



# **BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025 – 5:00 PM**

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, Dana Heller, Dennis Jenkins, Amanda Kohnen, Kathy Krug, Audrey Kusilek, Fran Langman, Jamie McCready, Roberta Mosentine, Gary Nelson, Louie Okey, Bob Rogers, Pete Schneider, Bill Schradle, Marv Thompson, Craig Turcott, Diane Vaughn and Stacey Wenzel.

**ATTENDING VIRTUALLY:** Carol Moen and Pete Olson.

**ABSENT:** Bun Hanson.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Okey called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

**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 Chair Okey.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited.

### **SPECIAL MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (NON-ACTION ITEMS)**

**A. RECREATION PLAN & SURVEY:** Information was included in packet.

**B. RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT RANDALL COOK JR.:** Administrator French noted his appreciation for Sergeant Cook when driving Supervisor Patti Anderson and WCA President Mark O'Connell during the Conversation with County Officials program ending at Lona's Café earlier this month. Administrator French also thanked Sergeant Cook for his leadership skills with the parking issues that occurred at the Dairy Breakfast earlier this month.

**APPROVE AGENDA: Motion: (Nelson/P. Anderson)** to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Hanson).

**APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2025: Motion: (Heller/Cook)** to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Hanson).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None at this time.

**COUNTY BOARD CHAIR APPOINTMENT OF JASON HAGEN – ACTING INTERIM SHERIFF: Motion: (Kusilek/Turcott)** to approve appointment effective June 1, 2025. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Hanson).

**STAPLES LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT EXPANSION PRESENTATION:** Lake Technician Pat Brown gave an overview of the expansion request on Staples Lake between Barron and Polk County and reviewed the timeline and process. He also noted that the public hearing on this lake district expansion is Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in the Auditorium at the Government Center in Barron. Corporation Counsel Muench and Lake Technician Brown answered questions from the Board.

**WESTCAP PRESENTATION – TIM MATHER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** Executive Director Mather gave an overview of the WestCap programs and how these programs serve our region. Mather also answered questions from the Board.

**RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,774.10 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BRADFORD SYSTEMS SPACESAVER EVIDENCE LOCKER AND REFRIGERATOR FOR THE BARRON COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT:** Chair Okey asked Chief Deputy Hagen and County Administrator French if any changes to the resolution were needed after the Law Enforcement Committee meeting that occurred last week. Hagen explained the potential changes but the changes are not confirmed at this time. Discussion. Administrator French asked for the resolution to be postponed until July.

**21-2025 RESOLUTION – ESTABLISHING 2026 BARRON COUNTY BUDGET PREPARATION GUIDELINES & TIMELINE: Motion: (Cook/Olson)** to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Hanson).

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) EXPENDITURES:** Information was included in the packet.

**REPORT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:** None at this time.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

- A. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD – APPOINT DR. RUPPEL TO REPLACE DR. SAMPSON (REMAINDER OF TERM): Motion: (Banks/Heller)** to approve all appointments as presented. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Hanson).
- B. STAPLES LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING – APPOINT LCC/EXTENSION COMMITTEE (COOK, GORES, KUSILEK, LANGMAN, NELSON & HUTH): Motion: (Banks/Heller)** to approve all appointments as presented. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Hanson).
- C. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION – APPOINT DYLAN PALMQUIST TO REPLACE BEN COLE: Motion: (Banks/Heller)** to approve all appointments as presented. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Hanson).
- D. COMMISSION ON AGING – APPOINT KELLI RASMUSSEN TO REPLACE KAREN NOVOTNY (3 YEAR TERM): Motion: (Banks/Heller)** to approve all appointments as presented. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Hanson).

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

#### **SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- 1. Presentation from Upper 90 on the Energy Audit at UWEC-Barron County
- 2. Presentation on Current Jail Programs
- 3. Resolution - Purchase of Bradford Systems Spacesaver Evidence Lock and Refrigerator for the Barron County Sheriff’s Department
- 4. Resolution - Hazmat Contract with the City of Rice Lake

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Monday, July 21, 2025 at 5:00PM at the Government Center located in Barron.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:44PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessica Hodek, County Clerk

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