



Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, April 4, 2025 – 8:00 a.m.

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

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Public Meeting Notification
3. Special Matters and Announcements (Non-Action Items)
4. Approve Agenda
5. Public Comment
6. Approve Minutes of March 7, 2025
7. Discuss / Approve Transfer from Contingency Fund - \$64,650.78 for Deputy County Clerk Appropriation
8. Resolution – Final Budget Adjustment(s) to Close 2024 Accounts
9. Resolution – Authorizing Roof Replacement at University of Wisconsin Eau Claire Barron County Campus Student Center and Gymnasium with Use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
10. Resolution – Authorizing \$50,000 of Technology Improvements to the Proposed New Secure Sally Port Expansion and the Barron County Justice Center with Use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
11. Resolution – 2025 Work Zone Awareness Week in Barron County
12. Resolution – Supporting Federal Bipartisan Legislation Expanding Direct Primary Care Access
13. Ordinance – Repealing and Recreating Section 50 of the Barron County Code of Ordinances Regarding Taxation
14. Staff Reports & Updates
 - a. Potential Tariff Effects – IT Position Paper
 - b. Virtual Committee Meeting Training
 - c. Final SPWG Document
15. Review Voucher Edit Lists
16. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items
17. Set Date for Next Meeting
18. Maple Grove Solar Joint Developers Agreement
 - a. The Executive Committee may go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating purchase of public properties, investing public funds, other specific business, or whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.
 - b. Return to Open Session
 - c. Take Any Necessary Action
19. Adjournment

PLEASE CALL 715-537-6841 IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND

cc: Okey, Bartlett, Hanson, Thompson, Wenzel, Cook, Rogers, Olson, Kusilek, Administrator, Corp Counsel, HR Director, Finance Director, Treasurer, Website & 3 Public Postings

Any person with a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act and requires the meeting or materials at the meeting to be in an accessible format must contact the County Clerk's office at 715-537-6200 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting so that arrangements can be made to accommodate your request.

Administrator's Memo
Executive Committee Meeting
Friday April 4th, 2025, Veterans Memorial Auditorium
Barron County Government Center
Administrator French
March 31st, 2025

#3. Special Matters and Announcements:

None at this time.

#7. Appropriation for FTE Replacement Deputy County Clerk:

This request is to appropriate the money so the Clerk may employ an 1 Fte. This is not a new position. We have been fortunate that Deputy C.Clerk Cook has been working part-time and due to her vast knowledge and experience we have not had to employ a full time position with benefits for the past several years. The amount listed on the Agenda is "full-package", estimate, i.e. family health insurance, Wis. retirement, S.S., W.C., etc.

There are three aspects of this decision that must be expressed.

#1. The County Board controls the check book.

#2. The Clerk must complete her Constitutional duties

#3. The County Administrator plans/prepares and implements the annual budget.

The three must work in harmony.

#8. 2025 Budget Overdrafts and Close-out:

Jodi has prepared the annual reconciliation which details those accounts in an overdraft situation. (\$40,492.00/\$22,902,502), represents a .18% budget variance. Generally speaking for a governmental fund a variance of 1% to 3% is considered acceptable. Meaning we are well within the acceptable limits.

Agenda items #9., and #10., are self-explanatory based upon the County Board action(s) of March 17th.

#11. Resolution - 2025 Work Zone Awareness Week:

This is an annual resolution typically passed by the County Board recognizing safety for our Hwy personnel.

#12. Resolution - Supporting Direct Primary Care Access:

The purpose of this advisory Resolution is to enhance the payment options for those individuals using a Health Savings Account. Specifically, allowing an HSA Account holder to pay for Direct Primary Care Access, DPCAS, from their HSA account. Currently the IRS has ruled that an HSA expenditure may not be used for DPCAS. The purpose of this proposed Federal Legislation would change that ruling and allow DPCAS

from an HSA account. My research indicates this legislation has been approved from the appropriate House Committee beginning in 2015 and was approved for passage by the House Ways and Means Committee.

#13. Ordinance Changes - Taxation:

These changes are necessary to keep us in compliance with Wisconsin law changes and to incorporate all of the changes over the past several years into one package.

Mr. Muench can answer any questions.

#14. Staff Reports and Updates:

A. *Tariffs - IT Position Paper:*

Lance will be at the meeting to answer questions.

B. *Visual Committee Meeting Training:*

No County Board members attended either training!!

C. *Final Strategic Planning Work Group Documents:*

These documents are included in the packet for your review.

#15. Voucher Edit Lists:

They are included in the packet and I have no concerns.

#16. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items:

Tim Deaton from Horton Group, this will probably consist of both an open session and closed session discussion with Mr. Deaton.

#17. Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday 5-7-2025, 8am.

#18. Closed Session:

As of the date that I am writing this a Closed Session is necessary.

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Friday, March 7, 2025 – 8:00 a.m.
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MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON: Karolyn Bartlett, Randy Cook Sr, Louie Okey, Bob Rogers, Marv Thompson and Stacey Wenzel.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPEARING VIRTUALLY: Pete Olson.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Bun Hanson and Audrey Kusilek.

