



BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.

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

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

(AMENDED) AGENDA

Amendment effects date of meeting only

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4. Special Matters and Announcements (Non-Action Items)
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7. Public Comment (*Prior Registration with County Clerk Required /Maximum Allotted Time is 3 Minutes*)
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14. Report from County Administrator
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PLEASE CALL 715-537-6200 IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND

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meeting so that arrangements can be made to accommodate your request.

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- c. Two Lights for Tomorrow Nationwide Initiative – Celebrating 250 Years of History
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15. Appointments

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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.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND
ESTABLISHING PARAMETERS FOR THE SALE OF NOT TO
EXCEED \$5,025,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY
NOTES, SERIES 2026A

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors hereby finds and determines that it is necessary, desirable and in the best interest of Barron County, Wisconsin (the "County") to raise funds to pay the cost of refinancing certain outstanding obligations of the County, specifically, the State Trust Fund Loan, dated January 4, 2023 and the State Trust Fund Loan, dated November 12, 2024 (collectively, the "Refunded Obligations") (the "Refunding");

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors deems it to be necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the County to refund the Refunded Obligations for the purpose of achieving debt service savings;

WHEREAS, the County is authorized by the provisions of Section 67.12(12), Wisconsin Statutes, to borrow money and issue general obligation promissory notes (the "Notes") to refinance its outstanding obligations;

WHEREAS, none of the proceeds of the Notes shall be used to fund the operating expenses of the general fund of the County or to fund the operating expenses of any special revenue fund of the County that is supported by property taxes;

WHEREAS, due to certain provisions contained in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, it is necessary to issue the Notes on a taxable rather than tax-exempt basis;

WHEREAS, it is the finding of the County Board of Supervisors that it is in the best interest of the County to direct its financial advisor, Ehlers & Associates, Inc. ("Ehlers"), to take the steps necessary for the County to request proposals from underwriters to purchase the Notes (the "Purchaser"); and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the sale of the Notes in a timely manner, the County Board of Supervisors hereby finds and determines that it is necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the County to delegate to either the County Administrator or the Chairperson of the County Board of Supervisors (each, an "Authorized Officer") the authority to select the Purchaser and accept a note purchase proposal from the Purchaser (the "Proposal") on behalf of the County so long as the Proposal meets the terms and conditions set forth in this Resolution by executing a certificate in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference (the "Approving Certificate").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Supervisors of the County that:

Section 1. Authorization and Sale of the Notes; Parameters. For the purpose of paying costs of the Refunding, the County is authorized to borrow pursuant to Section 67.12(12),

Wisconsin Statutes, the principal sum of not to exceed FIVE MILLION TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,025,000) upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Resolution. Subject to satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 14 of this Resolution, the Chairperson and County Clerk are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to make, execute, issue and sell to the Purchaser for, on behalf of and in the name of the County, Notes aggregating the principal amount of not to exceed FIVE MILLION TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,025,000). The purchase price to be paid to the County for the Notes shall not be less than 98.75% nor more than 108.00% of the principal amount of the Notes.

Section 2. Terms of the Notes. The Notes shall be designated "Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026A"; shall be issued in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$5,025,000; shall be dated as of their date of issuance; shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof; shall be numbered R-1 and upward; and mature or be subject to mandatory redemption on the dates and in the principal amounts set forth below, provided that the principal amount of each maturity or mandatory redemption amount may be increased or decreased by up to \$100,000 per maturity or mandatory redemption amount and that the aggregate principal amount of the Notes shall not exceed \$5,025,000. The schedule below assumes the Notes are issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$4,990,000.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
03-01-2027	\$365,000
03-01-2028	440,000
03-01-2029	460,000
03-01-2030	475,000
03-01-2031	495,000
03-01-2032	515,000
03-01-2033	535,000
03-01-2034	560,000
03-01-2035	365,000
03-01-2036	380,000
03-01-2037	400,000

Interest shall be payable semi-annually on March 1 and September 1 of each year commencing on March 1, 2027. The true interest cost on the Notes (computed taking the Purchaser's compensation into account) shall not exceed 4.50%. Interest shall be computed upon the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and will be rounded pursuant to the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

The future value of the debt service savings achieved by the Refunding, as calculated by Ehlers, shall be at least \$160,000 (the "Savings Test").

Section 3. Redemption Provisions. The Notes shall be subject to optional redemption as set forth on the Approving Certificate; however, the optional redemption date shall be no later than September 1, 2034. If the Proposal specifies that certain of the Notes shall be subject to mandatory redemption, the terms of such mandatory redemption shall be set forth on an attachment to the Approving Certificate labeled as Schedule MRP. Upon the optional redemption of any of the Notes subject to mandatory redemption, the principal amount of such

Notes so redeemed shall be credited against the mandatory redemption payments established in the Approving Certificate in such manner as the County shall direct.

Section 4. Form of the Notes. The Notes shall be issued in registered form and shall be executed and delivered in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 5. Tax Provisions.

(A) Direct Annual Irrepealable Tax Levy. For the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Notes as the same becomes due, the full faith, credit and resources of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged, and there is hereby levied upon all of the taxable property of the County a direct annual irrepealable tax in the years 2026 through 2036 for the payments due in the years 2027 through 2037 in the amounts as are sufficient to meet the principal and interest payments when due.

(B) Tax Collection. So long as any part of the principal of or interest on the Notes remains unpaid, the County shall be and continue without power to repeal such levy or obstruct the collection of said tax until all such payments have been made or provided for. After the issuance of the Notes, said tax shall be, from year to year, carried onto the tax roll of the County and collected in addition to all other taxes and in the same manner and at the same time as other taxes of the County for said years are collected, except that the amount of tax carried onto the tax roll may be reduced in any year by the amount of any surplus money in the Debt Service Fund Account created below.

(C) Additional Funds. If at any time there shall be on hand insufficient funds from the aforesaid tax levy to meet principal and/or interest payments on said Notes when due, the requisite amounts shall be paid from other funds of the County then available, which sums shall be replaced upon the collection of the taxes herein levied.

Section 6. Segregated Debt Service Fund Account.

(A) Creation and Deposits. There shall be and there hereby is established in the treasury of the County, if one has not already been created, a debt service fund, separate and distinct from every other fund, which shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Debt service or sinking funds established for obligations previously issued by the County may be considered as separate and distinct accounts within the debt service fund.

Within the debt service fund, there hereby is established a separate and distinct account designated as the "Debt Service Fund Account for Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026A" (the "Debt Service Fund Account") and such account shall be maintained until the indebtedness evidenced by the Notes is fully paid or otherwise extinguished. There shall be deposited into the Debt Service Fund Account (i) all accrued interest received by the County at the time of delivery of and payment for the Notes; (ii) any premium not used for the Refunding which may be received by the County above the par value of the Notes and accrued interest thereon; (iii) all money raised by the taxes herein levied and any amounts appropriated

for the specific purpose of meeting principal of and interest on the Notes when due; (iv) such other sums as may be necessary at any time to pay principal of and interest on the Notes when due; (v) surplus monies in the Borrowed Money Fund as specified below; and (vi) such further deposits as may be required by Section 67.11, Wisconsin Statutes.

