



Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 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, Audrey Kusilek, Dana Heller (alternate), Louie Okey, Bun Hanson, Pete Olson, Bob Rogers and Stacey Wenzel.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPEARING VIRTUALLY: None at this time.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Marv Thompson.

STAFF PRESENT IN PERSON: Administrator French, Finance Director Busch Corporation Counsel Muench, IT Director Peterson, WTE Director Bohn, Treasurer Sommerfeld, Chief Deputy Hagen, Captain Hodek, Deputy Co Clerk Cook.

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

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

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):

Recreation Plan & Survey – French encouraged members to complete survey.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2025: Motion: (Rogers / Olson) to approve. Carried.

UPDATE ON WASTE TO ENERGY ACID GAS REMOVAL SYSTEM PROJECT: Brent Bohn provided update. Tie in date is July 21, 2025 – August 4, 2025. Project was delayed due to contractor going out of business forcing completion to be done in house. Currently 35K left in budget but an overrun of 275K is anticipated with the costs being covered by WTE. Bohn answered questions from the committee and will present update again once project is completed.

TAX DEED PARCELS – REQUEST TO NOT SELL ON PUBLIC AUCTION: Treasurer Sommerfeld is requesting permission to not sell three parcels to the general public. Two are right of way parcels, one is in the City of Rice Lake 276-8004-05-000 and the other is in the Town of Rice Lake 038-3200-01-000. The third is an underwater parcel in the City of Cumberland 212-8025-50-000. City of Rice Lake and Town of Rice Lake have agreed to take ownership and pay the deed recording fees upon approval of the Executive Committee. The County will retain ownership of the underwater parcel in the City of Cumberland. More detailed information is in the packet. **Motion: (Cook / Kusilek)** to approve Treasurer's request to not sell these parcels on public auction and transfer the right of way parcels to the City and Town of Rice Lake with the understanding that they will pay the recording fees and retain the City of Cumberland underwater parcel. Carried.

RESOLUTION – ESTABLISHING 2026 BARRON COUNTY BUDGET PREPARATION GUIDELINES & TIMELINE. Motion: (Olson / Hanson) to approve. Carried.



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STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES: None.

SENATE BILL 181 – Levy Exemption for Regional Medical Services – French researched and has determined that this will pass and WCA is in agreement that it will pass.

UWECBC Office Usage by County Staff – County staff can use Rooms 117 & 118 at the campus.

REVIEW VOUCHER EDIT LISTS: Included in the packet. Question was raised about cremation fees. French explained that in some rare circumstances, County becomes responsible for those fees.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None mentioned.

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at 8:00AM in the Auditorium of the Government Center.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:21am.

Respectfully Submitted,
DeeAnn Cook, Deputy Barron County Clerk

Minutes are not official until approved by the Executive Committee at their next meeting.