STAFF PRESENT IN PERSON: Administrator French, Jail Captain Evenson, Chief Deputy Hagen, County Clerk Hodek, Highway Commissioner Hoefs, Clerk of Court Millermon, Corporation Counsel Muench, Highway Operations Manager Nelson, IT Director Peterson and Treasurer Sommerfeld.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ruth Erickson (Chronotype), Ryan Urban (NewsShield) and Pattie Greene.

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 mentioned that it was Employee Appreciation Day and thanked the employees of Barron County for serving their community. Administrator French also noted that Pete Olson was appointed earlier this month to the Executive Committee as the Law Enforcement Committee representative to replace Bob Anderson.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion: (Thompson/Bartlett) to approve. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2025: Motion: (Cook/Rogers) to approve. Carried.

RESOLUTION – URGING GOVERNOR EVERS AND THE WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT COUNTY COURTS: Clerk of Court Millermon spoke in favor of this resolution. **Motion: (Cook/Rogers)** to approve. Discussion. Carried.

RESOLUTION – INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,925,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSE BONDS, SERIES 2025A: Administrator French confirmed that bids came in lower than anticipated and reviewed the updated financials associated with the project. Discussion. **Motion: Cook** to use the resolution in the packet but to only borrow \$5 million and utilize \$350,000 from the remaining ARPA funds. Discussion. Motion failed due to the lack of a second. **Motion: (Thompson/Olson)** to borrow \$5.3 million as stated in the original resolution. Carried on a roll call vote with 6 Yes (Bartlett, Okey, Olson, Rogers, Thompson and Wenzel) and 1 No (Cook).

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UTILITY COST ANALYSIS (INFORMATION ONLY): Highway Commissioner Hoefs reviewed the highway utility costs included in the packet.

POLICY CHANGE REQUEST TO ALLOW YEAR ROUND 4-10 WORK WEEK FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Chair Okey clarified that this request is to allow the Highway staff to work four, ten hour workdays per week. Highway Commissioner Hoefs reviewed the savings with closing the highway



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buildings one day per week. **Motion: (Rogers/Thompson)** to allow the highway staff to work four, ten hour work days weekly throughout the entire year. Discussion. Carried.

BARRON COUNTY OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN UPDATE – CONTINGENCY FUND PAYMENT (\$4,500): Administrator French is requesting \$4500 from the contingency fund to pay WCRPC for a five year recreation plan for the County. **Motion: (Bartlett/Cook)** to approve. Carried.

STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES

- A. SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 3029:** Administrator French asked for approval from the Committee to compose a letter of support for House Bill 3029.
- B. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR BROTEN PROPERTY:** Administrator French noted that this property would be high value property if cleaned up.
- C. WCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE – BREAKOUT SESSION REQUEST:** Two requests have been received and submitted for breakout sessions at the annual WCA Conference.
- D. 2024 COUNTY BOARD PER DIEM REPORT:** Information was included in the packet.

REVIEW VOUCHER EDIT LISTS: Included in the packet and Administrator French answered questions from the Committee.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1. 2024 Final Insurance Update – Tim Deaton (May)
- 2. Final Borrowing Documents for Sally Port (April)

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Motion: (Cook/Thompson) to change April's Executive Committee meeting to Friday, April 4, 2025 at 8:00AM at the Government Center in Barron.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Okey adjourned the meeting at 8:51AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk



JESSICA HODEK

County Clerk

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March 31, 2025

Administrator French,

I am formally composing a letter for the April Executive Committee agenda to reinstate my full time deputy position in the County Clerk's Office as you have requested. When I was appointed to my position in the summer of 2022 I agreed to post my Deputy County Clerk position as a part time position for a trial basis as a cost savings to the County. Since this was only a trial basis to move from a full time deputy position to a part time deputy position, Administrator French and HR Director Richie assured me that I would have the ability to revert back to a full time deputy if a part time deputy did not fulfill the needs of my office.

After very few applicants, and two interviews, none of the applicants were the correct fit for my office. I was extremely fortunate to have the former County Clerk, DeeAnn Cook, offer to work as a part time deputy to fill the position. This was an ideal situation since DeeAnn would not need any training, knew all aspects of operating the office and thus had the ability to complete the daily functions of the County Clerk's Office if I was out of the office. We agreed to hire DeeAnn on a part time trial basis with the anticipation that after the 2024 Presidential Election she would fully retire. This arrangement was ideal and I could not have asked for a better situation for myself as a new County Clerk. The 2024 Presidential Election reconciliation has now passed and DeeAnn has informed me that she would like to resign in May or June, depending on the needs of the office.

After meeting with Administrator French and HR Director Richie I was informed that my 2025 budget did not include the salary of a full time deputy. I am asking the Executive Committee to adjust the County's 2025 budget to reallocate the salary of a full time Deputy County Clerk. I strongly feel the County Clerk's Office would need a full time deputy to continue to operate efficiently. This position would also be cross trained in certain aspects of the Administration office due to colocation with the Administration and Corporation Counsel office.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions regarding the Deputy County Clerk position. I would be happy to discuss any aspects of my office and staffing with you.