(B) Use and Investment. No money shall be withdrawn from the Debt Service Fund Account and appropriated for any purpose other than the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes until all such principal and interest has been paid in full and the Notes canceled; provided (i) the funds to provide for each payment of principal of and interest on the Notes prior to the scheduled receipt of taxes from the next succeeding tax collection may be invested in direct obligations of the United States of America maturing in time to make such payments when they are due or in other investments permitted by law; and (ii) any funds over and above the amount of such principal and interest payments on the Notes may be used to reduce the next succeeding tax levy, or may, at the option of the County, be invested by purchasing the Notes as permitted by and subject to Section 67.11(2)(a), Wisconsin Statutes, or in permitted municipal investments under the pertinent provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes ("Permitted Investments"), which investments shall continue to be a part of the Debt Service Fund Account.

(C) Remaining Monies. When all of the Notes have been paid in full and canceled, and all Permitted Investments disposed of, any money remaining in the Debt Service Fund Account shall be transferred and deposited in the general fund of the County, unless the County Board of Supervisors directs otherwise.

Section 7. Proceeds of the Notes; Segregated Borrowed Money Fund. The proceeds of the Notes (the "Note Proceeds") (other than any premium not used for the Refunding and accrued interest which must be paid at the time of the delivery of the Notes into the Debt Service Fund Account created above) shall be deposited into a special fund (the "Borrowed Money Fund") separate and distinct from all other funds of the County and disbursed solely for the purpose or purposes for which borrowed. In no event shall monies in the Borrowed Money Fund be used to fund operating expenses of the general fund of the County or of any special revenue fund of the County that is supported by property taxes. Monies in the Borrowed Money Fund may be temporarily invested in Permitted Investments. Any monies, including any income from Permitted Investments, remaining in the Borrowed Money Fund after the purpose or purposes for which the Notes have been issued have been accomplished, and, at any time, any monies as are not needed and which obviously thereafter cannot be needed for such purpose(s) shall be deposited in the Debt Service Fund Account.

Section 8. Execution of the Notes; Closing; Professional Services. The Notes shall be issued in printed form, executed on behalf of the County by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairperson and County Clerk, authenticated, if required, by the Fiscal Agent (defined below), sealed with its official or corporate seal, if any, or a facsimile thereof, and delivered to the Purchaser upon payment to the County of the purchase price thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of delivery (the "Closing"). The facsimile signature of either of the officers executing the Notes may be imprinted on the Notes in lieu of the manual signature of the officer but, unless the County has contracted with a fiscal agent to authenticate the Notes, at least one of the signatures appearing on each Note shall be a manual signature. In the event that either of the

officers whose signatures appear on the Notes shall cease to be such officers before the Closing, such signatures shall, nevertheless, be valid and sufficient for all purposes to the same extent as if they had remained in office until the Closing. The aforesaid officers are hereby authorized and directed to do all acts and execute and deliver the Notes and all such documents, certificates and acknowledgements as may be necessary and convenient to effectuate the Closing. The County hereby authorizes the officers and agents of the County to enter into, on its behalf, agreements and contracts in conjunction with the Notes, including but not limited to agreements and contracts for legal, trust, fiscal agency, disclosure and continuing disclosure, and rebate calculation services. Any such contract heretofore entered into in conjunction with the issuance of the Notes is hereby ratified and approved in all respects.

Section 9. Payment of the Notes; Fiscal Agent. The principal of and interest on the Notes shall be paid by Bond Trust Services Corporation, which is hereby appointed as the County's registrar and fiscal agent pursuant to the provisions of Section 67.10(2), Wisconsin Statutes (the "Fiscal Agent"). The County hereby authorizes the Chairperson and County Clerk or other appropriate officers of the County to enter into a Fiscal Agency Agreement between the County and the Fiscal Agent. Such contract may provide, among other things, for the performance by the Fiscal Agent of the functions listed in Wis. Stats. Sec. 67.10(2)(a) to (j), where applicable, with respect to the Notes.

Section 10. Persons Treated as Owners; Transfer of Notes. The County shall cause books for the registration and for the transfer of the Notes to be kept by the Fiscal Agent. The person in whose name any Note shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes and payment of either principal or interest on any Note shall be made only to the registered owner thereof. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Note to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

Any Note may be transferred by the registered owner thereof by surrender of the Note at the office of the Fiscal Agent, duly endorsed for the transfer or accompanied by an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney duly authorized in writing. Upon such transfer, the Chairperson and County Clerk shall execute and deliver in the name of the transferee or transferees a new Note or Notes of a like aggregate principal amount, series and maturity and the Fiscal Agent shall record the name of each transferee in the registration book. No registration shall be made to bearer. The Fiscal Agent shall cancel any Note surrendered for transfer.

The County shall cooperate in any such transfer, and the Chairperson and County Clerk are authorized to execute any new Note or Notes necessary to effect any such transfer.

Section 11. Record Date. The 15th day of the calendar month next preceding each interest payment date shall be the record date for the Notes (the "Record Date"). Payment of interest on the Notes on any interest payment date shall be made to the registered owners of the Notes as they appear on the registration book of the County at the close of business on the Record Date.

Section 12. Utilization of The Depository Trust Company Book-Entry-Only System. In order to make the Notes eligible for the services provided by The Depository Trust Company,

New York, New York ("DTC"), the County agrees to the applicable provisions set forth in the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations, which the County Clerk or other authorized representative of the County is authorized and directed to execute and deliver to DTC on behalf of the County to the extent an effective Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations is not presently on file in the County Clerk's office.

Section 13. Payment of Issuance Expenses. The County authorizes the Purchaser to forward the amount of the proceeds of the Notes allocable to the payment of issuance expenses to a financial institution selected by Ehlers at Closing for further distribution as directed by Ehlers.

Section 14. Conditions on Issuance and Sale of the Notes. The issuance of the Notes and the sale of the Notes to the Purchaser are subject to satisfaction of the following conditions:

- (a) approval by an Authorized Officer of the Purchaser, principal amount, definitive maturities, redemption provisions, interest rates and purchase price for the Notes, which approval shall be evidenced by execution by an Authorized Officer of the Approving Certificate; and
- (b) satisfaction of the Savings Test.

The Notes shall not be issued, sold or delivered until these conditions are satisfied. Upon satisfaction of these conditions, an Authorized Officer is authorized to execute a Proposal with the Purchaser providing for the sale of the Notes to the Purchaser.

Section 15. Official Statement. The County Board of Supervisors hereby directs an Authorized Officer to approve the Preliminary Official Statement with respect to the Notes and deem the Preliminary Official Statement as "final" as of its date for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Rule"). All actions taken by an Authorized Officer or other officers of the County in connection with the preparation of such Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda to it or final Official Statement are hereby ratified and approved. In connection with the Closing, the appropriate County official shall certify the Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda or final Official Statement. The County Clerk shall cause copies of the Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda or final Official Statement to be distributed to the Purchaser.

Section 16. Undertaking to Provide Continuing Disclosure. The County hereby covenants and agrees, for the benefit of the owners of the Notes, to enter into a written undertaking (the "Undertaking") if required by the Rule to provide continuing disclosure of certain financial information and operating data and timely notices of the occurrence of certain events in accordance with the Rule. The Undertaking shall be enforceable by the owners of the Notes or by the Purchaser on behalf of such owners (provided that the rights of the owners and the Purchaser to enforce the Undertaking shall be limited to a right to obtain specific performance of the obligations thereunder and any failure by the County to comply with the provisions of the Undertaking shall not be an event of default with respect to the Notes).

To the extent required under the Rule, the Chairperson and County Clerk, or other officer of the County charged with the responsibility for issuing the Notes, shall provide a Continuing Disclosure Certificate for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings, setting forth the details and terms of the County's Undertaking.

