resolution based on edits approved by the Executive Committee. Carried with 27 Yes, 1 No (Vaughn) and 1 Vacant (District #8).

**2024-29 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING BARRON COUNTY TO ENTER INTO THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE KROGER CO. AND AGREE TO THE TERMS OF ADDENDUM TWO TO THE MOU ALLOCATING SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS: Motion: (B. Anderson/Cook)** to approve. Chair Okey reviewed the resolution. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Vacant (District #8).

**2024-30 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING BARRON COUNTY WASTE TO ENERGY PLANT TO PURCHASE A KOMTECH INDUSTRIAL SHREDDER AND A CATERPILLAR MATERIAL HANDLER: Motion: (Hanson/P. Anderson)** to approve. WTE Director Bohn discussed the request and potential revenue stream associated with the Komtech Industrial Shredder while answering questions from the Board. Discussion. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Vacant (District #8).

**AUTHORIZE COUNTY CLERK TO SIGN BCLP LOAN APPLICATION REQUEST FORM MUNICIPAL GENERAL OBLIGATION LOAN FOR BARRON COUNTY WASTE TO ENERGY FACILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.5 MILLION: Motion: (Rogers/B. Anderson)** to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Vacant (District #8).

**PROGRESS & FINANCIAL UPDATE ON HIGHWAY FACILITIES:** Chair Okey provided an update to the Board.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) EXPENDITURES:** Chair Okey reviewed the current ARPA projects.

**REPORT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:**

- A. ECONOMIC PROFILE OF BARRON COUNTY:** The profile was included in packet.
- B. POTENTIAL REPAIRS TO RICE LAKE DAM ROLLER GATE:** These repairs are anticipated to be completed in September or October, and are not considered an emergency, but a necessary repair.
- C. LOCATION TOURS:** Upcoming tours are listed below.
  - 1. WASTE TO ENERGY – POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER**
  - 2. UW EAU CLAIRE-BARRON COUNTY – AUGUST 19 AT 5:00PM**

**APPOINTMENTS**

- A. ADRC GOVERNING BOARD – APPOINT MIKE RUSSELL (2 YEAR TERM – RUSK COUNTY BOARD): Motion: (Cook/Banks)** to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Vacant (District #8).
- B. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD – APPOINT NANCY KEELER (3 YEAR TERM – CITIZEN MEMBER): Motion: (Cook/Banks)** to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Vacant (District #8).
- C. LAND INFORMATION COUNCIL – APPOINT BOB ROGERS: Motion: (Cook/Banks)** to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Vacant (District #8).

**CLAIMS, PETITIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:** None at this time.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- 1. County Health Insurance Presentation – August
- 2. Salvation Army Highway TT Project Update – August
- 3. UW-Eau Claire Barron County Tour – August
- 4. Town of Sumner 150<sup>th</sup> Year Sesquicentennial Proclamation – August
- 5. Commission on Aging Appointment (Neuheisel) - August
- 6. Mental Health Resolution – September

7. WTE Plant Tour – September

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Monday, August 19, 2024 at 7:00PM at the Government Center located in Barron.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Okey adjourned the meeting at 9:53AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessica Hodek, County Clerk

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