Thank you for your consideration,

jessicahodek

Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2025 -

Final Budget Adjustment(s) to Close 2024 Accounts

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, expenditures in four departmental accounts have been higher than anticipated when funds were appropriated for these accounts in November of 2023; and

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

WHEREAS, these adjustments are considered the final amended budget for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2024; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was approved by the Executive Committee on April 4, 2025, on a vote of - with voting in favor and voting against.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Finance Director be authorized to transfer \$40,492 from the General Fund – Unassigned Fund Balance to prevent overdrafts in the following accounts on 12/31/24:

Uncollectible Taxes	\$ 4,924
Accounting & Auditing – GASB 96 Implementation	\$ 9,622
Ann Street Utility Costs	\$ 3,195
Barron Co Housing Authority Committee Expense	\$ 988
UWEC-BC Campus – Building Maintenance Costs	\$ 21,763
Total	\$ 40,492

RECAP (Unaudited)

Actual General Fund Revenues:	\$25,260,731
Actual General Fund Expenditures:	\$25,338,034
Undesignated Fund Balance 12/31/24	\$ 9,851,126

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. 2025 -

Final Budget Adjustment(s) to Close 2024 Accounts

OFFERED THIS 15th day of April, 2025.

<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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Current year total amount: \$ 40,492- Future years total amount: \$ - 0 -- Effect on tax levy – current year: \$ - 0 -- Effect on tax levy – future years: \$ - 0 - <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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Barron County, Barron Wisconsin
 Analysis of Over Drafted Accounts
 For Year ending 12-31-2024

OPD 3/21/2008
 Date 3/27/25
 Preparer JBB

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Internal Management Memorandum
Unaudited Draft for Discussion Purposes Only

Overdraft Resolution Amount	Department	Overdraft Description
\$ 4,924.00	General	Uncollectible Taxes
\$ 9,622.00	County Board	Audit Fees - GASB 96 Implementation
\$ 3,195.00	Maintenance	Ann Street Utility Costs
\$ 988.00	Housing Authority	Committee Per Diems & Mileage
\$ 21,763.00	UWEC-BC Campus	Building Operational Costs
<u>\$ 40,492.00</u>		

Above variance compared to actual general fund expenditures (\$40,492/\$25,338,034 = .16%)

20 Yr Historical Analysis - Overdraft Resolution

Overdraft Amount	Year
\$ 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
\$ 40,492.00	2024

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - _____

**Resolution Authorizing Roof Replacement at University of Wisconsin Eau Claire
Barron County Campus Student Center and Gymnasium, with use of American
Rescue Plan, ARPA Funds**

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, the buildings at the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, Barron County Campus, 1800 College Drive, Rice Lake, Wisconsin are owned by Barron County; and

WHEREAS, Maintenance Director Steve Olson informed County Administrator Jeff French on Wednesday February 5th, 2025, that he had received an estimate from Paul's Sheet Metal, Rice Lake, Wisconsin, to replace both roofs at UWECBC, Student Center and Gymnasium; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure is estimated to cost \$300,000.00; and

WHEREAS, currently the County and Rice Lake School District are in negotiations for RLASD to take over both of these buildings for child development/childcare/school purposes; and

WHEREAS, as part of these on-going negotiations the County will replace both of these roofs; and

WHEREAS, the "Fixed Asset by Location" report from the County's Financial System indicates the following as it pertains to these two buildings:

#13771	Gym Roof	09/26/2005	\$ 44,273.00
#13778	New Roof Student Center	10/16/2006	\$ 44,628.30

WHEREAS, Maintenance Director Steve Olson has also informed County Administrator French these roofs are leaking and need to be replaced, regardless, and furthermore costs for this project are slated to increase on March 1st 2025; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, February 17th, 2025, Sean Lentz from Ehlers, Inc., presented to the Barron County Board of Supervisors a financing plan that includes a borrowing to finance this expenditure; and

WHEREAS, on Monday February 17th, 2025, the Barron County Board of Supervisors authorized Resolution 2025-5 which authorized Maintenance Director Steve Olson to proceed with signing contracts for these roof repairs; and

WHEREAS, the intent of Resolution 2025-5 was to pay for this expenditure from the future borrowings as outlined by Mr. Lentz on this same day; and

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - _____

**Resolution Authorizing Roof Replacement at University of Wisconsin Eau Claire
Barron County Campus Student Center and Gymnasium, with use of American
Rescue Plan, ARPA Funds**

41 **WHEREAS**, on March 17th, 2025, the Barron County Board of Supervisors met in
42 Open Session to authorize Resolution 2025-7, *Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance*
43 *of Not to Exceed \$5,300,000.00 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series*
44 *2025A*; and

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46 **WHEREAS**, the above resolution was duly amended to an amount not to exceed,
47 \$4,950,000.00; and

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49 **WHEREAS**, the difference, \$350,000.00, was directed to be spent from remaining
50 American Rescue Plan, ARPA funds, not borrowed funds; and

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52 **WHEREAS**, the drafting of this resolution was approved by the Barron County
53 Executive Committee on Friday, April 4th, 2025, on a vote of XXXXXX.