Section 17. Redemption of the Refunded Obligations. Subject to satisfaction of the conditions in Section 14, the Refunded Obligations shall be called for prior payment and redemption at the price of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. The date of redemption shall be selected by an Authorized Officer, set forth in the Approving Certificate and shall not be less than 30 days after the date of the Approving Certificate nor more than 90 days after the Closing.

The County hereby directs the County Clerk to take all actions necessary for the redemption of the Refunded Obligations on their redemption date. Any and all actions heretofore taken by the officers and agents of the County to effectuate such redemption are hereby ratified and approved.

Section 18. Record Book. The County Clerk shall provide and keep the transcript of proceedings as a separate record book (the "Record Book") and shall record a full and correct statement of every step or proceeding had or taken in the course of authorizing and issuing the Notes in the Record Book.

Section 19. Bond Insurance. If the Purchaser determines to obtain municipal bond insurance with respect to the Notes, the officers of the County are authorized to take all actions necessary to obtain such municipal bond insurance. The Chairperson and County Clerk are authorized to agree to such additional provisions as the bond insurer may reasonably request and which are acceptable to the Chairperson and County Clerk including provisions regarding restrictions on investment of Note proceeds, the payment procedure under the municipal bond insurance policy, the rights of the bond insurer in the event of default and payment of the Notes by the bond insurer and notices to be given to the bond insurer. In addition, any reference required by the bond insurer to the municipal bond insurance policy shall be made in the form of Note provided herein.

Section 20. Conflicting Resolutions; Severability; Effective Date. All prior resolutions, rules or other actions of the County Board of Supervisors or any parts thereof in conflict with the provisions hereof shall be, and the same are, hereby rescinded insofar as the same may so conflict. In the event that any one or more provisions hereof shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions hereof. The foregoing shall take effect immediately upon adoption and approval in the manner provided by law.

Adopted, approved and recorded March 16, 2026.

Louie Okey
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jessica Hodek
County Clerk

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

The undersigned [County Administrator] [Chairperson of the County Board] of Barron County, Wisconsin (the "County"), hereby certifies that:

1. Resolution. On March 16, 2026, the County Board of Supervisors of the County adopted a resolution (the "Resolution") authorizing the issuance and establishing parameters for the sale of not to exceed \$5,025,000 Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026A of the County (the "Notes") delegating to me the authority to approve the Preliminary Official Statement, to select the Purchaser, to approve the purchase proposal for the Notes, and to determine the details for the Notes within the parameters established by the Resolution.

2. Preliminary Official Statement. The Preliminary Official Statement with respect to the Notes is hereby approved and deemed "final" as of its date for purposes of SEC Rule 15c-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.

3. Proposal; Terms of the Notes. Following a request for proposals process, Ehlers & Associates, Inc. recommended the County select _____ as the purchaser of the Notes (the "Purchaser") and the Purchaser is hereby approved. The Purchaser has submitted a proposal to purchase the Notes which is attached hereto as Schedule I (the "Proposal"). Ehlers & Associates, Inc. recommends the County accept the Proposal. The Proposal meets the parameters and conditions established by the Resolution and is hereby approved and accepted.

The Notes shall be issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$ _____, which is not more than the \$5,025,000 approved by the Resolution, and shall mature on March 1 of each of the years and in the amounts and shall bear interest at the rates per annum as set forth in the Pricing Summary attached hereto as Schedule II and incorporated herein by this reference. The amount of each annual principal or mandatory redemption payment due on the Notes is not more than \$100,000 more or less per maturity or mandatory redemption amount than the schedule included in the Resolution as set forth below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Resolution Schedule</u>	<u>Actual Amount</u>
03-01-2027	\$365,000	\$ _____
03-01-2028	440,000	_____
03-01-2029	460,000	_____
03-01-2030	475,000	_____
03-01-2031	495,000	_____
03-01-2032	515,000	_____
03-01-2033	535,000	_____
03-01-2034	560,000	_____
03-01-2035	365,000	_____
03-01-2036	380,000	_____
03-01-2037	400,000	_____

The true interest cost on the Notes (computed taking the Purchaser's compensation into account) is _____%, which is not in excess of 4.50%, as required by the Resolution. The future value of the debt service savings achieved by the Refunding, as calculated by Ehlers, is \$_____ which is at least \$160,000 as required by the Resolution.

4. Purchase Price of the Notes. The Notes shall be sold to the Purchaser in accordance with the terms of the Proposal at a price of \$_____, plus accrued interest, if any, to the date of delivery of the Notes, which is not less than 98.75% nor more than 108.00% of the principal amount of the Notes, as required by the Resolution.

5. Redemption Provisions of the Notes. The Notes maturing on March 1, _____ and thereafter are subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the County, on March 1, _____ or on any date thereafter, which date is not later than September 1, 2034. Said Notes are redeemable as a whole or in part, and if in part, from maturities selected by the County and within each maturity by lot, at the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. [The Proposal specifies that [some of] the Notes are subject to mandatory redemption. The terms of such mandatory redemption are set forth on an attachment hereto as Schedule MRP and incorporated herein by this reference.]

6. Direct Annual Irrepealable Tax Levy. For the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Notes as the same respectively falls due, the full faith, credit and taxing powers of the County have been irrevocably pledged and there has been levied on all of the taxable property in the County, pursuant to the Resolution, a direct, annual irrepealable tax in an amount and at the times sufficient for said purpose. Such tax shall be for the years and in the amounts set forth on the debt service schedule attached hereto as Schedule III.

7. Redemption of the Refunded Obligations. In the Resolution, the County Board of Supervisors authorized the redemption of the Refunded Obligations (as defined in the Resolution) and granted me the authority to determine the redemption date. The Refunded Obligations shall be redeemed on _____, 2026.

8. Approval. This Certificate constitutes my approval of the Purchaser and the Proposal, and the principal amount, definitive maturities, interest rates, purchase price and redemption provisions for the Notes and the direct annual irrevocable tax levy to repay the Notes, in satisfaction of the parameters set forth in the Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Certificate on _____,
2026 pursuant to the authority delegated to me in the Resolution.

County Administrator]

Chairperson]

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SCHEDULE I TO APPROVING CERTIFICATE

Proposal

To be provided by the Purchaser and incorporated into the Certificate.

(See Attached)

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SCHEDULE II TO APPROVING CERTIFICATE

Pricing Summary

To be provided by Ehlers & Associates, Inc. and incorporated into the Certificate.

(See Attached)

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SCHEDULE III TO APPROVING CERTIFICATE

Debt Service Schedule and Irrepealable Tax Levies

To be provided by Ehlers & Associates, Inc. and incorporated into the Certificate.

(See Attached)

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[SCHEDULE MRP

Mandatory Redemption Provision

The Notes due on March 1, ____, ____, and ____ (the "Term Bonds") are subject to mandatory redemption prior to maturity by lot (as selected by the Depository) at a redemption price equal to One Hundred Percent (100%) of the principal amount to be redeemed plus accrued interest to the date of redemption, from debt service fund deposits which are required to be made in amounts sufficient to redeem on March 1 of each year the respective amount of Term Bonds specified below:

For the Term Bonds Maturing on March 1, 20

<u>Redemption Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
_____	\$ _____
_____	_____ (maturity)

For the Term Bonds Maturing on March 1, 20

<u>Redemption Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
_____	\$ _____
_____	_____ (maturity)

For the Term Bonds Maturing on March 1, 20

<u>Redemption Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
_____	\$ _____
_____	_____ (maturity)

For the Term Bonds Maturing on March 1, 20

<u>Redemption Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
_____	\$ _____
_____	_____ (maturity)]

EXHIBIT B

(Form of Note)

REGISTERED UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NO. R-____ STATE OF WISCONSIN DOLLARS
BARRON COUNTY \$ _____
TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTE, SERIES 2026A

MATURITY DATE: ORIGINAL DATE OF ISSUE: INTEREST RATE: CUSIP:
March 1, _____, 2026 _____ % _____

DEPOSITORY OR ITS NOMINEE NAME: CEDE & CO.

