



Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, April 4, 2025 – 8:00 a.m.

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

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON: Karolyn Bartlett, Randy Cook Sr, Bun Hanson, Audrey Kusilek, Gary Nelson (Alternate), Louie Okey, Pete Olson, Marv Thompson and Stacey Wenzel (Arrived at 8:14AM).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPEARING VIRTUALLY: None at this time.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Rogers.

STAFF PRESENT IN PERSON: Sheriff Fitzgerald, Administrator French, County Clerk Hodek, Register of Deeds Katterhagen, Corporation Counsel Muench, IT Director Peterson, HR Director Richie and Treasurer Sommerfeld.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ruth Erickson (Chronotype).

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): None at this time.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2025: Motion: (Cook/Bartlett) to approve. Carried.

DISCUSS/APPROVE TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENCY FUND - \$64,650.78 FOR DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK APPROPRIATION: Motion: (Olson/Kusilek) to approve. Carried.

RESOLUTION – FINAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT(S) TO CLOSE 2024 ACCOUNTS: Motion: (Bartlett/Cook) to approve. Finance Director gave an overview of the final 2024 budget numbers. Carried.

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: Motion: (Hanson/Olson) to approve. Discussion. Carried.

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING \$50,000 OF TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROPOSED NEW SECURE SALLY PORT EXPANSION AND THE BARRON COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER WITH THE USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS: Motion: (Cook/Nelson) to approve. Carried.

RESOLUTION – 2025 WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK IN BARRON COUNTY: Motion: (Nelson/Olson) to approve. Discussion. Carried.

RESOLUTION – SUPPORTING FEDERAL BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION EXPANDING DIRECT PRIMARY CARE ACCESS: Motion: (Hanson/Cook) to approve. Carried.



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ORDINANCE – REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 50 OF THE BARRON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING TAXATION: Corporation Counsel Muench reviewed the changes of the ordinance. Discussion. **Motion: (Olson/Bartlett)** to approve. Carried.

Wenzel arrived at 8:14AM.

STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES

- A. **POTENTIAL TARIFF EFFECTS – IT POSITION PAPER:** Information was included in the packet.
- B. **VIRTUAL COMMITTEE MEETING TRAINING:** Administrator French noted that no County Board members attended either training.
- C. **FINAL STRATEGIC PLANNING WORK GROUP DOCUMENT:** 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

- A. Insurance Update from Tim Deaton at the Horton Group – Potential Closed Session
- B. Barron County Housing Authority Project Update

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 8:00AM in the Auditorium of the Government Center.

CLOSED SESSION - MAPLE GROVE SOLAR JOINT DEVELOPERS AGREEMENT: Motion: (Bartlett/Cook) to enter 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 to include the members of the Executive Committee, Administrator French, Corporation Counsel Muench, IT Director Peterson, Supervisor P. Anderson, Supervisor Krug, Supervisor Turcott and Supervisor Vaughn. A roll call vote was taken and all present voted yes.

Kusilek departed at 8:24AM.

Administrator French took minutes for the remainder of the meeting.

Motion to return to Open Session, Olson/Bartlett, carried.

Motion Olson/Bartlett, to authorize proceeding with a petition for Judicial Review of the Public Service Commission's decision regarding Maple Grove Solar and to forward the matter to the County Board with a recommendation to affirm and continue the process, and to authorize up to \$10,000.00 for legal fees associated with the matter. Carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Declared adjourned by Unanimous Consent by Chair Okey at 9.30am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk