



BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Monday, January 12, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.

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

Link to View Meeting: <http://youtube.com/c/BarronCountyMeetings>
Live streaming of the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call – Public Notification
3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
4. In Memoriam – Jerry McRoberts
5. Special Matters and Announcements (Non-Action Items)
6. Approve Agenda
7. Approve Minutes of November 3, 2025
8. Public Comment (*Prior Registration with County Clerk Required / Maximum Allotted Time is 3 Minutes*)
9. Resolution – Intention to Join the Statewide Public Safety Interoperable Communications System for Barron County
10. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Rezoning – Town of Cumberland, Valerie M. Anderson, Steven J. Bergmann & Thomas E. Bergmann, Owners
11. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Rezoning – Town of Prairie Lake, Shannon Dahle, Owner
12. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Rezoning – Town of Stanley, Clifford & Judith Roettger, Owners
13. Ordinance – Revised Ordinance Designating Additional Portions of County Highways as ATV / UTV Routes
14. Resolution – Motorized Trail Authorization for Years 2026-2027
15. Resolution – Clarifying Funding for the Wisconsin Professional Police Association (WPPA) Contract for the Period 1-1-2026 to 12-31-2027

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16. Resolution – To Support Wisconsin Establishing a Membership With the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) to Cover the Cost of Membership for all State, Local, Tribal and Territorial (SLTT) Organizations
17. Resolution – Approving 2025-2026 Annual Work Plan for the County Forest
18. Resolution – To Appoint Finance Director / County Auditor
19. Report from County Administrator
 - a. Treasurer’s Report of Receipts & Disbursement
20. Appointments
 - a. Public Health Officer - Appoint Patricia Wickman
 - b. Health & Human Services Board – Reappoint Karolyn Bartlett, Diane Vaughn & Mary Matthys (*3 Year Term*)
 - c. ADRC Board – Appoint Bert Skinner to Replace Rudy Walz (*3 Year Term*)
 - d. Indianhead Federated Library Board (IFLS) – Appoint Doug Edwardson to Replace Mary Alice Larson (*3 Year Term*)
21. Claims, Petitions & Correspondence
22. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items
 - a. ATV / UTV Route Request – Chetek Area
 - b. Resolution - Conversion of Historical Files to Digital Files in County Clerk’s Office
 - c. March 16, 2026 – Retirement Party for County Board Supervisors Hosted by Supervisor Mosentine. Please RSVP Supervisor Mosentine by the February County Board meeting.
23. Adjournment

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BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025 – 9:00 AM

BARRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – AUDITORIUM
335 EAST MONROE AVENUE - BARRON, WISCONSIN 54812

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Okey called the Public Hearing to order at 9:00AM.

PUBLIC HEARING – PRESENTATION OF 2026 BARRON COUNTY BUDGET: Administrator French presented the 2026 published budget in detail and answered questions from the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Chair Okey closed the Public Hearing at 9:21AM.

PRESENT IN PERSON: Bob Anderson, Patti Anderson, John Banks, Karolyn Bartlett, Randy Cook Sr (Arrived at 9:23AM), Bill Effertz, Pam Fall, Craig Fowler, Jim Gores, Dana Heller, Dennis Jenkins, Kathy Krug, Audrey Kusilek, Fran Langman, Carol Moen, Roberta Mosentine, Gary Nelson, Louie Okey, Pete Olson, Bob Rogers, Pete Schneider, Bill Schradle, Marv Thompson, Craig Turcott, Diane Vaughn and Stacey Wenzel.

ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: Amanda Kohnen, Jamie McCready (Arrived at 9:31AM) and Tim Ploetz.

ABSENT: None at this time.

CALL TO ORDER-ROLL CALL-PUBLIC NOTIFICATION: Chair Okey called the meeting to order at 9:21AM. County Clerk Hodek took attendance. County Administrator French stated the County's compliance with open meeting laws.

Supervisor Cook arrived at 9:23AM.

INVOCATION: Led by Pastor Tom Olson from Hosanna Lutheran Church located in Cumberland.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited.

SPECIAL MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (NON-ACTION ITEMS): Supervisor P. Anderson presented a \$1,000.00 check from the Haugen Auxiliary to the Barron County Veterans Office. County Clerk Hodek gave a review of the upcoming Spring Election procedures for ballot placement and deadlines for County Board Supervisor candidates. She strongly encourages anyone interested in a County Board Supervisor position to reach out to her directly to get all questions answered by the filing officer.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion: (Cook/Fowler) to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (McCready).

APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2025 (HIGHWAY ASPHALT TOUR) AND OCTOBER 20, 2025 (REGULAR COUNTY BOARD MEETING): Motion: (Langman/Olson) to approve both sets of minutes. **Motion: (Heller/Turcott)** to amend County Board Minutes from October 20, 2025 to change the next meeting date from November 3, 2025 at 5:00PM to November 3, 2025 at 9:00AM: Amendment Carried with 29 Yes. Original Motion Carried with 29 Yes.

APPROVE MINUTES OF WPPA CONTRACT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE OF OCTOBER 15, 2025 AND OCTOBER 27, 2025: Motion: (Rogers/Turcott) to approve. Carried with 29 Yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTE PAYABLE FOR MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS ANNUAL LEASE PAYMENTS FOR 2026-2031: Motion: (Heller/Olson) to approve. Carried with 29 Yes.

2025-38 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A \$1,582,622.40 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTE: Motion: (Cook/Kusilek) to approve. Administrator French requested an amendment that was emailed to the County Board Supervisors on October 30, 2025. **Motion: (Cook/Olson)** to amend to add “for the 2026 Debt Service Payment the Finance Director is allowed to transfer \$340,556.45 on January 2nd, 2026 from the Unassigned General Fund Fund Balance to the specific Debt Service Fund for the purpose of making this debt service payment, in 2026.” Amendment carried with 29 Yes. Original motion carried with 29 Yes.

REVIEW & ADOPTION OF THE 2026 COUNTY BUDGET

- a. **2025-39 RESOLUTION – FINANCING OF THE COUNTY FOR 2026 AND ADOPT 2025 LEVY: Motion: (Thompson/B. Anderson)** to approve. Carried with 26 and 3 No (Effertz, Kohnen & Vaughn.)

2025-40 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING INCREASE TO COUNTY BOARD CHAIR ANNUAL SALARY: Motion: (Kusilek/P. Anderson) to approve. Chair Okey gave an overview of the request and answered questions from the Board. Discussion. Carried with 29 Yes.

2025-41 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN FOR ONE ENERGY RENEWABLES BJORN SOLAR IN TOWN OF BARRON, BARRON COUNTY, WISCONSIN: Motion: (Cook/Effertz) to approve. Administrator French gave an overview of the resolution. Carried with 29 Yes.

2025-42 RESOLUTION – SUPPORTING APPLICATION FOR 2026 GRANT FUNDS FROM THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE: Motion: (Banks/Effertz) to approve. Carried with 29 Yes.

2025-43 RESOLUTION – OUTSTANDING ORDER CHECKS TO BE CANCELLED: Motion: (Gores/Moen) to approve. Carried with 29 Yes.