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: _____ THOUSAND DOLLARS
(\$ _____)

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, Barron County, Wisconsin (the "County"), hereby acknowledges itself to owe and promises to pay to the Depository or its Nominee Name (the "Depository") identified above (or to registered assigns), on the maturity date identified above, the principal amount identified above, and to pay interest thereon at the rate of interest per annum identified above, all subject to the provisions set forth herein regarding redemption prior to maturity. Interest shall be payable semi-annually on March 1 and September 1 of each year commencing on March 1, 2027 until the aforesaid principal amount is paid in full. Both the principal of and interest on this Note are payable to the registered owner in lawful money of the United States. Interest payable on any interest payment date shall be paid by wire transfer to the Depository in whose name this Note is registered on the Bond Register maintained by Bond Trust Services Corporation (the "Fiscal Agent") or any successor thereto at the close of business on the 15th day of the calendar month next preceding each interest payment date (the "Record Date"). This Note is payable as to principal upon presentation and surrender hereof at the office of the Fiscal Agent.

For the prompt payment of this Note together with interest hereon as aforesaid and for the levy of taxes sufficient for that purpose, the full faith, credit and resources of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged.

This Note is one of an issue of Notes aggregating the principal amount of \$ _____, all of which are of like tenor, except as to denomination, interest rate, maturity date and redemption provision, issued by the County pursuant to the provisions of Section 67.12(12), Wisconsin Statutes, for public purposes, including paying the cost of refunding certain obligations of the County, as authorized by a resolution adopted on March 16, 2026 as supplemented by an Approving Certificate, dated _____, 2026 (collectively, the "Resolution"). Said Resolution is recorded in the official minutes of the County Board of Supervisors for said date.

The Notes maturing on March 1, _____ and thereafter are subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the County, on March 1, _____ or on any date thereafter. Said Notes are redeemable as a whole or in part, and if in part, from maturities selected by the County, and within each maturity by lot (as selected by the Depository), at the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

[The Notes maturing in the years _____ are subject to mandatory redemption by lot as provided in the Approving Certificate, at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption and without premium.]

In the event the Notes are redeemed prior to maturity, as long as the Notes are in book-entry-only form, official notice of the redemption will be given by mailing a notice by registered or certified mail, overnight express delivery, facsimile transmission, electronic transmission or in any other manner required by the Depository, to the Depository not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the redemption date. If less than all of the Notes of a maturity are to be called for redemption, the Notes of such maturity to be redeemed will be selected by lot. Such notice will include but not be limited to the following: the designation, date and maturities of the Notes called for redemption, CUSIP numbers, and the date of redemption. Any notice provided as described herein shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given, whether or not the registered owner receives the notice. The Notes shall cease to bear interest on the specified redemption date provided that federal or other immediately available funds sufficient for such redemption are on deposit at the office of the Depository at that time. Upon such deposit of funds for redemption the Notes shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding.

It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, things and acts required by law to exist or to be done prior to and in connection with the issuance of this Note have been done, have existed and have been performed in due form and time; that the aggregate indebtedness of the County, including this Note and others issued simultaneously herewith, does not exceed any limitation imposed by law or the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin; and that a direct annual irrepealable tax has been levied sufficient to pay this Note, together with the interest thereon, when and as payable.

This Note is transferable only upon the books of the County kept for that purpose at the office of the Fiscal Agent, only in the event that the Depository does not continue to act as depository for the Notes, and the County appoints another depository, upon surrender of the Note to the Fiscal Agent, by the registered owner in person or his duly authorized attorney, together with a written instrument of transfer (which may be endorsed hereon) satisfactory to the Fiscal Agent duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized attorney. Thereupon a new fully registered Note in the same aggregate principal amount shall be issued to the new depository in exchange therefor and upon the payment of a charge sufficient to reimburse the County for any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such registration. The Fiscal Agent shall not be obliged to make any transfer of the Notes (i) after the Record Date, (ii) during the fifteen (15) calendar days preceding the date of any publication of

notice of any proposed redemption of the Notes, or (iii) with respect to any particular Note, after such Note has been called for redemption. The Fiscal Agent and County may treat and consider the Depository in whose name this Note is registered as the absolute owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment of, or on account of, the principal or redemption price hereof and interest due hereon and for all other purposes whatsoever. The Notes are issuable solely as negotiable, fully-registered Notes without coupons in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

This Note shall not be valid or obligatory for any purpose until the Certificate of Authentication hereon shall have been signed by the Fiscal Agent.

No delay or omission on the part of the owner hereof to exercise any right hereunder shall impair such right or be considered as a waiver thereof or as a waiver of or acquiescence in any default hereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Barron County, Wisconsin, by its governing body, has caused this Note to be executed for it and in its name by the manual or facsimile signatures of its duly qualified Chairperson and County Clerk; and to be sealed with its official or corporate seal, if any, all as of the original date of issue specified above.

BARRON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
County Clerk

(SEAL)

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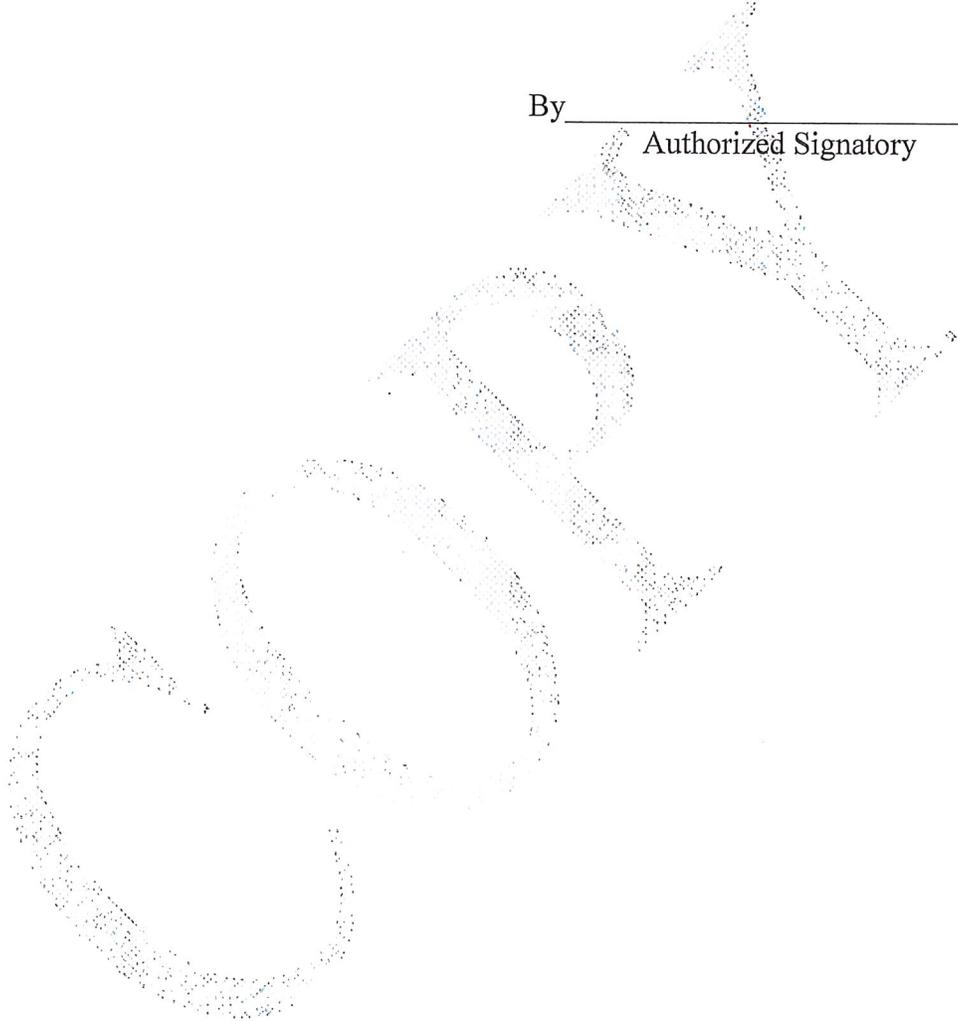
Date of Authentication: _____, _____

