



Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 4, 2026 – 8:00 a.m.

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

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON: Patti Anderson, Karolyn Bartlett, Randy Cook Sr, Audrey Kusilek, Louie Okey, Pete Olson, Bob Rogers, Marv Thompson and Stacey Wenzel.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPEARING VIRTUALLY: None at this time.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None at this time.

STAFF PRESENT IN PERSON: Deputy Clerk of Court Barnes, Finance Director Drury, Administrator French, County Clerk Hodek, ROD Katterhagen, Emergency Management Director Judy, Sheriff Kummert, Deputy Corporation Counsel Mohns, Deputy County Clerk Naglosky, IT Director Peterson, HR Director Richie and Treasurer Sommerfeld.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ruth Erickson (Chronotype) and Bob Zientara (NewsShield).

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Okey called the meeting to order at 8:00AM.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTIFICATION: County Clerk Hodek stated the County's compliance with Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws.

SPECIAL MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (NON-ACTION ITEMS): Nothing at this time.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2026: Motion: (Thompson/Olson) to approve. Carried.

RESOLUTION – SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING: Chair Okey gave an overview of the Wisconsin Counties Association's request for the resolution supporting transportation funding. Discussion. **Motion: (Kusilek/Olson)** to approve. Discussion. Carried.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF WI DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS – PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT GRANT MATCHING FUNDS - \$23,753.96 (UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE): Chair Okey reviewed the grant request. Administrator French distributed the resolution to the Committee. **Motion: (Cook/Olson)** to approve. Carried.

RESOLUTION – SALARY OF BARRON COUNTY CLERK OF COURT AND SHERIFF: Administrator French distributed four 2027-2030 term salary options he and HR Director developed and asked for a recommendation of one of the options provided to forward to County Board for final approval. **Motion: (Cook/Anderson)** to approve Option D for the Clerk of Court and Sheriff but also increase the 2027 salary of the Sheriff to \$123,400 while maintain the 4% increases in 2028, 2029 & 2030 each year. Discussion. Chair Okey requested a roll call vote. Carried with Anderson, Bartlett, Cook, Kusilek, Okey, Olson, Thompson & Wenzel voting Yes and Olson voting No.



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STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES

- A. **ATV / UTV TRAIL VIOLATIONS – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT:** Information included in the packet. Administrator French and Clerk of Court Millermon answered questions from the Board.
- B. **2026 HEALTH INSURANCE TRENDS:** Information included in the packet.
- C. **ELEVEN (11) YEAR WRITE OFF OF TAX CERTIFICATES – TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT:** Information included in the packet.

REVIEW VOUCHER EDIT LISTS: No action taken.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None at this time.

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 9, 2026 at 8:00AM.

RESOLUTION – APPROVAL OF SUCCESSION PLAN FOR ASSISTANT COUNTY

ADMINISTRATOR, HR DIRECTOR RICHIE: Administrator French distributed a resolution and answered questions from the Committee. Discussion. **Motion: (Kusilek/Bartlett)** to change the word “and to “if” on line #4, paragraph A, under Plan/Tracking and approve. Discussion. Carried.

REQUEST FOR LEGAL ADVICE, ATTOLLES LAW, SAND HILL SOLAR PROJECT, BARRON COUNTY, WISCONSIN: Administrator French requested the Committee acquire Attolles Law to provide legal assistance to monitor the Sand Hill Solar Project as needed and noted that Corporation Counsel Muench was in agreement with this request. Discussion. **Motion: (Olson/Bartlett)** to authorize Barron County to retain Attolles Law to assist with the Sand Hill Solar Project as needed, up to \$10,000. Discussion. Carried.

Administrator French noted the February County Board meeting will consist of a variety of resolutions, ordinances, appointments, etc.

ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous consent at 8:38AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk

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