2025-44 RESOLUTION – SNAP (FOODSHARE): Motion: (Moen/Gores) to approve. Carried with 29 Yes.

2025-45 RESOLUTION – SETTING FORTH THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BARRON COUNTY AND WISCONSIN PROFESSIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION (WPPA): Motion: (Turcott/Heller) to approve. Discussion. **Motion: (Cook/Bartlett)** to amend the minutes to read that Supervisor Nelson was absent during the negotiations. Amendment carried with 29 Yes. Chair Okey thanked the committee for the work done with the negotiations. HR Director Richie answered questions virtually from the Board. Discussion. Original motion carried with 29 Yes.

APPROVE 2026 COUNTY BOARD MEETING DATES & TIMES: Chair Okey noted a change that will be required to November 2026 – the date will change from Wednesday, November 11, 2026 to Tuesday, November 10, 2026. **Motion: (B. Anderson/Olson)** to approve.

REPORT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: None at this time.

APPOINTMENTS:

- a. **HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER – APPOINT NATE NELSON: Motion: (Nelson/Turcott)** to approve. Carried with 29 Yes.
- b. **VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION – REAPPOINT TOM PICHELMAN: Motion: (Nelson/Turcott)** to approve. Carried with 29 Yes.

CLAIMS, PETITIONS & CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None at this time.

NEXT MEETING DATES: Monday, January 12, 2026 at 9:00AM.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Okey adjourned the meeting at 10:03AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, County Clerk

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BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 -

**Intention to Join the Statewide Public Safety Interoperable
Communications System for Barron County**

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Statute § 323.29(5) requires the Wisconsin Department of
2 Military Affairs to provide grants to local units of government for public safety
3 interoperable communication system upgrades.
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs refers to the statewide
6 public safety interoperable communication system as WISCOM, and the upgraded 7/800
7 MHz system as WISCOM 800.
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9 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Statute § 323.29(5)(b)2 requires that, to be eligible for a
10 grant, the local unit of government's governing body submit a resolution or other written
11 commitment indicating its intent to join the replacement statewide public safety
12 interoperable communication system when it becomes available.
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14 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Statute § 323.29(5)(b)2 requires that, to be eligible for a
15 grant, the local unit of government's governing body submit a resolution or other written
16 commitment indicating the local unit of government's intent to spend its own funds in an
17 amount equal to 20 percent of the total grant awarded.
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19 **WHEREAS**, this resolution was recommended for approval by the Executive
20 Committee at their meeting on January 7, 2026 on vote of 9 - 0 with Cook, Okey, Bartlett,
21 Kusilek, Olson, Thompson, Rogers, Wenzel and P. Anderson voting in favor and no
22 members voting against.
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24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Barron County Board of
25 Supervisors, that the Barron County Sheriff's Department is hereby committed to joining
26 the replacement statewide public safety interoperable communication system as an
27 interoperable user when it becomes available and will spend its own funds for 20 percent
28 of the total of any grant awarded.
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30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that publication of this resolution may occur
31 through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
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BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 -

**Intention to Join the Statewide Public Safety Interoperable
Communications System for Barron County**

OFFERED THIS 12th day of January, 2026.

<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 (X) Grant () Contingency () Other () Details _____</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ 10,000 - 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>_____ Louie Okey, Chair Executive Committee</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 ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2026 –

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE, (Re: Valerie M. Anderson, Steven J. Bergmann & Thomas E. Bergmann),
COUNTY OF BARRON, WISCONSIN**

The Barron County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows

1
2 **WHEREAS, Valerie M. Anderson, Steven J. Bergmann & Thomas E. Bergmann,**
3 owners, filed a Petition to rezone certain property in Barron County;
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5 **WHEREAS,** the Zoning Map of Barron County, Wisconsin as specified in Section
6 17.26 of the Barron County Land Use Ordinance shall be amended to change the zoning
7 classification of the property in the County of Barron, Wisconsin, depicted in the attached
8 map, incorporated herein by reference, and described hereafter from:
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10 ___ **Residential-1** ___ to ___ **Agricultural-2** ___
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12 **LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:**

13 Rezone that S 25 RDS of N 43 RDS of SE-SE Ex RROW & Ex N 160 ft of E 275 ft THRF,
14 consisting of 10.27 acres, located in Section 18, T35N, R13W, Town of Cumberland;
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16 **WHEREAS,** this Amendment was approved by the Zoning Committee on
17 November 5, 2025, on a vote of _5:0, with Jenkins, Thompson, Rogers, Cook and Kusilek
18 all voting in favor and 0 against.
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20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED,** that this Ordinance shall be effective
21 upon its adoption and publication and that publication of this ordinance may occur through
22 posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
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BARRON COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2026 -

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**BARRON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE
BARRON, WISCONSIN
ACTION AND REPORT**

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having heard the testimony and considered the evidence presented, the Zoning Committee determines the facts of this case to be:

Filing Date: September 2, 2025

File # 018-1800-20-000

Hearing Date: **November 5, 2025**

Petitioner: **Nate & Valerie Anderson**

Owner: Valerie M. Anderson, Steven J. Bergmann & Thomas E. Bergmann – 2116 7th St., Cumberland, WI 54829

(Name and Address)

1. The petitioner is the owner/lessee/mortgagee of the following described property, which is the subject of the petition to rezone the following: the S 25 RDS of N 43 RDS of SE-SE Ex RROW & Ex N 160 ft of E 275 ft THRF, consisting of 10.27 acres, located in Section 18, T35N, R13W, **Town of Cumberland, Barron County, Wisconsin.**
2. The petitioner requests to rezone from the **Residential-1 district to the Agricultural-2 district.**
3. The present use of the property is: residential.
4. Petitioner purpose of the rezoning request is: We would like to build a shed and build a different house in future.
5. Per Section 17.81(3)(a) of the Land Use Ordinance, the committee finds that:

Based on the following findings of fact, the Committee Recommends the **APPROVAL/DENIAL** of the petition to rezone:

- 1.) This property was developed prior to the adoption of zoning.
- 2.) There is Agricultural-2 zoned property across the road.
- 3.) The request meets the standards of 17.81(3).
- 4.) The Town Board is in favor.
- 5.)