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This Note is one of the Notes of the issue authorized by the within-mentioned Resolution of Barron County, Wisconsin.

BOND TRUST SERVICES CORPORATION

By _____
Authorized Signatory



ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned sells, assigns and transfers unto

(Name and Address of Assignee)

(Social Security or other Identifying Number of Assignee)

the within Note and all rights thereunder and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints _____, Legal Representative, to transfer said Note on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature Guaranteed:

(e.g. Bank, Trust Company
or Securities Firm)

(Depository or Nominee Name)

NOTICE: This signature must correspond with the name of the Depository or Nominee Name as it appears upon the face of the within Note in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

(Authorized Officer)

3. **Notification of Media.** On the _____ day of _____, 20__ at approximately _____ o'clock __.m., I communicated or caused to be communicated, the time, date, place and subject matter (including specific reference to the borrowing) of said meeting to those news media who have filed a written request for such notice, and to the official newspaper of the _____, or, if none exists, to a news medium (County, City, etc.)

likely to give notice in the area.

4. **Open Meeting Law Compliance.** Said meeting was a _____ meeting of the (regular, special, adjourned annual, etc.) _____ which was called, noticed, held and (County Board, Common Council, etc.) conducted in open session in compliance with Subchapter V of Chapter 19 of the Wisconsin Statutes and any other applicable local rules and State statutes.

Name:
Title:

Attest:

Name:
Title:

(SEAL)

(Note: Questions regarding this form or open meeting law compliance generally should be directed to local counsel or Quarles & Brady LLP.)

Excerpts of Minutes of Meeting
of the
County Board of Supervisors of
Barron County

A meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Barron County, Wisconsin, was duly called, noticed, held and conducted in the manner required by the County Board of Supervisors and the pertinent Wisconsin Statutes on March 16, 2026. The meeting was called to order at _____ .m. The Chairperson and _____ other members were present. The following members were absent:

(Here occurred other business.)

The following resolution was then moved by _____ and seconded by _____:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND
ESTABLISHING PARAMETERS FOR THE SALE OF NOT TO
EXCEED \$5,025,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY
NOTES, SERIES 2026A

(A true copy of the resolution as adopted is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.)

Upon the vote being taken, the following voted

Aye:

Nay:

Abstaining:

and the resolution was declared adopted.

(Here occurred other business.)

Upon motion made and seconded, the County Board of Supervisors adjourned.

Certification of Minutes Excerpt

I, Jessica Hodek, am the duly qualified and acting County Clerk of Barron County, Wisconsin. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct excerpt of the official minutes of the County Board of Supervisors meeting of March 16, 2026.

I further certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the County Board of Supervisors at such meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Certificate in my official capacity on March 16, 2026.

(SEAL)

Jessica Hodek
County Clerk

MUNICIPAL INFORMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Prepared and Submitted By:

Jeffrey S. French

Administrator

1. Official Name of Government Unit: Barron County
2. Employer I. D. #: 39-6005668
3. Address: 335 E. Monroe Avenue, Room 2130, Barron, WI 54812
Phone Number: (715) 537-6200 Fax Number: (715) 537-6820
4. Contact Person, Direct Phone Number and Email Address:
Jeff French, Administrator (715) 537-6840; Michelle Drury, Finance Director/County Auditor
5. Date/Time/Place of Regular Meetings: 3rd Monday/3rd Tuesday in April, times vary,
at the Barron County Government Center
6. Does Municipality have an official or corporate seal? YES NO
7. Name of Official Newspaper, if any: 5 newspapers: Barron News-Shield,
Rice Lake Chronotype, Cumberland Advocate, The Chetek Alert, and The Turtle Lake Times
 WEEKLY DAILY What day: Thursday
8. Administrators and Officers: *(Please complete with official names (including middle initials) as used to sign legal documents.)*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Elected or Appointed?</u>	<u>Date Term of Office Expires</u>
<u>Jeffrey S. French</u> Administrator jeff.french@co.barron.wi.us	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>Michelle Drury</u> Finance Director/County Auditor michelle.drury@co.barron.wi.us	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>Louie Okey</u> Chairperson louie.okey@co.barron.wi.us	<u>Elected</u>	<u>4/2026</u>
<u>Jessica Hodek</u> County Clerk jessica.hodek@co.barron.wi.us	<u>Elected</u>	<u>1/2028</u>
<u>Samantha Sommerfeld</u> County Treasurer Samantha.sommerfeld@co.barron.wi.us	<u>Elected</u>	<u>1/2028</u>

John M. Muench
Corporation Counsel
Barron County Courthouse
330 LaSalle Avenue
Barron, WI 54812

Phone Number: (715) 537-6393 Fax Number: (715) 537-6277
Email: john.muench@co.barron.wi.us

- 9. Number of County Board of Supervisors members? 29 *(Please attach current list)*
- 10. Are there any special resolutions or ordinances in effect (other than Wisconsin's Open Meeting law) regarding meeting notices, quorum requirements, etc.? YES X NO
If yes, please provide detail. _____

- 11. Are there any proceedings now pending with respect to a change in the form of government or the detachment of territory? YES X NO
If yes, please provide detail. _____

- 12. Is there any litigation pending or threatened with respect to the corporate existence, organization, or boundaries of the government unit or the right of title of any officer of the government unit to his or her respective office? YES X NO
If yes, please provide detail. _____

- 13. Are there any resolutions in effect which require any officers other than the chief executive officer and clerk, to execute bonds or notes or other documents evidencing indebtedness? YES X NO
If yes, please provide detail. _____

- 14. Are there any other facts or circumstances which could have an impact on the issuance of the bonds or notes in question (e.g., debt policies, litigation other than as set forth above, annexations, etc)? YES X NO
If yes, please discuss. _____

Prepared and submitted by:

Jeffrey S. French
Administrator

Signed on: _____



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March 10, 2026

VIA EMAIL

Jeffrey S. French
Administrator
Barron County
335 E. Monroe Avenue
Room 2130
Barron, WI 54812

Scope of Engagement Re: Proposed Issuance of \$5,025,000 Barron County (the "County") Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026A (the "Securities")

Dear Jeff:

We are pleased to be working with you again as the County's bond counsel and disclosure counsel. Thank you for your confidence in us.

