



Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, March 9, 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, Dana Heller (Alternate), Gary Nelson (Alternate), Louie Okey, Bob Rogers, Marv Thompson and Stacey Wenzel.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPEARING VIRTUALLY: None at this time.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Randy Cook Sr, Audrey Kusilek and Pete Olson.

STAFF PRESENT IN PERSON: BCEDC Director Dave Armstrong, Lake Shore Technician Pat Brown, ROD Margo Katterhagen, IT Director Lance Peterson and VA Officer Shellie Shaw.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: None at this time.

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): Chair Okey reviewed the virtual committee attendance rules in the County Board Rules & Procedures. Discussion. County Administrator French spoke regarding the Two Lights for Tomorrow Nationwide Initiative. French also thanked Supervisors P. Anderson, Heller, Krug and Rogers for attending the 4 Year Anniversary of the Senior Dining Program at Lona's Corner Cafe in Haugen last week. Supervisor Anderson also thanked Assemblyman Armstrong, Senator Quinn, Administrator French and Sergeant Cook for attending.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion: (Rogers/Bartlett) to approve. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2026: Motion: (Anderson/Thompson) to approve. Carried.

APPROVE REFUNDING OF STATE TRUST FUND LOANS PLANT (SHREDDER & A.G.R.S): Administrator French reviewed the three options for payment of the State trust fund loans and recommended the County continue with the RFP. Discussion. Administrator French and Finance Director Drury answered questions from the Committee. **Motion: (Rogers/Heller)** to continue with the RFP process to borrow money saving \$150,000 or more. Carried.

ORDINANCE – REVISING AND ADOPTING BARRON COUNTY RULES AND PROCEDURES: Chair Okey provided background in which Attolles Law recommended Counties revise their County Board Rules & Procedures with the template provided by the Wisconsin Counties Association. Corporation Counsel Muench reviewed the County Board Rules & Procedures revisions and answered questions from the Committee.

- Section 2.01 County Board Meetings (A) The Organizational Meeting (2) County Board Chair and (3) 1st and 2nd Vice-Chairs on Page 3. Chair Okey discussed the request from Attolles Law to change the election of Chair and 1st and 2nd Vice Chair from the top 2 vote-getters to not allow any name to be removed from the ballot if they receive a vote. Discussion. **Motion: (Rogers/Anderson)** to keep the rules the same pertaining to the election of the Chair and Vice Chairs in Section 2.01 (A)(2) County Board Chair and (A)(3) – 1st and 2nd Vice Chairs on Page 3.



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Discussion. County Clerk Hodek noted there is no need for a motion if the Committee wishes to keep the Rules & Procedures the same and not make a change. Discussion. Rogers and Anderson withdrew their motion.

- Section 8.02 County Financing of Debt and Operations (3) Reserves (g) Excess Sales Tax Revenue (202) on Page 28. Discussion. No change requested.
- Section 4.03 Remote Attendance at Meetings (c) Virtual Meetings and Attendance at Committee, Board and Commissions Meetings on Page 14. Discussion. No change requested.
- Section 2.04 Appointive Committees, Boards and Commissions (B) Committee Rules (4) Salary Adjustments... on Page 6. Discussion. No change requested.
- Section 2.05 County Board Member Compensation (C) Committee Meetings (2) Conference - Full Day... on Page 8. Discussion. No change requested.
- Section 2.05 County Board Member Compensation (C) Committee Meetings (4) Per diems paid... on Page 8. Discussion. No change requested.
- Section 2.09 Office of County Board Member (C) Vacancies in the Office of Board Supervisor (a) Vacancies – How Caused & (b) Vacancies – How Filled on Page 10. Discussion. No change requested.
- Section 4.03 Remove Attendance at Meetings (b) Virtual Meetings and Attendance at County Board Meetings. (iii) A County Board Member..., (iv) The County Board Chair..., and (c) Virtual Meetings and Attendance at Committee... on Pages 13 & 14. Discussion. No change requested.
- Section 3.01 County Board Chair (B) The Board Chair... and 3.02 County Board 1st Vice-Chair (C) The 1st Vice-Chair... and 3.03 County Board 2nd Vice-Chair (C) The 2nd Vice-Chair... on Pages 11 & 12. **Motion: (Rogers/Heller)** to remove “a quorum” in each of the three paragraphs in these sections and replace with “full membership.” Carried.
- Section 4.02 Committee of the Whole on Page 13. Discussion. **Motion: (Rogers/Anderson)** to follow Roberts Rules of Order when determining the Chair for this meeting format. Carried.
- Section 4.04 Procedures Common to all Committees, Boards and Commissions. (1) Removal of County Board... on Page 15. Discussion. No change requested.
- Section 4.04 Procedures Common to all Committees, Boards and Commissions. (10) The setting of agenda items... on Page 15. Discussion. No change requested.
- Section 4.06 Recognition, Debate and Voting at County Board Meetings (3) Voting on Pages 17-18. Discussion. No change requested.
- Section 4.07 Resolutions and Motions (A) All resolutions shall... on Page 18. Discussion. No change requested.
- Section 4.11 Public Decorum and Comment (D) Public Participation at Meetings on Page 21. Discussion. No change requested.
- Appendix B – Non-County Committees, Boards and Commissions and Appendix C – Comprehensive List of Non-County Committees, Boards and Commissions for Which Virtual Appearance may be Necessary and is allowed on Pages 37-38. Discussion. **Motion: (Heller/Wenzel)** to update (7) Indianhead Federated Library System to IFLS on Page 37, remove the (8) Restorative Justice Board completely (this Board no longer exists) on Page 37, update (12) West Central Regional Planning Commission to West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission on Page 37 and update West Central Wisconsin WI County Board Consortium to West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission on Page 38. Carried.
- Appendix A – Appointive Committees, Boards and Commissions (8) Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee on Page 34. **Motion: (Nelson/Bartlett)** to update the number of committee members from five (5) to seven (7) County Board members. Carried.



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- Section 2.05 County Board Member Compensation (D) Reimbursement of Expenses (3) Meals on Page 8. Discussion. No change requested.

Motion: (Rogers/Nelson) to approve the ordinance revising the County Board Rules & Procedures as amended. Carried.

RESOLUTION – IN OPPOSITION TO WISCONSIN ASSEMBLY BILL 1033: Lake Shore Technician Brown and BCEDC Director Armstrong reviewed the Assembly bill, its history and answered questions from the Committee. Discussion. No action taken.

CICOP CARRYOVERS: Motion: (Rogers/Heller) to approve. Carried.

STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES

- A. FORWARD ANALYTICS - AFFORDABILITY:** Information included in the packet.
- B. RX'N GO USAGE:** Information included in the packet.
- C. FORESTRY REVITALIZATION - HAYWARD:** Information included in the packet. BCEDC Director Armstrong discussed the \$1.5 billion dollar project and noted that no tax credit will be paid out until the facility is built and running. Armstrong also noted this is the largest investment in Northern Wisconsin to date and will impact a total of 31 counties.

REVIEW VOUCHER EDIT LISTS: No action taken.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None at this time.

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 8:00AM.

ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous consent at 9:36AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk

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