Is the Committee's decision consistent with the County Plan? Yes X No

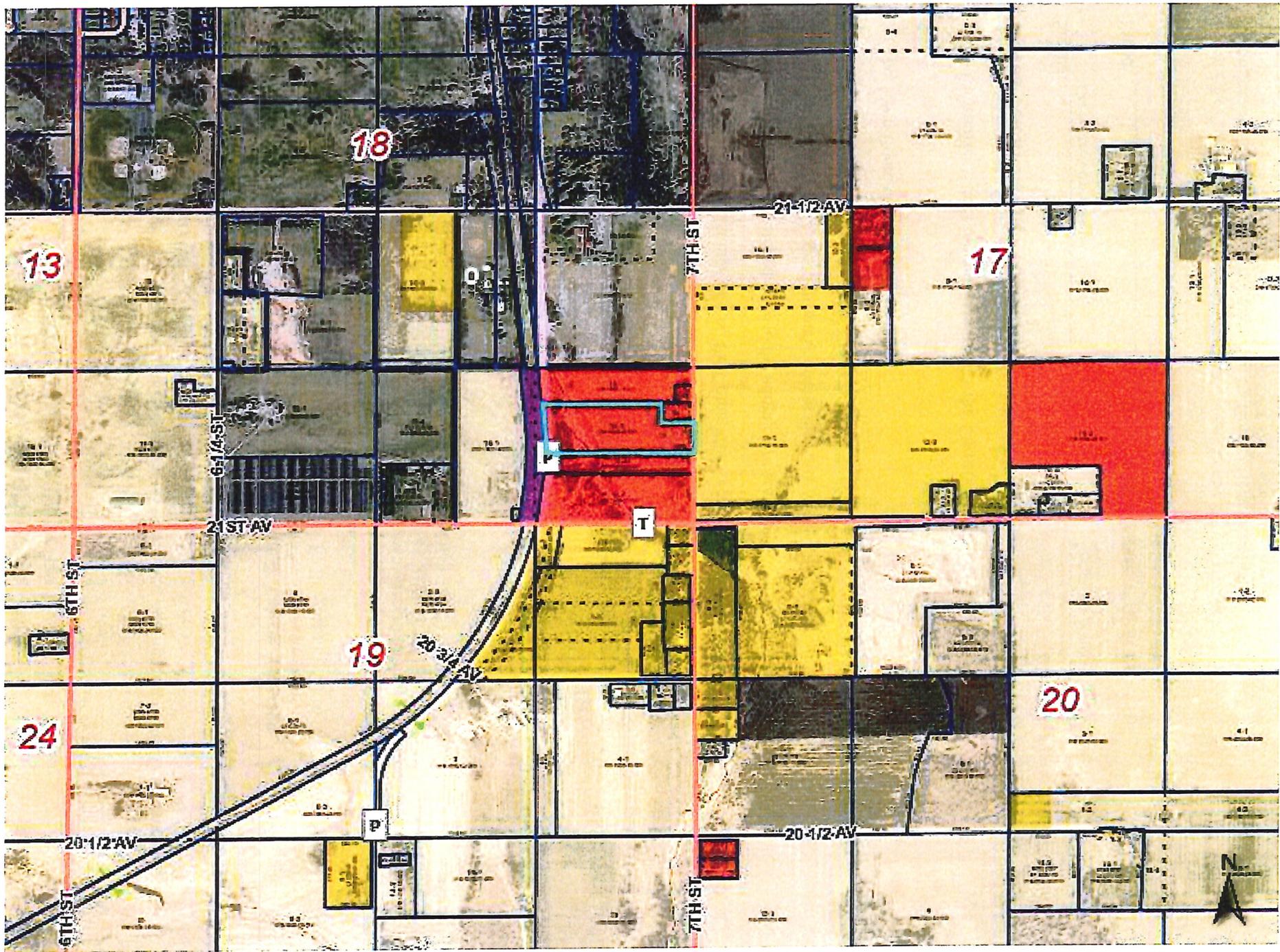
Barron County Zoning Committee:

Signed: _____
Committee Chairperson

Attest: _____
Committee Secretary

Dated: _____

(Signed by Committee Chairperson Kusilek on 11/5/25.)
Committee action is not final until approved by County Board Resolution.



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BARRON COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2026 –

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE, (Re: Shannon Dahle),
COUNTY OF BARRON, WISCONSIN**

The Barron County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows

1
2 **WHEREAS, Shannon Dahle**, owner, filed a Petition to rezone certain property in
3 Barron County;

4
5 **WHEREAS,** the Zoning Map of Barron County, Wisconsin as specified in Section
6 17.26 of the Barron County Land Use Ordinance shall be amended to change the zoning
7 classification of the property in the County of Barron, Wisconsin, depicted in the attached
8 map, incorporated herein by reference, and described hereafter from:

9
10 **Residential-1** to **Agricultural-2**

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12 **LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:**

13 Rezone that parts SE-SE & SW-SE shown as Lot 1 CSM 20/78 & Prt SE-SE shown as
14 Outlot 1 CSM 45-151, consisting of 18.455 acres, located in Section 5, T33N, R11W,
15 Town of Prairie Lake, Barron County.

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18 **WHEREAS,** this Amendment was approved by the Zoning Committee on January
19 7, 2026, on a vote of 5:0, with Jenkins, Thompson, Rogers, Kuselik and Bartlett voting in
20 favor and 0 against.

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22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED,** that this Ordinance shall be effective
23 upon its adoption and publication and that publication of this ordinance may occur through
24 posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
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BARRON COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2026 -

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COUNTY OF BARRON, WISCONSIN**

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**BARRON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE
BARRON, WISCONSIN
ACTION AND REPORT**

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having heard the testimony and considered the evidence presented, the Zoning Committee determines the facts of this case to be:

Filing Date: October 10, 2025

File # 036-0500-28-000 RZ2026-1

Hearing Date: **January 7, 2026**

Petitioner: **Shannon Dahle**

Owner: Shannon Dahle, 1108 19 7/8 Street- Cameron, WI 54822
(Name and Address)

1. The petitioner is the owner/lessee/mortgagee of the following described property, which is the subject of the petition to rezone the following: Prts SE-SE & SW-SE shown as Lot 1 CSM 20 7/8 & Prt SE-SE shown as Outlot 1 CSM 45-151, consisting of 18.455 acres, located in Section 5, T33N, R11W, **Town of Prairie Lake**, Barron County, Wisconsin.
2. The petitioner requests to rezone from the **R-1 district to the Ag-2 district.**
3. The present use of the property is: Residential use.
4. Petitioner purpose of the rezoning request is: To support a rural lifestyle and expand homestead that produces farm produce.
5. Per Section 17.81(3)(a) of the Land Use Ordinance, the committee finds that:

Based on the following findings of fact, the Committee Recommends the **APPROVAL** of the petition to rezone:

- 1.) Meets the requirements of Section 17.81(3)(a) of the Barron County Land Use Ordinance.
- 2.) Conforms to neighboring zoning classifications.
- 3.) Will limit further residential development in the area.
- 4.)
- 5.)