The purpose of this letter is to set forth the role we propose to serve and responsibilities we propose to assume as bond counsel and disclosure counsel in connection with the issuance of the above-referenced Securities. If you have any questions about this letter or the services we will provide, or if you would like to discuss modifications, please contact me.

Role of Bond Counsel

Our bond counsel engagement is a limited, special counsel engagement. Bond counsel is engaged as a recognized independent expert whose primary responsibility is to render an objective legal opinion with respect to the authorization and issuance of municipal obligations. If you desire additional information about the role of bond counsel, we would be happy to provide you with a copy of a brochure prepared by the National Association of Bond Lawyers.

As bond counsel we will: examine applicable law; prepare authorizing and closing documents; consult with the parties to the transaction, including the County's financial advisor or underwriter or placement agent, prior to the issuance of the Securities; review certified proceedings; and undertake such additional duties as we deem necessary to render the bond counsel opinion described below. As bond counsel, we do not advocate the interests of the County or any other party to the transaction. We assume that the parties to the transaction will retain such counsel as they deem necessary and appropriate to represent their interests in this transaction.

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Subject to the completion of proceedings to our satisfaction, we will render our opinion that:

- 1) the Securities are valid and binding general obligations of the County;
- 2) all taxable property in the territory of the County is subject to ad valorem taxation without limitation as to rate or amount to pay the Securities; and
- 3) the interest on the Securities is included for federal income tax purposes in the gross income of the owners of the Securities.

The bond counsel opinion will be executed and delivered by us in written form on the date the Securities are exchanged for their purchase price (the "Closing") and will be based on facts and law existing as of its date. In rendering the bond counsel opinion, we will rely upon the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials and other persons furnished to us without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation.

A form of our bond counsel opinion and a form of a Continuing Disclosure Certificate (which we may prepare) may be included in the Official Statement or other disclosure document for the Securities.

Role of Disclosure Counsel

Our disclosure counsel engagement is similarly a limited, special counsel engagement. As disclosure counsel, we will review the disclosure document prepared in connection with the sale of the Securities, namely the Official Statement, Private Placement Memorandum, or similar documents (the "County's Offering Document"). It is the County's responsibility to verify the information contained in the materials provided to us or confirmed for us by the County. We will not undertake an independent investigation to verify the accuracy or completeness of this information, beyond reviewing the materials provided to us or confirmed for us by the County. Nor will we render any opinion or make any representation as to the suitability of the Securities for investment by any investor.

In our capacity as the County's disclosure counsel, we will review the County's Offering Document and undertake due diligence with respect to the material representations therein so that we may provide the negative assurance letter described in the following paragraph. Our due diligence will consist of reviewing materials provided to us or confirmed for us by the County; reviewing the County's responses to questions posed in a due diligence questionnaire; assisting the County in its review of its continuing disclosure compliance in the last five years, if applicable (although the County is ultimately responsible for this review and such compliance); and discussing the County's Offering Document with the County and Ehlers & Associates, Inc. ("Ehlers"). We may also maintain the materials provided to us or confirmed for us by the County in our files, and we expect to share certain of those materials with Ehlers, for its files.

Subject to satisfactory completion of our due diligence, we will provide the County with a negative assurance letter that:

based on our review of the County's Offering Document, our examination of certain materials provided by the County and its representatives, and our participation in conferences and conversations with the County and its representatives, no information has come to the attention of the attorneys in our firm rendering legal services in connection with the matter that has caused them to believe that the Preliminary Official Statement contained as of its date or the Final Official Statement contained as of its date or contains as of the date hereof any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements made therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, however, we do not express any belief with respect to any financial and statistical data and forecasts, projections, numbers, estimates, assumptions and expressions of opinion, information about bond insurers, or any information regarding the Depository Trust Company and the book-entry system for the Securities contained or incorporated by reference in the County's Offering Document and its appendices, which we expressly exclude from the scope of this paragraph.

If requested, we may also provide Ehlers with a separate letter allowing it to rely on the above-described negative assurance letter.

Please note that our negative assurance letter is not a guarantee; although we expect our above-described due diligence review to assist the County in identifying, confirming and presenting potentially material information, neither our participation in the financing nor our provision of the above-described negative assurance letter will relieve the County of its obligations under the federal securities laws. As noted above, ultimate responsibility for disclosing to potential purchasers of the Securities all County information material to their investment decision rests with the County.

Limitations on Scope of Engagement; No Financial Advice; Conclusion of Representation

All matters and responsibilities other than those expressly set forth above are outside the scope of our engagement as the County's bond counsel and disclosure counsel. These include, without limitation, any obligation to any underwriter, placement agent or financial advisor involved with the issuance of the Securities, other than providing a reliance letter as described above, if applicable. In particular we wish to note that this engagement does not entail any responsibility for us to review matters or provide advice to any party with respect to such matters as the rules promulgated by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"), "blue sky" securities law matters, or other general securities law matters pertaining to any party's status as a broker-dealer or municipal advisor.

Further, we are neither qualified nor engaged to provide financial advice, and hence we will make no representation whatsoever about the suitability of the Securities for purchase by

investors, the desirability of the proposed plan of finance, the feasibility of the project(s) financed or refinanced by the Securities, or any such related matters.

Our responsibilities as bond counsel and disclosure counsel will be concluded with respect to this financing upon the delivery of our bond counsel opinion and negative assurance letter, respectively. Please note that, unless separately engaged, we will not provide any advice to the County on post-closing matters including, without limitation, (i) regulatory surveys or audits of the Securities or (ii) actions necessary to comply with the continuing disclosure requirements applicable to the Securities.

Diversity of Practice; Consent to Unrelated Engagements

Because of the diversity of practice of our firm, the firm may be asked to represent other clients in matters adverse to the County, for example, in zoning, licensing, land division, real estate, property tax or other matters which are unrelated to our bond counsel and disclosure counsel work. Ethical requirements require that we obtain the County's consent to such representations. We do not represent you in legal matters regularly, although we may be called upon for special representation occasionally, and our bond counsel and disclosure counsel work does not usually provide us information that will be disadvantageous to you in other representations. We do not believe that such representations of others would adversely affect our relationship with you, and we have found that local governments generally are agreeable to the type of unrelated representation described above. Your approval of this letter will serve to confirm that the County consents and agrees to our representation of other present or future clients in matters adverse to the County which are not substantially related to the borrowing and finance area or any other area in which we have agreed to serve it. We agree, however, that your prospective consent to conflicting representation contained in this paragraph shall not apply in any instance where, as a result of our representation of the County, we have obtained proprietary or other confidential information, that, if known to the other client, could be used by that client to your material disadvantage. We will not disclose to the other client(s) any confidential information received during the course of our representation of the County. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this consent further, please call us.

We also want to advise you that from time to time we represent underwriters and purchasers of municipal obligations, as well as other bond market participants. In past transactions or matters that are not related to the issuance of the Securities and our role as bond counsel and disclosure counsel, we may have served as counsel to the financial institution that has or will underwrite, purchase or place the Securities or that is serving as the County's financial advisor. We may also be asked to represent financial institutions and other market participants, including the underwriter, purchaser or placement agent of the Securities or the County's financial advisor, in future transactions or matters that are not related to the issuance of the Securities or our role as bond counsel and disclosure counsel. By engaging our services under the terms of this letter, the County consents to our firm undertaking representations of this type.