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55 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that with passage of this resolution,
56 the Barron County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize this expenditure from
57 American Rescue Plan, ARPA dollars.

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59 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Barron County Finance Director is
60 allowed to amend the 2025 County Budget as necessary to reflect this new expenditure.

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62 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that publication of this resolution may occur
63 through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
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BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - _____

**Resolution Authorizing Roof Replacement at University of Wisconsin Eau Claire
Barron County Campus Student Center and Gymnasium, with use of American
Rescue Plan, ARPA Funds**

OFFERED THIS 15th day of April, 2025.

<p>Number of readings required: One (X) Two ()</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority () 2/3 Entire Board (20) (X)</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted () General Fund () Grant () Contingency () Other (X) Future General Obligation Borrow</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Fiscal impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Current year total amount: \$300,000.00- Future years total amount: \$0- Effect on tax levy – current year - \$0- Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ Unknown at this time. <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>_____</p> <p>John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____</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>
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BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - _____

**Resolution Authorizing \$50,000.00 of Technology Improvements to the Proposed
New Secure Sally Port Expansion and the Barron County Justice Center, Hwy 25
North, Barron, Wisconsin with use of American Rescue Plan, ARPA Funds**

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1
2 **WHEREAS**, the Barron County Law Enforcement Committee met on February
3 27th, 2025 and recommended the expansion of the Secure Sally Port at the Barron County
4 Justice Center, with Market and Johnson of Eau Claire, WI, being the low bidder; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, the required technology improvements for this project were not
7 included in the Market and Johnson bid; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the Law Enforcement Committee voted to amend their original
10 motion to approve the expansion of the Secure Sally Port bid with an additional expenditure
11 of \$50,000.00 for technology improvements to be completed/overseen by the Barron
12 County Technology Center, Lance Peterson, IT Director; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, on Monday, February 17th, 2025, Sean Lentz from Ehlers, Inc.,
15 presented to the Barron County Board of Supervisors a financing plan that includes a
16 borrowing to finance this expenditure; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, On March 17th, 2025, the Barron County Board of Supervisors met
19 in Open Session to authorize Resolution 2025-7, *Initial Resolution Authorizing the*
20 *Issuance of Not to Exceed \$5,300,000.00 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds,*
21 *Series 2025A*; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, the above resolution was duly amended to an amount not to exceed
24 \$4,950,000.00; and
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26 **WHEREAS**, the difference, \$350,000.00 was directed to be spent from remaining
27 American Rescue Plan, ARPA, funds, \$300,000.00 for roofs at UWECBC and \$50,000.00
28 for this expenditure and borrowed from borrowed funds; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, the drafting of this resolution was approved by the Barron Country
31 Executive Committee on Friday April 4th, 2025, on a vote of XXXXXX.
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33 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that with passage of this resolution,
34 the Barron County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize this expenditure from
35 American Rescue Plan, ARPA dollars.
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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Barron County Finance Director is
38 allowed to amend the 2025 County Budget as necessary to reflect this new expenditure.
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BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - _____

Resolution Authorizing \$50,000.00 of Technology Improvements to the Proposed New Secure Sally Port Expansion and the Barron County Justice Center, Hwy 25 North, Barron, Wisconsin with use of American Rescue Plan, ARPA Funds

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

OFFERED THIS _____ day of April, 2025.

<p>Number of readings required: One (X) Two ()</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority () 2/3 Entire Board (20) (X)</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted () General Fund () Grant () Contingency () Other (X) Future General Obligation Borrow</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$50,000.00 - 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 County Finance Department</p> <p>_____ Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by:</p> <p>_____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>Approved as to form by:</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>
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BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2025 –

2025 Work Zone Awareness Week in Barron County

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1999, the Federal Highway Administration partnered with the American
2 Association of State Highway Officials and more recently the American Traffic Safety Services
3 Association to create the National Work Zone Safety Awareness campaign which is held
4 annually in April prior to the construction season in much of the nation and;

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6 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin County Highway Association is asking all seventy-two
7 counties in the state to unite and kick-off “Work Zone Safety Awareness Week” with a
8 resolution and campaign to raise awareness for its workers, the travelling public, public safety
9 workers, and those of various highway contractors performing work for the counties; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, construction and maintenance activities on our streets and highways
12 periodically require that work zones be established; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, there has been over 2,000 work zone crashes in Wisconsin in each of the
15 last three years; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, in 2022, there were 891 fatalities in 774 work zone crashes in the United
18 States; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, in 2023, Wisconsin suffered from nearly 2,100 crashes in road construction
21 and maintenance zones, resulting in over 700 injuries and nine fatalities; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, between 2019 and 2023, there were 66 fatalities recorded as a result of
24 10,600 crashes in Wisconsin work zones; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, between 2020 and 2024, Barron County recorded 7 Work Zone accidents
27 resulting in 9 injuries and 1 fatality; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, through their enforcement activities and other participation, the Barron
30 County Sheriff’s Office, Wisconsin State Patrol, and Barron County Highway Department are
31 committed to working together in 2025 to make Work Zone Awareness Week a success; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, the Federal Highway Administration has designated April 21 through April
34 25, 2025 as National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week. The theme for 2025’s event is
35 “Protect the Zone, So We All Get Home”;

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37 **WHEREAS**, this resolution was approved by the Highway Committee on ____, 2025 on
38 a vote of ____ with ____ voting in favor and ____ voting against.