Is the Committee's decision consistent with the County Plan? Yes X No

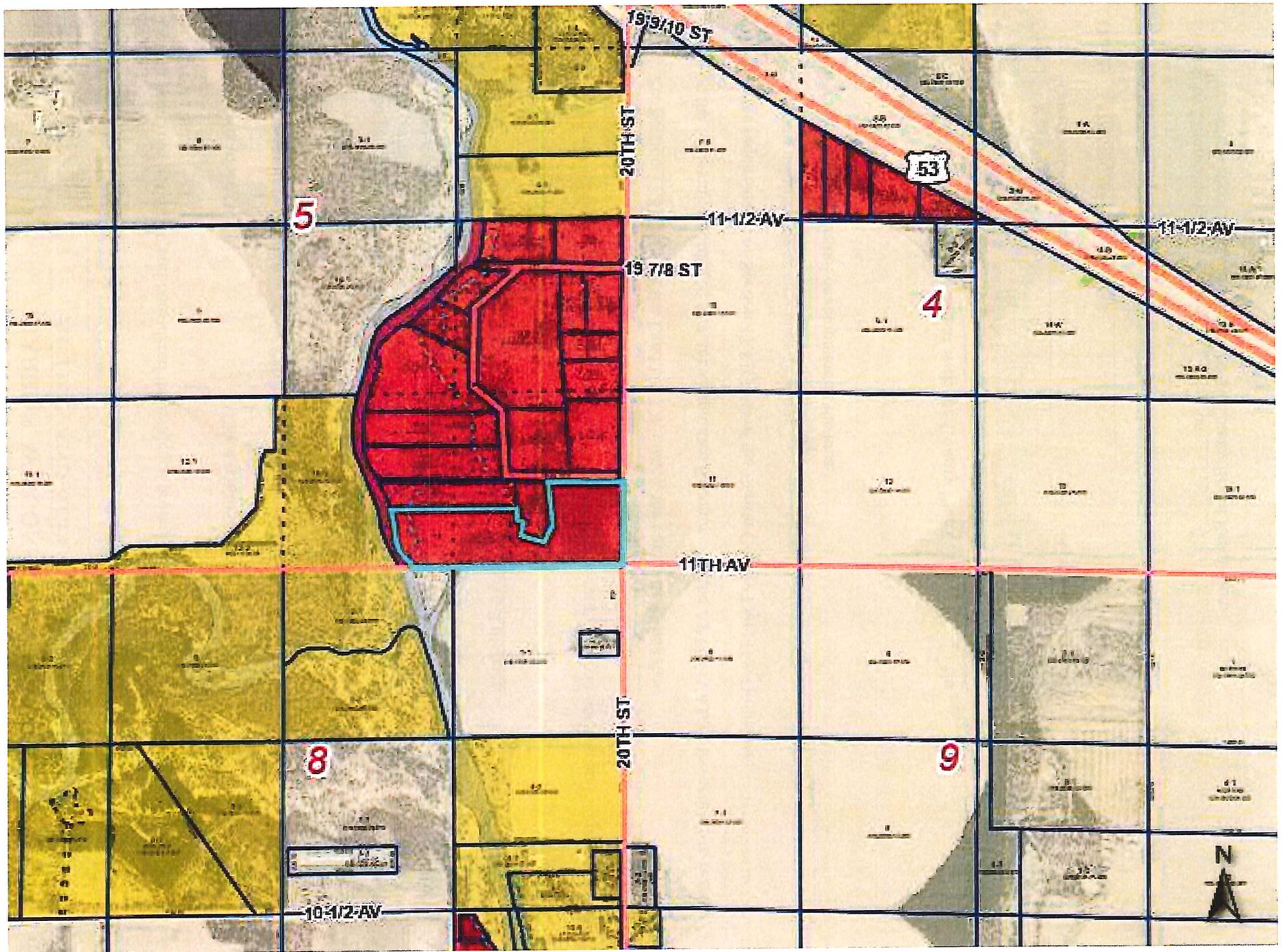
Barron County Zoning Committee:

Signed: Kusilek
Committee Chairperson

Attest: _____
Committee Secretary

Dated: 01/07/2026

(Signed by Committee Chairperson _____ on _____.)
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BARRON COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2026 –

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE, (Re: Clifford & Judith Roettger),
COUNTY OF BARRON, WISCONSIN**

The Barron County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows

1
2 **WHEREAS, Clifford & Judith Roettger**, owners, filed a Petition to rezone
3 certain property in Barron County;

4
5 **WHEREAS**, the Zoning Map of Barron County, Wisconsin as specified in Section
6 17.26 of the Barron County Land Use Ordinance shall be amended to change the zoning
7 classification of the property in the County of Barron, Wisconsin, depicted in the attached
8 map, incorporated herein by reference, and described hereafter from:

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10 Agricultural-2 to Residential-1

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12 **LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:**

13 Rezone parts SE-NE, consisting of no more than 5 acres, located in Section 21, T34N,
14 R11W, Town of Stanley, Barron County, Wisconsin.

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16 **WHEREAS**, this Amendment was approved by the Zoning Committee on January
17 7, 2026, on a vote of 5:0, with Jenkins, Thompson, Rogers, Kusilek and Bartlett voting in
18 favor and 0 against.

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20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, that this Ordinance shall be effective
21 upon its adoption and publication and that publication of this ordinance may occur through
22 posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
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BARRON COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2026 -

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**BARRON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE
BARRON, WISCONSIN
ACTION AND REPORT**

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having heard the testimony and considered the evidence presented, the Zoning Committee determines the facts of this case to be:

Filing Date: November 11, 2025

File # 044-2100-13-000 RZ2026-2

Hearing Date: January 7, 2026

Petitioner: **Nate & Jaleesa Manecke**

Owner: Clifford & Judith Roettger- 1464 20 7/8th Street, Cameron, WI 54822
(Name and Address)

1. The petitioner is the owner/lessee/mortgagee of the following described property, which is the subject of the petition to rezone the following: Prt SE-NE, consisting of no more than 5 acres, located in Section 21, T34N, R11W, **Town of Stanley**, Barron County, Wisconsin.
2. The petitioner requests to rezone from the **Agricultural-2 district to the Residential-1 district.**
3. The present use of the property is: idle land.
4. Petitioner purpose of the rezoning request is: to purchase 5 acres to allow for a new home.
5. Per Section 17.81(3)(a) of the Land Use Ordinance, the committee finds that:

Based on the following findings of fact, the Committee Recommends the **APPROVAL** of the petition to rezone:

- 1.) Meets the requirements of Section 17.81(3)(a) of the Barron County Land Use Ordinance.
- 2.) Continuation of existing residential development.
- 3.) Town of Stanley not opposed.
- 4.)
- 5.)

Is the Committee's decision consistent with the County Plan? Yes X No

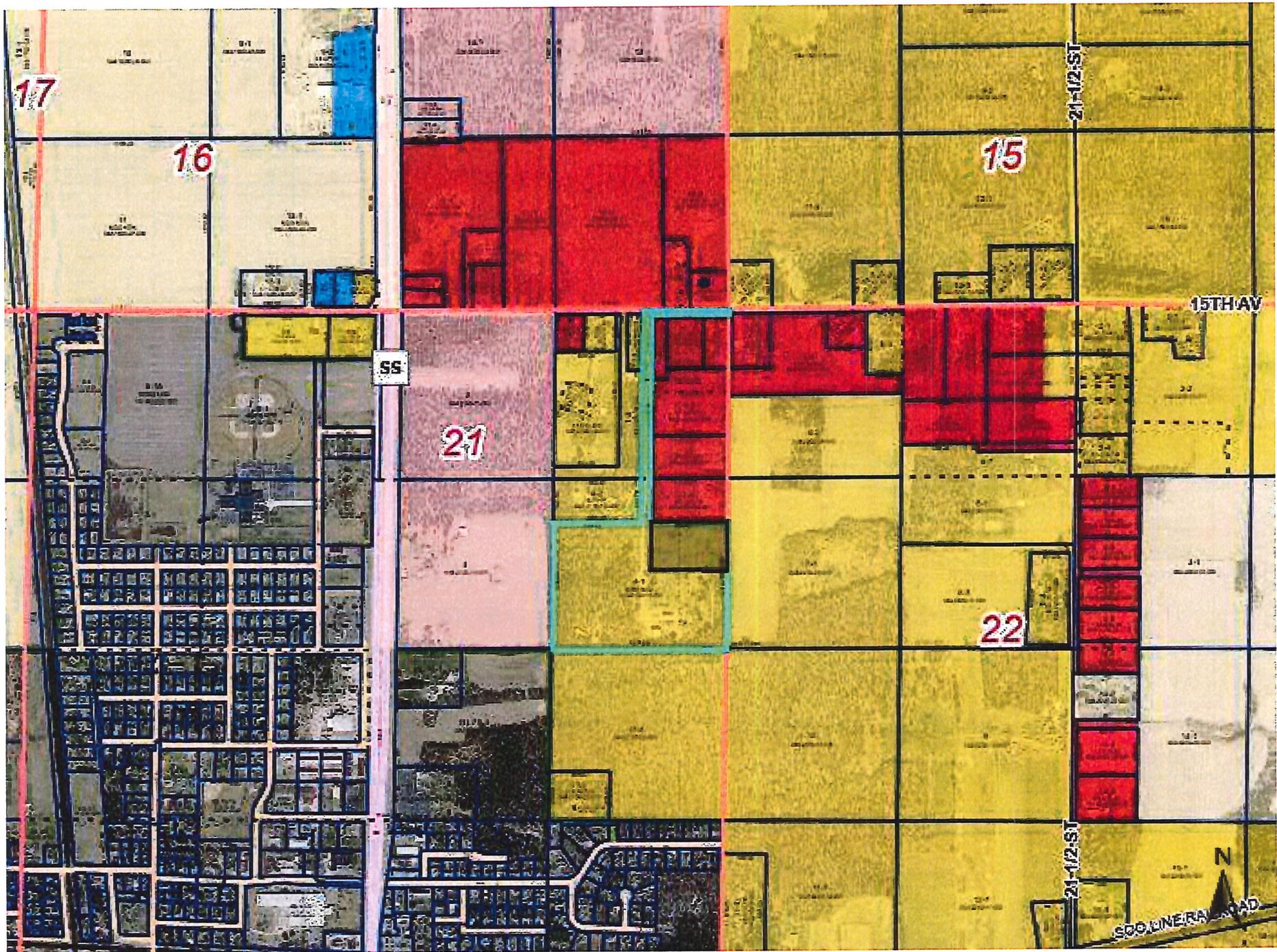
Barron County Zoning Committee:

Signed: Kusilek
Committee Chairperson

Attest: _____
Committee Secretary

Dated: 01/06/2026

(Signed by Committee Chairperson _____ on _____.)
Committee action is not final until approved by County Board Resolution.



BARRON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2026 -

**Revised Ordinance Designating Additional Portions of County Highways as
ATV/UTV Routes**

The Barron County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows

1
2 **WHEREAS**, by Ordinance 2022-5, the County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to
3 Wis. Stat. §23.33(8)(b), did designate portions of the County Highway System as ATV
4 Routes; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, Ordinance Numbers 2022-8, 2022-16, 2024-8, and 2024-19
7 designated additional portions of the County Highways as ATV/UTV routes; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, the Town of Rice Lake met on May 12, 2025, and approved opening
10 the ATV route on Highway 48 between Hiawatha Park and Eagle Ridge to 20 ¼ Street;
11 and

12
13 **WHEREAS**, the Barron County Highway and Law Enforcement Committees
14 recommend opening ATV/UTV road access on Highway 48 from 20 ¼ Street/Hammond
15 Avenue to the north junction of 21st Street as set forth in the attached Exhibit; and

16
17 **WHEREAS**, the Committees agree that adding this route segment will yield a
18 recreational and economic benefit to the area while maintaining traffic safety; and

19
20 **WHEREAS**, the Barron County Board of Supervisors initially approved the first
21 version of Ordinance No. 2025-7 on August 18, 2025; however, the Department of
22 Transportation has requested a revision to the Ordinance language as well as the attachment
23 of an Exhibit showing the proposed location; and

24 **WHEREAS**, this ordinance was approved by the Highway Committee on _____
25 _____, 2026, on a vote of ___ - _____ with _____ voting in favor
26 and no members voting against.

27 **WHEREAS**, this ordinance was approved by the Executive Committee on January
28 7, 2026, on a vote of 9 - 0, with 9 members voting in favor and no members voting against.

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30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Barron County Board of
31 Supervisors Ordinance No. 2025-7 which amended that Ordinance Numbers 2022-5, 2022-
32 8, 2022-16, 2024-8, and 2024-19 Designating Additional Portions of County Highways as
33 ATV routes to add ATV/UTV Road access on Highway 48 from 20 ¼ Street/Hammond
34 Avenue to the north junction of 21st Street be repealed and recreated as follows:

35
36 That Ordinance Numbers 2022-5, 2022-8, 2022-16, 2024-8, and 2024-19
37 Designating Additional Portions of County Highways as ATV routes be amended
38 to add ATV/UTV Road access on Highway 48 from 20 ¼ Street/Hammond Avenue
39 to the north junction of 21st Street.
40

BARRON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2026 -

**Revised Ordinance Designating Additional Portions of County Highways as
ATV/UTV Routes**

41 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the above listed ordinances shall be
42 specifically amended as follows:

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44 (1) Authorized Operation and Routes.

45 (2) ATV/UTV may operate on State Highway 48 from 20 ¼ Street/Hammond
46 Avenue to the north junction of 21st Street as follows:

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48 • Cross the bridge in the most direct manner practicable and at a safe
49 location.

50 • Stay as far to the right of the roadway or shoulder as practicable.

51 • Stop the vehicle before crossing the bridge.

52 • Yield the right of way to other vehicles, pedestrians and devices.

53 • Exit the highway as quickly and safely as practicable after crossing the
54 bridge (21st Street).

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56 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall be passed subject to
57 approval from the State of Wisconsin.

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

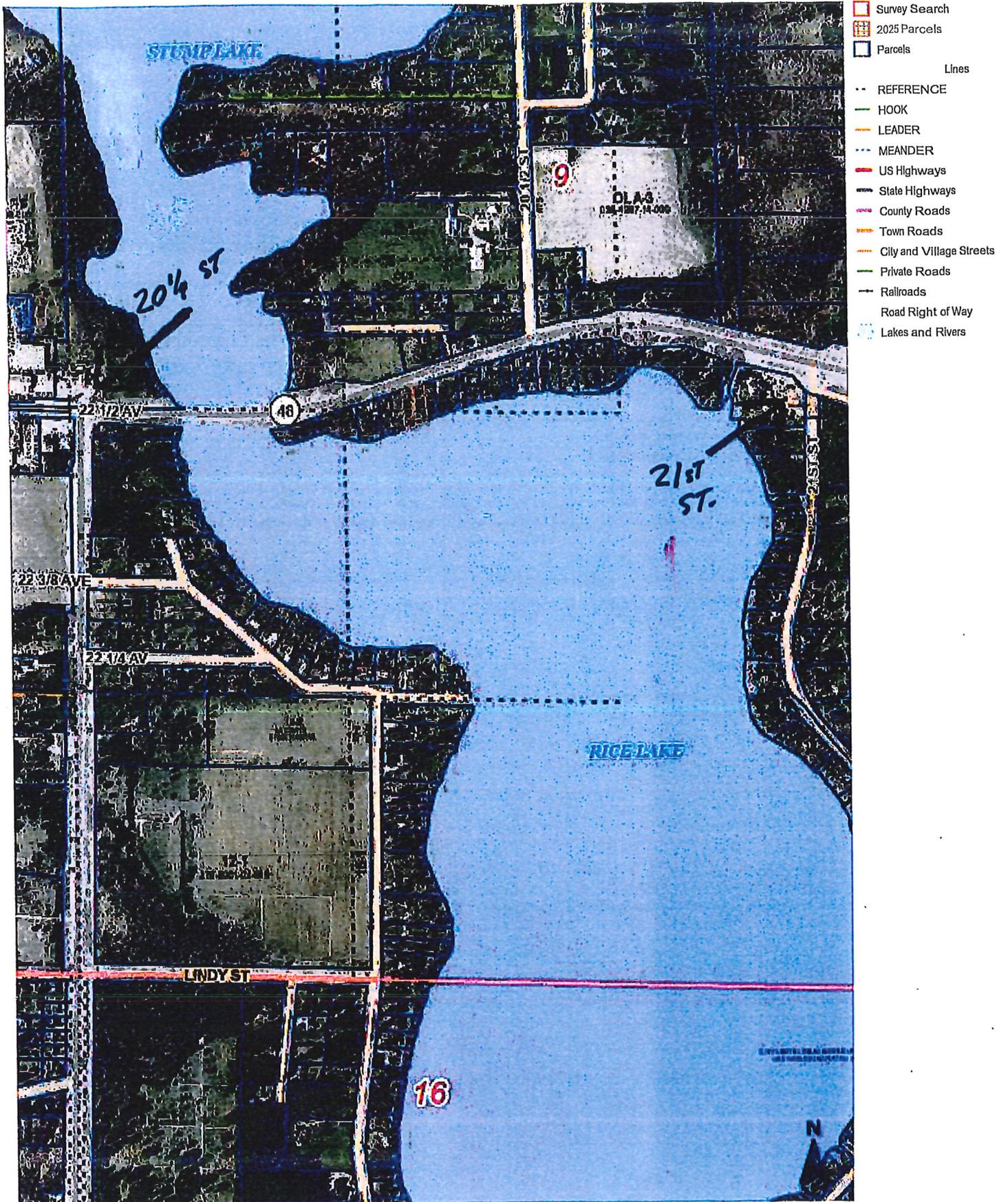
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BARRON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2026 -

**Revised Ordinance Designating Additional Portions of County Highways as
ATV/UTV Routes**

OFFERED THIS 12th day of January, 2026.

<p>Number of readings required: One (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Two ()</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) 2/3 Entire Board (20) ()</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted () General Fund () Grant () Contingency () Other (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Details _____</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ - Future years total amount: \$ - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department _____ Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by: _____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Marv Thompson, Highway Committee Chair</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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EXHIBIT

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026-

Motorized Trail Authorization for Years 2026-2027

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1
2 **WHEREAS**, Barron County is interested in maintaining, acquiring, insuring, or
3 developing lands for public outdoor motorized trail use; and
4

5 **WHEREAS**, said public motorized trails are eligible for snowmobile, all-terrain
6 vehicle and/or motorized stewardship grant funds; and
7

8 **WHEREAS**, formal authorization is needed listing the Barron County Employees
9 that can submit applications for financial aid, sign documents, and take necessary action to
10 undertake, direct and complete the approved project, and
11

12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Barron County formally
13 requests financial assistance in the form of snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle grants
14 available through the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and
15

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Barron County
17 hereby authorizes Anthony Weigand, Recreation Officer; Dalton Bygd, County Forester /
18 Trail Coordinator; Jeff French, County Administrator, and Michelle Drury, Finance
19 Director, to act on behalf of Barron County to:
20

21 Submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
22 for any financial aid that may be available; sign documents; and take necessary
23 action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project, and
24

25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Barron County
26 agrees to meet all financial obligations of the grant, and
27

28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that publication of this
29 resolution may occur through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin
30 Statutes.
31

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026-

Motorized Trail Authorization for Years 2026-2027

OFFERED THIS 12th day of January, 2026.

<p>Number of readings required: One <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two ()</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2/3 Entire Board (20) ()</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted () General Fund () Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contingency () Other () Details _____</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: _____ Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by: _____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Dana Heller, District #23</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Failed () Tabled ()</p>
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BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 -

**Resolution Clarifying Funding for the Wisconsin Professional Police Association,
(WPPA) Contract for the Period 1-1-2026 to 12-31-2027**

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1
2 **WHEREAS**, the Barron County Wisconsin Professional Police Association
3 Negotiating Committee met on Monday, October 27th, 2025 and negotiated a two year
4 contract, i.e., 01-01-2026 to 12-31-2027 with the Local WPPA Association; and
5

6 **WHEREAS**, on Thursday October 30th, 2025, via email, CA French notified the
7 County Board and Department Heads of this fact and stated in that email, “For 2026 we
8 will take this amount from Unassigned Fund Balance; and
9

10 **WHEREAS**, the Barron County Board of Supervisors met on Monday, November
11 3rd, 2025 and ratified Resolution 2025-45, approving the aforementioned two year contract,
12 along with the 2026 Budget; and
13

14 **WHEREAS**, the final signature for approval of the two year WPPA contract was
15 not completed until November 10th, 2025; and
16

17 **WHEREAS**, Resolution 2025-45 indicates a “Future years total amount of:
18 \$339,809; and
19

20 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of this resolution is to document and detail out the cost-
21 funding for this agreement; and
22

23 **WHEREAS**, the drafting of this Resolution was approved by the Executive
24 Committee on January 7, 2026, on a vote of 9 – 0 with Cook, Okey, Bartlett, Kusilek,
25 Olson, Thompson, Rogers, Wenzel and P. Anderson voting in favor and no supervisors
26 voting against; and
27

28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that with passage of this Resolution
29 the Barron County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve using General Fund
30 Unassigned Fund Balance to cover the 2026 costs to implement the two year WPPA
31 Contract; and
32

33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that for 2027 the appropriate cost amount(s) for
34 the second year of the WPPA Contract will be budgeted according to the normal budgeting
35 practices for Barron County; and
36

37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that publication of this resolution may occur
38 through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
39

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 -

**Resolution Clarifying Funding for the Wisconsin Professional Police Association,
(WPPA) Contract for the Period 1-1-2026 to 12-31-2027**

OFFERED THIS 12th day of January, 2026.

<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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Fund (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Grant () Contingency () Other () Details _____</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ - Future years total amount: \$ 392,839 (2026/2027) - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ \$248,402 (2027)</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>_____ 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 RESOLUTION NO. 2026 -

Resolution to Support Wisconsin Establishing a Membership With the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) to Cover the Cost of Membership for all State, Local, Tribal and Territorial (SLTT) Organizations

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1 **WHEREAS**, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC)
2 provides vital cybersecurity services, including 24/7 threat monitoring and incident
3 response, to more than 18,000 state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) government
4 organizations supporting our nation’s critical infrastructure including public hospitals,
5 public utilities, K-12 schools and law enforcement; and
6

7 **WHEREAS**, local governments, especially in rural and under-resourced areas,
8 have relied heavily on MS-ISAC’s services; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, without MS-ISAC services, government organizations are
11 increasingly vulnerable to cyber-attacks by foreign adversaries; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, recent federal funding cuts to MS-ISAC have significantly weakened
14 the nation’s defense against cyber threats; and
15

16 **WHEREAS**, this resolution was recommended for approval by the Executive
17 Committee at the January 7, 2026 meeting on a vote of 9 - 0 with Cook, Okey, Bartlett,
18 Kusilek, Olson, Thompson, Rogers, Wenzel and P. Anderson voting in favor and no
19 members voting in opposition.
20

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Barron County Board of
22 Supervisors that it supports Wisconsin establishing a membership with the Multi-State
23 Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) to cover the cost of membership for
24 all state, local, tribal and territorial (SLTT) organizations; and
25

26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Barron County Clerk is hereby authorized
27 to send a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, all Wisconsin
28 Counties and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration; and
29

30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that publication of this resolution may occur
31 through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
32

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 -

Resolution to Support Wisconsin Establishing a Membership With the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) to Cover the Cost of Membership for all State, Local, Tribal and Territorial (SLTT) Organizations

OFFERED THIS 12th day of January, 2026.

<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>_____ 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 RESOLUTION NO. 2026

**Resolution Approving 2025 - 2026 Annual
Work Plan for the County Forest**

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, the County Forest Administrator has set forth the attached 2025-2026 Annual Work Plan for the Barron County Forest; and

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 Annual Work Plan is consistent with the Barron County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan adopted by the Barron County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the County Forest Administrator that the Barron County Board of Supervisors approve the attached 2025-2026 Annual Work Plan for the County Forest; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Barron County Board of Supervisors does approve the attached 2025-2026 Annual Work Plan for the County Forest.

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 12th day of January, 2026.

<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: _____ Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by: _____ Jeffrey French, County Administrator</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>Dana Heller, District #23</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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2025-2026 ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT AND WORK PLAN

I. MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. The Barron County Forest is comprised of 14 compartments with a total of 16,363 re-conned acres *.

Forest Cover:

1. Aspen	4,688 acres
2. Bottomland Hardwoods	18 acres
3. White Birch	21 acres
4. Misc. Deciduous	38 acres
4. Red Maple	39 acres
5. Northern Hardwoods	2,456 acres
6. Oak	4,635 acres
7. Red Pine	392 acres
8. White Pine	230 acres
9. Black Spruce	24 acres
10. Swamp Hardwoods	226 acres
11. White Spruce	18 acres
12. Tamarack	172 acres

Non-forest cover:

1. Cool Season Grass	63 acres
2. Developed Use	18 acres
3. Emergent Wetland	1,198 acres
4. Water	27 acres
5. Minor lakes	592 acres
6. Minor streams	23 acres
7. Right-of-way	120 acres
8. Shallow Lake	392 acres
9. Rock outcrops	46 acres
10. Upland Shrub	11 acres
11. Wetland Shrub	302 acres
12. Wetland Shrub - Alder	218 acres
13. Muskeg- Bog	200 acres
14. Sedge Meadow	190 acres
15. True Grasses	1 acre
16. Parking Area	1 acre
17. Marsh	100 acres
18. Upland Brush	2 acres

* Totals may not match due to rounding.

B. The Forest access road system consists of approximately 70 miles of trails and access roads classified under primary and secondary access roads. Details of classification system can be found in Chapter 700 and a map in Chapter 1000 of the 2021-2035 Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

II. TIMBER SALE PLANNING AND ESTABLISHMENT

A. Status of past due close-outs of completed sales.

- Two(2) sale was closed-out in FY 2025. .

B. Timber Sale Revenue

- Timber sale revenue for FY 2025 was \$ 95,515.90.

C. No sales were advertised and sold in FY 2025. Five (5) sales will be advertised in FY 2026.

D. Active timber sales.

- There are currently one (1) active sales on the forest. Seven (7) sales are under contract.

E. New timber sale development for 2026

- For 2026 approximately 280 acres of timber sale will be established.

F. DNR Time Standards County Forest Time Standards

- The goal for DNR hours on Barron County Forest was 497 hours and was exceeded by DNR forestry personnel. The FY 2026 goal is 432 hours, which will be met by Janette Cain, DNR Liaison Forester.

III. FOREST RECONNAISSANCE

A. Forest reconnaissance is completed following completion of timber sale or when stand is physically entered and then rescheduled. Currently 1.68% of the Barron County Forest recon is older than 21 years.

IV. FUTURE DESIRED CONDITIONS

The Barron County Forest will see a natural conversion of oak to the northern hardwood cover-type. The county will continue efforts to maintain oak through the use of regeneration harvest, fire and timber stand improvement techniques, in stands that exhibit good oak regeneration potential. The past stands where oak regeneration harvest was done will be monitored for success using WisFIRS program

EAB - Due to the expected rise in the Emerald Ash Borer population the future of the ash species is bleak. Many ash are designated to be cut with each new sale establishment.

Oak Wilt - Efforts will be made to continue to monitor for Oak Wilt, especially in the 2017 tornado valley.

Buckthorn and garlic mustard are the main invasive species. Garlic mustard found in a small area in the northwestern part of the county. Plans are to continue to monitor these areas and treat as necessary. A Buckthorn control Project (mowing) was started in the Town of Sumner on December 17, 2025.

V. TIMBERSTAND IMPROVEMENT

Areas will continue to be identified for potential T.S.I.

VI. REFORESTATION / REGENERATION

A. No areas are scheduled for reforestation.

VII. FOREST PROTECTION

A. A majority of the Barron County Forest is in the DNR intensive fire protection zones. The Silver Creek and Hay River Compartments are in non-protective zones. Agreements are in place with the appropriate fire departments.

Fire is not normally a problem except during extreme conditions. Barron County has very little conifer type to be of concern.

B. There have been no major outbreaks of insects or diseases on the County Forest. Specialists are called in whenever something of interest or an unusual nature is detected. Larch beetle is causing some mortality. EAB (emerald ash borer) has been detected in Barron County (see Section IV). Gypsy Moth is anticipated to be a future problem.

III. MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

Barron County has no buildings on the county forest.

A. Gates. Gates and signs are constructed and maintained with time and monies budgeted in the County Maintenance budget.

B. Roads and Trails Annually, money is budgeted for maintenance and development of forest access roads. Gates and signs are constructed and maintained with time and monies budgeted in the County Maintenance budget. An existing road to Goose Lake in the Mikana block is be open to public vehicle access. The road is improved with matting and rock by the County's Maintenance staff on an as needed basis.

C. Property Lines. County surveyor will continue to identify property boundaries as timber sales are set-up. Earlier property lines in need of re-marking will be identified. GIS Department created a "layer" identifying property lines and the dates they were installed.