Fees

Based upon: (i) our current understanding of the terms, structure, size and schedule of the financing, (ii) the duties we will undertake pursuant to this letter, (iii) the time we anticipate devoting to the financing, and (iv) the responsibilities we assume, we estimate that our fee will be \$19,310 for our services as bond counsel, and \$12,550 for our services as disclosure counsel. Such fee and expenses may vary: (i) if the principal amount of Securities actually issued differs significantly from the amount stated above, (ii) if material changes in the structure of the financing occur, or (iii) if unusual or unforeseen circumstances arise which require a significant increase in our time, expenses or responsibility. If at any time we believe that circumstances require an adjustment of our original fee estimate, we will consult with you. It is our understanding that our fee will be paid out of proceeds of the Securities at Closing.

If, for any reason, the financing is not consummated or is completed without the rendition of our opinion as bond counsel or the negative assurance letter as disclosure counsel, we will expect to be compensated at our normal hourly rates for time actually spent, plus out-of-pocket expenses. Our fee is usually paid either at the Closing out of proceeds of the Securities or pursuant to a statement rendered shortly thereafter. We customarily do not submit any statement until the Closing unless there is a substantial delay in completing the financing.

Terms of Engagement

Either the County or Quarles & Brady may terminate the engagement at any time for any reason by written notice, subject on our part to applicable rules of professional conduct. If the County terminates our services, the County is responsible for promptly paying us for all fees, charges, and expenses incurred before the date we receive termination. We reserve the right to withdraw from representing the County if, among other things, the County fails to honor the terms of this engagement letter – including the County's failing to pay our bills, the County's failing to cooperate or follow our advice on a material matter, or our becoming aware of any fact or circumstance that would, in our view, render our continuing representation unlawful or unethical.

Unless previously terminated, our representation will terminate when we send to the County (or its representative) our final bill for services rendered. If the County requests, we will promptly return the County's original papers and property to you, consistent with our need to ensure payment of any outstanding bills. We may retain copies of the documents. We will keep our own files, including attorney work product, pertaining to our representation of the County. For various reasons, including the minimization of unnecessary storage expenses, we may destroy or otherwise dispose of documents and materials a reasonable time after termination of the engagement.

County Responsibilities

We will provide legal counsel and assistance to the County in accordance with this letter and will rely upon information and guidance the County and its personnel provide to us. We will

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keep the County reasonably informed of progress and developments, and respond to the County's inquiries. To enable us to provide the services set forth in this letter, the County will disclose fully and accurately all facts and keep us apprised of all developments relating to this matter. The officers and agents of the County will review the County's Offering Document, participate in a due diligence conference to review the County's Offering Document and provide a certificate as to the accuracy and completeness of the County's Offering Document stating that it does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. The County agrees to pay our bills for services and expenses in accordance with this engagement letter. The County will also cooperate fully with us and be available to attend meetings, conferences, hearings and other proceedings on reasonable notice, and stay fully informed on all developments relating to this matter.

Limited Liability Partnership

Our firm is a limited liability partnership ("LLP"). Because we are an LLP, no partner of the firm has personal liability for any debts or liabilities of the firm except as otherwise required by law, and except that each partner can be personally liable for his or her own malpractice and for the malpractice of persons acting under his or her actual supervision and control. As an LLP we are required by our code of professional conduct to carry at least \$10,000,000 of malpractice insurance; currently, we carry coverage with limits substantially in excess of that amount. Please call me if you have any questions about our status as a limited liability partnership.

Conclusion and Request for Signed Copy

If the foregoing terms of this engagement are acceptable to you, please so indicate by returning a copy of this letter dated and signed by an appropriate officer, retaining the original for your files. If we do not hear from you within thirty (30) days, we will assume that these terms are acceptable to you, but we would prefer to receive a signed copy of this letter from you.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or my colleague Jeff Peelen at (414) 277-5773 at any time. We are looking forward to working with you and the County in this regard.

Very truly yours,

QUARLES & BRADY LLP

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Accepted and Approved:

BARRON COUNTY

By: _____

Its: _____
Title

Date: _____

To: County Staff
Barron County, Wisconsin

Re: Disclosure Obligations including Official Statement for Your Upcoming Municipal Securities Sale

Your community has engaged Ehlers to advise on the issuance of municipal securities. The issuance of securities requires the preparation and dissemination of a Preliminary Official Statement (POS) and a Final Official Statement (OS). The POS provides potential investors material information pertinent to the offering so they can make an objective decision whether or not to purchase your securities. The POS should include descriptions about the project being financed, sources of repayment, details of the securities and statements about your financial condition. Ehlers will help you draft the POS, but you, as the Issuer, are responsible for ensuring the document includes all material information a potential investor should reasonably know before purchasing your security.

GENERAL DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

Enclosed with this letter is a General Disclosure Certificate that outlines the information we need to develop a first draft of your POS. Please provide the requested data, as well as any other information you believe is important to disclose. The completed General Disclosure Certificate should be executed by an official authorized to make these representations and can attest to the accuracy of information provided.

SEC REQUIREMENTS AND RULINGS REGARDING OFFICIAL STATEMENTS

Ehlers will deliver a first draft of the POS to you approximately 10 business days prior to the sale date. Please be sure that you and/or other officials carefully review the draft POS and participate in a due diligence call. Per SEC requirements, a qualified official must determine that the POS is accurate, does not contain any untrue statements of material fact or omit an important material fact. Before we release your POS to potential bidders for this security, we need the same qualified official to execute the certificate entitled "Deemed Final Certificate for Preliminary Official Statement."

FINAL OS AFTER BONDS ARE SOLD

Following sale of the security, Ehlers will assist you in preparing the Final OS that includes pricing terms and deliver it to the successful bidder.

POST ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE

As part of the Governing Body's sale approval, it will authorize the Issuer to enter into a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking or Agreement (CDU). The CDU requires that certain information contained within the Final OS be annually with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board through its electronic portal (EMMA). It also requires that notice of certain enumerated material events be filed with EMMA, should such events occur. Please review the draft CDU carefully to ensure you agree with all information expected to be filed.

If you have any questions about your disclosure obligation, please contact your Ehlers municipal advisor or go to www.gfoa.org to view Governmental Finance Officers Association's "Disclosure Guidelines for State and Local Government Securities" and other related resources.

GENERAL DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

BARRON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

County Federal Tax I.D. Number	39-6005668
Date County Incorporated	1859
The County Contains:	
Square Miles OR	862.84
Land Acres	552,218
The County encompasses:	
Full Cities:	4
Fractional Cities:	7
Townships:	25

2. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS

Regular meetings held:

When:	Third Monday of each month
Where:	Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 335 East Monroe Avenue, Barron, WI 54812
Time:	9:00 AM January to April, 5pm May to October, 9am November and December

3. FINANCING DOCUMENTS APPROVAL POLICY

Does the County have specific policies regarding review and approval of financing documents such as the Official Statement?

Yes: _____ No: X

(Note, Barron County does not have a written policy, but, Financing Documents are prepared by the County Administrator, reviewed by the Finance Director/County Auditor)

If yes, please provide Ehlers with a copy of the policy

4. APPOINTED/ELECTED OFFICIALS

Title:*	Name and E-mail Address:	Mailing Address:
County Finance Director/ County Auditor	Michelle Drury michelle.drury@co.barron.wi.us	330 E LaSalle Ave, Room 2130 Barron, WI 54812
County Clerk:	Jessica Hodek jessica.hodek@co.barron.wi.us	
County Treasurer:	Samantha Sommerfeld samantha.sommerfeld@co.barron.wi.us	
County Administrator	Jeffrey S. French Jeff.french@co.barron.wi.us	
Local Attorney:	Mr. John Muench John.munech@co.barron.wi.us	
Architect/Engineer for this Project: (if applicable)	Not Applicable	
Register of Deeds Sheriff	Margo Katterhagen Margo.katterhagen@co.barron.wi.us Jodi Kummet Jodi.kummet@co.barron.wi.us	

* Cross out/delete titles that do not apply.

