



BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026 – 9:00 AM

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

MINUTES

PRESENT IN PERSON: Patti Anderson, John Banks, Karolyn Bartlett, Randy Cook Sr, Bill Effertz, Pam Fall, Jim Gores, Craig Fowler, Dana Heller, Dennis Jenkins, Amanda Kohlen, Kathy Krug, Fran Langman, Jamie McCready, Carol Moen, Roberta Mosentine, Gary Nelson, Louie Okey, Pete Olson, Bob Rogers, Pete Schneider, Bill Schradle, Craig Turcott, Diane Vaughn and Stacey Wenzel.

ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: Audrey Kusilek.

ABSENT: Bob Anderson, Tim Ploetz and Marv Thompson.

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

ROLL CALL – PUBLIC NOTIFICATION: County Clerk Hodek took attendance and stated the County’s compliance with Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws.

INVOCATION: Led by Supervisor Heller.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Assistant County Veterans Service Officer Shellie Shaw.

SPECIAL MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (NON-ACTION ITEMS): Assistant County Veterans Service Officer Shellie Shaw introduced herself as the new Veterans Service Officer, pending County Board approval later in the meeting. Dalton Bygd introduced himself as the new County Forester. County Clerk Hodek introduced her new Deputy County Clerk, Sabrina Naglosky. County Clerk Hodek also noted there has been a request for a photo of the outgoing County Board which will take place after the March County Board meeting.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion: (Heller/Nelson) to approve. Carried with 26 Yes and 3 Absent (B. Anderson, Ploetz & Thompson.)

APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2026: Motion: (Turcott/Gores) to approve. Carried with 26 Yes and 3 Absent (B. Anderson, Ploetz & Thompson.)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

2026-7 RESOLUTION – APPROVING ANNUAL SALARIES OF BARRON CLERK OF COURT AND SHERIFF: Chair Okey reviewed the State Statute requirements for salaries regarding constitutional officers. **Motion: (Cook/P. Anderson)** to approve. Carried with 26 Yes and 3 Absent (B. Anderson, Ploetz & Thompson.)

2026-8 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING \$23,753.96 EXPENDITURE MATCHING GRANT FUNDS, WI DEPT. OF MILITARY AFFAIRS, PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT GRANT: Motion: (McCready/Moen) to approve. Chair Okey gave an overview of the grant and asked for approval. Carried with 26 Yes and 3 Absent (B. Anderson, Ploetz & Thompson.)

2026-9 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING \$14,850.00 COUNTY CLERK DIGITAL ELECTRONIC IMAGES CONVERSION: Motion: (P. Anderson/Rogers) to approve. County Clerk Hodek gave an explanation of the request for

digital conversion of the files and logistical chain for the County's records during the process. Carried with 26 Yes and 3 Absent (B. Anderson, Ploetz & Thompson.)

2026-10 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MUNICIPAL DAM GRANT PROGRAM: Motion: (Effertz/Langman) to approve. County Conservationist Gruetzmacher reviewed the request for the concrete repairs to the Chetek dam and answered questions from the Board. Carried with 26 Yes and 3 Absent (B. Anderson, Ploetz & Thompson.)

2026-11 RESOLUTION – IN SUPPORT OF SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING: Motion: (Nelson/Moen) to approve. Chair Okey reviewed the resolution request from the Wisconsin Counties Association and noted the resolution will be requested by all 72 Counties. Discussion. **Motion: (Vaughn/Kohnen) to remove Lines #67, 68 & 69 and Line #70 from #4 to #3.** Failed with 20 No and 6 Yes (Cook, Effertz, Krug, Mosentine, Kohnen & Vaughn) and 3 Absent (B. Anderson, Ploetz and Thompson). Main motion carried with 23 Yes, 3 No (Krug, Kohnen & Vaughn) and 3 Absent (B. Anderson, Ploetz & Thompson.)

2026-5 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – REZONING – TOWN OF CUMBERLAND, SCOTT AND MARY BELLEFEUILLE, OWNERS: Motion: (Rogers/Cook) to approve. Carried with 26 Yes and 3 Absent (B. Anderson, Ploetz & Thompson.)

2026-6 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – REZONING – TOWN OF RICE LAKE, DENNIS GONYER, OWNER: Motion: (Heller/Banks) to approve. Carried with 26 Yes and 3 Absent (B. Anderson, Ploetz & Thompson.)

APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY FIRE WARDENS FOR BARRON COUNTY: Motion: (Jenkins/Fowler) to approve. Carried with 26 Yes and 3 Absent (B. Anderson, Ploetz & Thompson.)

REPORT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

- A. **2025 COUNTY BOARD PER DIEM REPORT:** Report included in the packet.

APPOINTMENTS

- A. **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER – APPOINT SHELLIE SHAW: Motion: (Nelson/Cook)** to approve. Carried with 26 Yes and 3 Absent (B. Anderson, Ploetz & Thompson.)

CLAIMS, PETITIONS & CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. **ATV ROUTE REQUEST – CHETEK AREA**
- B. **MARCH 16, 2026 – RETIREMENT PARTY FOR COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS HOSTED BY SUPERVISOR MOSENTINE.**
- C. **APPROVAL OF UPDATED RECYCLING ORDINANCE**
- D. **2024-2026 HEALTH INSURANCE DATA – TIM DEATON, HORTON GROUP**
- E. **PICTURE OF COUNTY BOARD AFTER MEETING - MARCH**

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, March 16, 2025 at 9:00AM at the Government Center located in Barron.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Okey adjourned the meeting at 9:29AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, County Clerk

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