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40 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Barron County Board of
41 Supervisors that the week of April 21 through April 25, 2025 be designated as Work Zone Safety
42 Awareness Week in Barron County

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2025 –

2025 Work Zone Awareness Week in Barron County

OFFERED THIS 15th Day of April, 2025

<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: N/A</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ - 0 - - 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 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>_____ Marv Thompson, Highway 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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BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2025- _____

**Resolution Supporting Federal Bipartisan Legislation Expanding
Direct Primary Care Access**

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1
2 **WHEREAS**, a bipartisan group of Representatives led by Congressman Lloyd
3 Smucker (R-PA-11) has announced the reintroduction of the Primary Care Enhancement
4 Act; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, this legislation is designed to expand access to Direct Primary Care;
7 and

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9 **WHEREAS**, this legislation has bi-partisan support from members of the
10 Committee on Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, and Education and Workforce;
11 and

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13 **WHEREAS**, this legislation, if passed, would clarify provisions of the Internal
14 Revenue Code to remove barriers for individuals with Health Savings Accounts, (HSA's),
15 from using those funds to access Direct Primary Care, DPC, a health care delivery model
16 which provides high-quality care at lower costs for individuals of all ages and incomes
17 across America; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, this proposed legislation has support from the following
20 organizations:

21 Americans for Prosperity
22 Council for Affordable Health Coverage
23 Purchasers Business Group on Health; and

24
25 **WHEREAS**, this legislation has twice been favorably reported out of the Ways and
26 Means Committee with bipartisan support in prior Congresses; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, this Resolution was presented to the Executive Committee on Friday
29 April 4th for their review and approval and XXX voted in favor, and XXX voted against.

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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 support the Primary Care
33 Enhancement Act and requests that our Federal Congressman Tiffany support and also
34 Federal Senator's Johnson and Baldwin.

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36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be forwarded to Congressman
37 Tiffany, Senator's Baldwin and Johnson, WCA, State Representative Armstrong and State
38 Senator Quinn and Governor Evers.

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

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2025- _____

**Resolution Supporting Federal Bipartisan Legislation Expanding
Direct Primary Care Access**

OFFERED THIS 15th day of April 2025

<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 type="checkbox"/>) Details <u>Not Applicable</u></p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ NA - Future years total amount: \$ NA - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ NA - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ NA</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department</p> <p>_____ Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted (<input type="checkbox"/>) Failed (<input type="checkbox"/>) Tabled (<input type="checkbox"/>)</p> <p>Approved as to form by County Administrator:</p> <p>_____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>Approved as to form by Corporation Counsel:</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ County Board Chair/Executive Committee Chair; Louie Okey</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p>
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BARRON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - _____

**Ordinance Repealing and Recreating Section 50
Of the Barron County Code of Ordinances Regarding Taxation**

The Barron County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee and County Treasurer have engaged in revision of portions of Chapter 50 of the Barron County Code of Ordinances regarding Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee is recommending repealing and recreating Chapter 50 of the Barron County Code of Ordinances regarding Taxation, as outlined on the attached document.

WHEREAS, this ordinance was approved by the Executive Committee on ____, 2025, on a vote of ____, with ____ voting in favor and ____ against.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Barron County Board of Supervisors does hereby repeal and recreate Chapter 50 of the Barron County Code of Ordinances as outlined on the attached document.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption and publication and that publication of this ordinance may occur through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

OFFERED THIS ____ day of April, 2025.

Number of readings required: One () Two ()
Vote required for passage: Majority ()
2/3 Entire Board (20) ()
Source of funding: Budgeted () General Fund ()
Grant () Contingency ()
Other () Details _____
Fiscal impact:
- Current year total amount: \$
- Future years total amount: \$
- Effect on tax levy – current year - \$
- Effect on tax levy – future years - \$
Board Action: Adopted () Failed () Tabled ()
Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department

Jodi Busch, Finance Director
Approved as to form by County Administrator:

Jeffrey French, Administrator
Approved as to form by Corporation Counsel:

John Muench, Corporation Counsel

Louie Okey, Executive Committee Chair

(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)

Chapter 50 – Taxation

Article I. – In General

- Sec. 50-1** **Enforcement of tax liens**
- Sec. 50-2** **Agreements with taxation districts for county tax collection services**
- Sec. 50-3** **Acquisition, management and sale of tax deeded lands**
- Sec. 50-4** **Preference to former owners to repurchase tax deeded lands**
- Sec. 50-5** **Penalty on delinquent real estate taxes and special assessments**
- Sec. 50-6** **Sale of tax deeded land to municipalities**
- Sec. 50-7** **Authorize County Treasurer to enter property to determine nature and extent of environmental pollution**
- Sec. 50-8** **County Treasurer shall create county policy managing tax collection, foreclosure and sale**

Sec. 50-9-50.30 Reserved

Article II. – Sales and Use Tax

- Sec. 50-31** **Tax imposed**

TAXATION

Article I. – In General

Sec. 50-1 Enforcement of tax liens.

The county adopts the provisions of Wis. Stats. § 75.521 for the purpose of enforcing tax liens in the county in the cases where the procedure provided by such section is applicable. (Ord. No. 99-36, 9-20-1999).

Sec. 50-2 Agreements with taxation districts for county tax collection services.

- (a) The county board of supervisors authorizes the county clerk and county treasurer to enter into agreements, pursuant to Wis. Stats. §§ 66.0301(2) and 74.10, with any municipality in the county desiring county services for the collection of property taxes for which the municipality has sent bills, provided that any such agreement shall be first authorized by the governing body of the municipality.
- (b) The County Treasurer shall ensure that specific and adequate administrative arrangements are entered into to ensure that the additional costs to the county generated by providing collection services under the agreement shall be reimbursed by the municipality in accordance with a set schedule. The county treasurer shall advise the municipalities in the county of the deadline by which they must opt for this service. (Ord. No. 2003-12, 3-24-2003)

Sec. 50-3 Acquisition, management and sale of tax deeded lands.

- (a) *Acquisition.* The county shall acquire tax delinquent properties by tax deed pursuant to Wis. Stats. ch. 75.521.
- (b) *Management.* The tax deed lands which have been acquired by the county shall be managed by the County Treasurer and Executive Committee as it shall deem in best interests of the county. This management may include the power to lease tax deeded lands.
- (c) *Sale.*
 - (1) The Executive Committee shall determine or may utilize a certified appraiser to determine the value of tax delinquent real estate.
 - (2) All sales of tax deeded lands acquired by the county shall be in conformance with Wis. Stats. §75.69.
 - (3) Proceeds of any tax deed sale shall be distributed pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 75.36.

(Code 1990, § 3.03)

Sec. 50-4 Preference to former owners to repurchase tax deeded lands.

- (a) The former owner who lost title through the delinquent tax collection enforcement procedure shall be given preference to repurchase tax deed land acquired by the county. This option shall be granted to the former owner only. If the former owner is deceased, the option shall be given to their Heirs/Beneficiaries. Repurchase will include the following:
 - (1) All delinquent taxes, special assessments and special charges, plus all accumulated interest/penalty charges to the date of repurchase.
 - (2) All costs incurred by the county in the delinquent tax collection enforcement procedure.
 - (3) A repurchase fee of three percent of the property tax (principal amount of tax on the tax certificate) or \$100.00, whichever is larger.
 - (4) If a former owner of tax-deeded land, or such former owner's heir or beneficiary, notifies the Treasurer of an intent to repurchase the tax-deeded land within 30 days of the date the county acquired the tax-deeded land, the County Treasurer shall order a title report from a title insurance company showing all liens of record against the tax-deeded land in existence on the day prior to the judgment of foreclosure in favor of the County, the cost of which shall be paid in advance by the person notifying the Treasurer of the intent to repurchase the tax-deeded land.
 - (5) If the former owner, or such former owner's heir or beneficiary, provides proof of satisfaction of all liens of record as established in the title report within 30 days of the date the County acquired the tax-deeded land, the County Treasurer shall convey the tax-deeded land to the former owner by quit-claim deed provided the former owner, or such former owner's heir or beneficiary, has provided the County with funds necessary to satisfy all costs and expenses due the County as provided in Wis. Stat. § 75.35(3).
- (b) This repurchase option shall be available for a maximum of 30 days after the court renders final judgment ordering that the county holds the tax deed on the property. After termination of the option period, the former owner can purchase the tax deeded property only through the competitive public auction. (Ord. No. 2001-8, 3-19-2001)

Sec. 50-5 Penalty on delinquent real estate taxes and special assessments.

- (a) Pursuant to the authority of Wis. Stats. § 74.47(2), there is hereby imposed a penalty of 0.5 percent per month or fraction of a month, in addition to the interest provided for in Wis. Stats. § 74.47(1), on all real estate taxes and special assessments that are overdue or delinquent on or after the effective date of the ordinance from which this section is derived.
- (b) The penalty on 2003 and subsequent years' real estate taxes and special assessments which are overdue or delinquent shall be imposed February 1 of the year such tax is payable.
- (c) The county treasurer shall exclude the additional revenue generated by this penalty from the distributions required by Wis. Stats. § 74.47(3).

Sec. 50-6 Sale of tax deeded land to municipalities.

- (a) In the event a parcel of tax deeded lands is not redeemed by the former owner, or heirs/beneficiaries, the treasurer may offer it to the municipality within which the parcel is located before offering the same to the general public.
- (b) The sale price of a parcel of tax deeded lands on sale to a municipality shall be in an amount at least equal to the greater of the following:
 - (1) The estimated fair market value as listed on the most recent tax bill, or other appraised value as determined by the committee pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 75.69(1);
 - (2) The sum of all real estate taxes, including county special assessments and county special charges, interest and penalties then due and owing together with the county's actual costs in preparing the parcel for sale; or
 - (3) One hundred dollars (\$100).
- (c) Sale of tax deeded lands to a municipality under this section shall be approved by the committee before a quit claim deed is issued by the county clerk.

