

LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 15, 2025 8:00 AM Meeting Minutes

Barron County Justice Center, Emergency Operations Center, 1420 State Hwy 25 North, Barron, WI 54812

Members Present: Pete Olson, Craig Turcott, Stacey Wenzel

Members Appearing Virtually: Jamie McCready, Roberta Mosentine

Members Absent: Patti Anderson, Pete Schneider, Louie Okey

Staff present: County Administrator Jeff French, Corporation Counsel John Muench, Human Resources Director Rachael Richie, Sheriff Fitzgerald, Chief Deputy Jason Hagen, Captain Darren Hodek, Captain Tim Evenson and Fiscal Manager Penny Pierce.

Staff Appearing Virtually:

Others Present: Bob Zientara, Barron News-Shield

Call to order by Chairman Olson at 8:00 a.m.

Public Notification – Sheriff Fitzgerald stated the County’s compliance with open meeting laws.

Public Comment – None

8:02 – Muench arrived.

Approve Agenda.

Motion: (Turcott/Wenzel) to approve the agenda with the changes of removing item 10 and item 12 and moving item 13 to 17A. Carried

Approve April 17, 2025, meeting Minutes.

Motion: (Turcott/Olson) to approve minutes with the correction of the jail sally port project to \$2,151,108. Carried.

Review Voucher Edit Lists. Edit lists were reviewed.

Recognition of Sheriff Fitzgerald, 17 years of service. No action taken.

Release of duty weapon – Chris Fitzgerald.

Motion: (Wenzel/Turcott) to release the current duty weapon to Chris Fitzgerald. Carried.

8:14 a.m. – McCready left the meeting.

8:15 a.m. – Mosentine arrived.

Release of Henry Firearm 22 rifle – Chris Fitzgerald. Tabled to the next meeting. No action.

Approval of leave of absence request by Captain Hodek.

Motion: (Wenzel/Turcott) to approve the leave of absence request by Captain Hodek pending a successful appointment to the position of Barron County Sheriff for the remainder of the sheriff's term ending 1/3/27. Carried.

Jail Sally Port. No action.

Radio Communications Upgrade. No action.

Updates. No action.

Future Agenda Items: Facility tours – Jail & Dispatch, Release of Henry Firearm 22 Rifle, Annual review of asset tag inventory.

Tour of Dispatch. Tabled to next meeting. No action taken.

Next meeting date: June 12, 2025

Adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:36 a.m.

Meeting minutes posted in draft form. Reviewed and approved on 5/16/25 by Craig Turcott. Minutes not official until approved at the next committee meeting.