IX. Aid Monies

A. Wildlife Habitat Fund for 2025 (\$.05 / ac.) monies were spent establishing fruit tree plantings for wildlife. 2026 funds will continue to be used for future plantings.

B. County Conservation Aids

- 2024 Allocation was to be directed to the Buckthorn control project on Hwy. 8. Project was started but not completed in 2025. Anticipate completion in 2026.

C. Grants

- No grants were awarded in 2025 and no application submitted for 2026.

X. GIS - BARRON COUNTY FOREST

Additional roads and trails will be added to the database if and when they are developed.

XI. LAND PURCHASES, SALES, EXCHANGES WITHIN COUNTY FOREST

No land purchases were made in 2025.

XII. Permits

- A. Two(2) firewood permits were issued in FY 2025. Revenue generated was \$ 50.00.
- B. Two (2) permits were issued in FY 2025 to allow disabled individuals motorized access to the county forest.
- C. Three (3) Christmas Permits were issued. Revenue generated was \$ 21.39.

XIII. INTERACTION WITH OTHER GROUPS

- A. Snowmobile Clubs - Whenever possible, segments of the Barron County snowmobile trail system are placed within the Barron County Forest. To the greatest extent possible, trails are placed on existing forest access roads. Such placement often eliminates need for brushing on such segments. Disruption of snowmobile trails for logging is usually minimal.
- B. Skiing - The Barron County Forest has a ½ mile lighted cross-country ski trail in the Waterman Lake block. Members of the Ice Age Trail developed and placed an information Kiosk along with paving the parking lot with the cooperation of the Barron County Highway Department. All are maintained by the Cumberland Area Ski Touring Association (CASTA). The County provides annual funding to assist in the maintenance of this resource.

The Recreation Deputy / Trail Coordinator from the Barron County Sheriff's Department will take responsibility of co-coordinating activities on the County trail systems.

XIV. RECREATION

- A. Parks and Campgrounds - No parks or developed campgrounds are located on the Barron County Forest.
- B. Boat Landings - Boat landings on the Forest are undeveloped with carry-in access only.
- C. All Terrain Vehicles - Most of the Barron County Forest is closed to ATV use. The 15-year Forest Plan allows use of ATV's in County Forest after case-by-case review by the Property Committee.
- D. Snowmobile Trails - Approximately 9 miles of funded snowmobile trails are located in the forest.

- E. Rifle Range - The Owen Anderson Rifle Range is located in the Hay River block of the County Forest. In 2014 a DNR Grant provided funding for the installation of new shooting benches with covers, a new pit toilet, blacktop paths connecting the parking area to all ranges, a security gate (powered to open and close at night, or when range needs to be closed). Entrance road was improved with addition of gravel. Future additions may include the construction of an archery range.
- F. The National Ice Age Trail - traverses several compartments of the forest. Portions of the trail are found in the following compartments: Cedar Lake, Bear Lake and Waterman Lake. The Ice Age Trail is always protected by timber sale contract provisions, when a timber sale comes in contact with the trail.
- G. Equestrian Trails - Two trails along with a horse trailer camping area are established in the Narrow-Gauge Compartment. Establishment and maintenance were supplied by and is the responsibility of the Barron County Horse Trail Association.
- H. Turtle Creek Handicap Fishing Piers. Two (2) aluminum fishing piers are installed on Turtle Cr. The piers are retractable and provide safe access for handicapped individuals fishing the creek. Monies were provided by Barron County's County Conservation allotment.
- I. Mountain Bike Trails. A Mountain bike trail was established in the Doyle block of the county forest. Five (5) loops were constructed containing approximately 4.5 miles. A second system of trails was developed in the Silver Creek Management unit. Construction and maintenance will be performed in cooperation with CORBA (Chippewa Off Road Bicycle Association).

XV. OTHER TOPICS

- A. Wisconsin County Forest Association Meetings - A representative from the Property Committee and Forest Administrator have been active participants in WCFA activities and committees. Barron County will continue such participation as a means of keeping up with new ideas from other Counties, to find solutions to Barron County problems and to have a voice in legislation at the state and national level.
- B. Fifteen Year Plan Activities

No changes were made to the 15 Plan.
- C. Forest Certification - Barron County was not involved in any Certification Audits in 2025.

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026

Resolution To Appoint Finance Director / County Auditor

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1 **WHEREAS**, incumbent Barron County Finance Director Jodi Busch has
2 announced her retirement from full-time employment effective January 30, 2026 but will
3 help facilitate the successful transition to the new Finance Director with limited hours until
4 April 2026; and

5
6 **WHEREAS**, an extensive recruitment and interview process was conducted per Barron
7 County policy; and

8
9 **WHEREAS**, upon feedback from Finance department staff and Barron County
10 department heads, Michelle L. Drury was recommended to be the successor Finance Director /
11 County Auditor; and

12
13 **WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the County Administrator to appoint Michelle
14 L. Drury to the position Finance Director / County Auditor and grant the authority to act as
15 outlined in Wisconsin State Statute 59.47; and

16
17 **WHEREAS**, this resolution was recommended for approval by the Executive
18 Committee at the January 7, 2026 meeting on a vote of 9 - 0 with Cook, Okey, Bartlett,
19 Kusilek, Olson, Thompson, Rogers, Wenzel and P. Anderson voting in favor and no members
20 voting in opposition.

21
22 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Michelle L. Drury is hereby
23 appointed Finance Director/County Auditor for Barron County as allowed by § 59.47 with all
24 duties and responsibilities as allowed by § 59.47; and

25
26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Barron County Board of Supervisors does
27 confirm the Office of County Auditor and Deputy County Auditors within the Department of
28 Administration as follows:

29
30 Finance Director and Internal County Auditor: Michelle L. Drury
31 Deputy County Auditor: Charla Kucko
32 Deputy County Auditor: Rachel Sauve

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34 And that said individuals shall be granted all authority to act as outlined in §59.47; and

35
36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that publication of this resolution may occur through
37 posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
38

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026

Resolution To Appoint Finance Director / County Auditor

OFFERED THIS 12th day of January, 2026.

<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 (X) General Fund () Grant () Contingency () Other () 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, County Administrator</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Louie Okey, Chair Executive Committee</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 TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

NOVEMBER 1, 2024 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2025

I present herewith a correct statement of all the cash receipts and cash disbursements made in my official capacity as Barron County Treasurer from the period November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025

Cash Balance 11/1/2024	\$930,854.34	
Receipts 11/1/2024- 10/31/2025	\$168,126,431.04	
Disbursements 11/1/2024 - 10/31/2025		\$168,916,032.61
Cash Balance 10/31/2025		\$192,816.10
	<u>\$169,057,285.38</u>	<u>\$169,108,848.71</u>

The above Required Cash Balance of \$192,816.10 on October 31, 2025, is fully accounted for by me in cash in the depository bank and by cash in my office on that date as follows:

Sterling Bank Balance 10/31/2025	\$683,996.63
Deduct: Outstanding Checks 10/31/2025	488,242.73
Net Available Cash in Depository Bank	<u>195,753.90</u>
Pending Credits	4,402.27
Pending Debits	1,464.47
Cash Balance October 31, 2025	<u><u>\$192,816.10</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha J. Sommerfeld
Barron County Treasurer