(Ord. 2024-4)

Sec. 50-7 Authorize County Treasurer to enter property to determine nature and extent of environmental pollution.

- (a) Section 75.377, Wis. Stats., dealing with inspection of property subject to tax certificate provides that a County may enter any real property which a tax certificate has been issued under sec. 74.57, Wis. Stats.
- (b) Section 75.377, Wis. Stats., further provides that the County may authorize another person to enter the real property to determine the nature and extent of environmental pollution.
- (c) Section 66.0119(1)(a), Wis. Stats., allows for obtaining special inspection warrants for inspection purposes which includes such purposes as building, housing, electrical, plumbing, heating, gas, fire, health, safety, environmental pollution, water quality, waterways, use of water, food, zoning, property assessment, meter, and obtaining data required to be submitted in an initial site report or feasibility report under subch. III of ch. 289 or s. 291.23, 291.25, 291.29 or 291.31 or an environmental impact statement related to one of those reports.
- (d) "Peace officer" for the purpose of sec. 66.0119(1)(b), Wis. Stats., means a state, county, city, village, town . . . officer, agent or employee charged under statute or municipal ordinance with powers or duties involving inspection of real or personal property, including buildings, building premises and building contents.
- (e) Section 66.0119(2), Wis. Stats., provides that "A peace officer may apply for, obtain and execute a special inspection warrant"

- (f) The County Treasurer is authorized to enter real property to determine the nature and extent of environmental pollution pursuant to sec. 75.377, Wis. Stats.
- (g) The County Treasurer shall be authorized by this ordinance to apply for, obtain and execute a special inspection warrant issued under sec. 66.0119, Wis. Stats., and that the County Treasurer be deemed a “peace officer” for the purpose pursuant to the authorization granted by this ordinance as allowed by sec. 75.377, Wis. Stats.
- (h) The County Treasurer, in discharging these duties and responsibilities may utilize, retain or contract with persons or entities with expertise in conducting such inspections and that such persons or entities can be authorized by the County Treasurer to enter such properties as necessary for the discharge of these duties.

(Ord. 2024-17)

Sec. 50-8 County Treasurer shall create county policy managing tax collection, foreclosure and sale

Sec. 50-9-50.30 Reserved

Article II. – Sales and Use Tax

Sec. 50-31. Tax imposed

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 77.70, there is hereby imposed upon all retailers a sales and use tax at the rate of 0.5 percent of the gross receipts from the sale, lease or rental of personal property, as set forth in Wis. Stats. § 77.71. Such sales and use taxes shall be imposed in their entirety according to the requirements of Wis. Stats. ch. 77, subch. V (Wis. Stats. § 77.70 et seq.).
(Code 1990, § 3.02)

Federal Changes' Affect on Barron County IT Budget

In talking with Jeff French about cybersecurity I brought up some challenges we are facing with some recent changes at the federal level. It was discussed to bring some of them to you for your knowledge. With some of the changes in the Federal Government, there have been some potentially large implications to at least the Barron County IT budget.

First is a cut of \$10 million dollars in the Department of Homeland Security to MS-ISAC (Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center) a division of CIS (Center for Internet Security) at CISA (Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency). I apologize for all the acronyms and layering but that's where it's located in the federal departments. There are several ISACs, but MS-ISAC, the technology ISAC, was the only one with federal funding. March 6th when the funding was removed they messaged their members to inform them that some of the services that they were providing would be suspended. Some of those services affected included threat analysis, threat distribution, incident response services, and many outreach sessions such as webinars, training, and information-sharing meetings. These services and webinars are important to counties our size as we cannot be on watch for many vulnerabilities with all the systems we support. The webinars and emails help alert us of those that we might not see in other places. As of writing this, all future webinars have been canceled. One part where I have not found a definite answer yet is about the Cybersecurity assessments that CISA provides. These assessments if done through the private sector can cost up to \$20,000. Which are provided for free to State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial (SLTT) government agencies. If those services are cut that is a direct cost shift to local taxpayers. This is something that was planned in our workload for the 2nd half of 2025 so it would have to be delayed or come at the expense of another project. One cyber breach can cost upwards of a million dollars per entity it's easy to see how having a central location to distribute information from could be helpful. Additionally, if there were a need for an incident response having those services cut or lessened would not be helpful to a cyber incident for Barron County.

Secondly, as a government agency, we are a tax-exempt agency so we purchase equipment and other items. Recently the federal government has more frequently used tariffs. Our current 2025 budget has \$250,000 for workstation replacements. Many of these will be in Quarter 3 or 4 this year. If tariffs of 10%-25% are in place when those orders we are looking at an additional \$25,000-\$62,500 based on the percentages. This does not take into consideration the rest of the projects we are looking at for the remainder of the year. We may have to delay purchasing or delay something else in our budget to accommodate this. In the end, this is a tax on local governments directly to the federal government that we cannot be exempt from.

**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
- 2025 Brightspeed Rural Broadband Expansion

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
- 2021-2025 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 – 2024/2025
- Ann Street School – Sale – Improvement Mental Health Services
- Preparedness/safety at buildings and table-tops trainings for Dept. Heads
- 2025 New Boilers at Government Center

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
- 2025 January Emergency Preparedness Exercise
- 2025 Officer Security at Justice Center

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
- 2025 Shredder and Material Handler at WTE Plant

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)
- Family House – open at HWY TT Location, Cooperation with Salvation Army
- RLASD – UWECBC Student Center and Gymnasium Repurpose (in process)
- UWECBC Ballfields repairs and improvements by local non-profit

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
- 2025 New Health and Human Services Software

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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2023-3-6 *** - information added 2023-2-6 to 2023-3-6 ***
2024-1-12
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2025-1-31

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2025 Draft Committee Document
Strategic Planning Work Group
January 29th, 2025

Supplement

Information from Department Heads: By Department or Function or Directional Statement:

Information Technology:

The finance system platform changed to hosted system

Setup Digital Courtroom signage

Will be soon finishing Government Center Conference Room upgrades

Jail Body Camera Upgrades

Campground/Parks Cameras and WIFI upgrades

Courtroom A/V Upgrades for virtual court

Redundant connections via wireless from Hwy-JC

Upgraded about 26 network switches, which were 15+ years old in some cases.

Assisted with Radio Tower upgrade

Several Laserfiche processes - IT Helpdesk, CCS Provider Portal, Sheriff Onboarding, Child Support Paperless, WIC Electronic Storage

Jail Security System upgrade was original to the building.

New Health and Human Services Software Purchase

Human Resources:

Allowing eight (8) hours of floating Holiday 7-5-2024 (employee retention)

Periodic pay reviews and adjustments (employee retention)

Building Security:

Door Security at Justice Center

WTE Plant:

Shredder and Material Handler – Improve municipal solid waste handling and removal

Cooperation Businesses and other Governmental Units:

County Board continued support for grants; Broadband expansion
Begin process to repurpose UWECBC Student Center and Gymnasium working cooperatively with RLSD

Directional Statement #1. – Affordable Housing, Aging Population, Rental and Entry Level Buyers

December 2024 Family House opens at Hwy TT location
December 2024 Mobile Family Homes are moved by Salvation Army to Hwy TT location
1.0 FTE Addition – I&A Specialist Aging/Disability Resource Center, Feb., 2024

Directional Statement #3. – Maintain and Improve County Owned Buildings:

Begin process for Secure Sally Port Expansion at J/C
New Boilers at Government Center (this also improves the new Aging/ADRC kitchen)
AGRS at WTE – Plant, Update to Adopted Plan Document

Directional Statement #4. – Improve Mental Health and Decrease Substance Abuse:

Resolution 2024-39, 10-21-2024 Advocating for an Inpatient Behavioral Health Facility for Northern Wisconsin
Resolution 2024-3, Requesting Hshs and Previa work cooperatively for continuation of care at Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire Hospital locations, (closings)

Directional Statement #5. – Remaining Fiscally Responsible:

Sale of 410 East LaSalle Ave., Building

Future Agenda Item/Decision:

CA French recommend a brief meeting in August to meet with a lead person for work on the next five year plan in 2026

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2024 IMPACT REPORT



We are a local coalition working to create an understanding of how poverty impacts our community. Our mission is to empower every one of our neighbors in Barron County with skills, resources, and personal connections so that we may all enjoy lives free of poverty.

Tiny Homes

Tiny homes are built for unsheltered individuals and families who are in need of temporary housing.

Our two tiny homes were finally placed in 2024! Through a partnership with the Salvation Army of Barron County, they are now able to start housing people in need.



☀️ Centerpoint Events- All the Help You Need in One Place

Top 3 Needs Identified



Food



Clothing



Housing



412
people served



1,200 +
lbs of food
distributed



38
agencies
involved



83%
attendees
below poverty

This quarterly event (held 3 in 2024) efficiently delivers services to our neighbors by bringing together 20+ service providers in a single location and providing on-site assistance in a "one-stop-shop" style.

Loads of Love- (Started in September 2024)



1 lead organization
(Bethany Lutheran)



28 free loads of laundry



7 volunteer hosts
(spots filled through spring 2025)



\$950 raised to
support the program

Loads of Love provides quarters, soap, and dryer sheets so people in need can do their laundry for free. Bethany Lutheran Church of Rice Lake is the first lead organization to launch a Loads of Love program in Barron County. More organizations are needed to expand the program. If your organization would like to get involved, please reach out to ccpbarroncounty@gmail.com.



Upcoming Events

2/06/25 - Centerpoint Event
4/10/25 - New 90 day Project Summit
5/8/25 - Centerpoint Event
8/7/25 - Centerpoint Event
9/10/25 - New 90 day Project Summit
11/6/25 - Centerpoint Event



**Feed the Future
Fundraiser**
May 16 - 18, 2025

*Supports school
weekend food programs
in Barron County



Get Involved

ccpbarroncounty@gmail.com