5. ELECTED OFFICERS/TERMS OF OFFICE

*(Please mark the members of the Finance Committee with an *)*

First Name	Last Name	Office	Term Expires	Email
Louie	Okey	Chairperson	April 2026	louie.okey@co.barron.wi.us
Bob	Rogers	Supervisor	April 2026	bob.rogers@co.barron.wi.us
John	Banks	Supervisor	April 2026	john.banks@co.barron.wi.us
Karolyn	Bartlett	1st Vice Chairperson	April 2026	karolyn.bartlett@co.barron.wi.us
Pam	Fall	Supervisor	April 2026	pam.fall@co.barron.wi.us
Bill	Schradle	Supervisor	April 2026	bill.schradle@co.barron.wi.us
Jim	Gores	Supervisor	April 2026	jim.gores@co.barron.wi.us
Roberta	Mosentine	Supervisor	April 2026	roberta.mosentine@co.barron.wi.us
Pete	Olson	Supervisor	April 2026	pete.olson@co.barron.wi.us
Carol	Moen	Supervisor	April 2026	carol.moen@co.barron.wi.us
Marv	Thompson	Supervisor	April 2026	marv.thompson@co.barron.wi.us
Stacey	Wenzel	Supervisor 2 nd Vice- Chairperson	April 2026	stacey.wenzel@co.barron.wi.us
Dana	Heller	Supervisor	April 2026	dana.heller@co.barron.wi.us
Robert	Anderson	Supervisor	April 2026	robert.anderson@co.barron.wi.us
Bill	Effertz	Supervisor	April 2026	bill.effertz@co.barron.wi.us
Gary	Nelson	Supervisor	April 2026	gary.nelson@co.barron.wi.us
Diane	Vaughn	Supervisor	April 2026	diane.vaughn@co.barron.wi.us
Amanda	Kohnen	Supervisor	April 2026	amanda.kohnen@co.barron.wi.us
Jamie	McCready	Supervisor	April 2026	jamie.mccready@co.barron.wi.us
Kathy	Krug	Supervisor	April 2026	kathy.krug@co.barron.wi.us
Patti	Anderson	Supervisor	April 2026	patti.anderson@co.barron.wi.us
Randall	Cook Sr.	Supervisor	April 2026	randall.cook@co.barron.wi.us
Craig	Fowler	Supervisor	April 2026	craig.fowler@co.barron.wi.us
Pete	Schneider	Supervisor	April 2026	pete.schneider@co.barron.wi.us
Audrey	Kusilek	Supervisor	April 2026	audrey.kusilek@co.barron.wi.us
Craig	Turcott	Supervisor	April 2026	craig.turcott@co.barron.wi.us
Dennis	Jenkins	Supervisor	April 2026	dennis.jenkins@co.barron.wi.us
Fran	Langman	Supervisor	April 2026	fran.langman@co.barron.wi.us
Tim	Ploetz	Supervisor	April 2026	tim.ploetz@co.barron.wi.us

6. COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Please provide us with the current number of County employees, including utility employees, and excluding Board of Supervisors members and volunteer firefighters.

Full-Time	305
Part-Time	106
Seasonal	33
Total	444
As of (Date)	03-10-2026

7. DIRECT DEBT INFORMATION

Attached to the original email are the schedule(s) of outstanding direct debt that Ehlers has on record. This is for your **review and reference** to ensure we have an accurate debt record on hand.

If any direct debt has been issued that is not included in the attached schedules, please provide the following information for each issue:

- a. Award Resolution
- b. Amortization Schedule (principal and interest payment schedule)
- c. Legal Opinion (if applicable)
- d. Identify any prepayments, if any

Does the County have any capital lease purchase obligations outstanding that will be owned by the County at the end of the lease period but are not shown in the most recent audited financial statements?

Yes: _____ No: X (If yes, please attach payment schedule.)

Has the County issued any other debt (i.e. bank loans) that is not shown in the most recent audited financial statements or not already included above?

Yes: _____ No: X (If yes, please attach payment schedule.)

8. FUTURE FINANCING

Does the County plan to issue debt or otherwise borrow money (either directly or as a conduit) in the next 12 months?

Yes: X No: _____

If yes, please provide details

Possible borrowing for underground piping or stand alone, pack, individual building boilers located at the University of Wisconsin Rice Lake Campus. Also, possibly borrowing for bridge and/or culvert repair and replacement as allowed in the new State Budget for 6' to 20' and larger bridge/culvert structures.

9. COOPERATIVE DISTRICT/JOINT GOVERNMENTAL OBLIGATIONS

Does the County have any obligations because of membership in a cooperative district or joint governmental organization? If yes, please provide details on the debt obligation(s).

None/Not applicable

10. DEBT POLICY

Does the County have specific rules, ordinances, policies or other requirements that limit or impact the amount of debt that can be issued (other than statutory limitations)?

Yes: _____ No: X

If yes, please provide Ehlers with a copy of the policy

11. DEBT PAYMENT HISTORY

Has the County ever been late or defaulted in the payment of any of its obligations for any reason? (Obligations include bond issues, bank loans, leases).

Yes: _____ No: X

If yes, please provide the date and describe the circumstances.

12. BARGAINING UNITS (UNIONS)

Please list all of the County's recognized and certified bargaining units:

Bargaining Unit	Expiration Date of Current Contract	Status of Expired Contracts
WPPA/LEER (Sheriff Department)	12-31-2027	

13. LIABILITIES FOR OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Does the County have any OPEB liabilities?

Yes: _____ No: X

If yes, please answer the following questions:

- a. Please provide a copy of the most recent actuarial study, if a study has been completed.

14. LITIGATION

Is the County currently party to or threatened by any litigation that might affect the issuance of the Obligations?

Yes: _____ No: X
 If yes, please provide details:

Is the County currently party to or threatened by any litigation that materially impacts its finances?

Yes: _____ No: X
 If yes, please provide details:

15. CYBERSECURITY

Are you aware of any cybersecurity incidents perpetrated against the County within the last three years that actually or potentially resulted in adverse consequences to the County's information system or the information in the processes, stores or transmits, that may have required mitigation protocols?

Yes: _____ No: X
 If yes, please provide details:

Does the County have policies and/or procedures in place to address cybersecurity?

Yes: X No: _____

Does the County have cybersecurity insurance?

Yes: X No: _____

16. FUNDS ON HAND/DEBT REDEMPTION FUNDS (CASH AND INVESTMENTS)

List **ALL** County cash and investments by fund, including debt redemption and utility funds.

Balances are as of: 02-28-2026 (most recent date available)

Name of Fund	Total Cash and Investments
Total All Funds	

Note: Please add any additional funds not already listed that may apply to the County.

17. DRAFT OR UNAUDITED GENERAL FUND INFORMATION

Using the attached Excel file, and to the extent possible, please include all amounts that will be reported in the 2025 Draft or Unaudited General Fund Financial Statements. *Please return the Excel file when complete.*

18. GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

Using the attached Excel file, please provide:

- Adopted or Amended **2025** Budget
- Adopted **2026** Budget

To the extent possible, please include all amounts that will be reported in the General Fund Budget and update fund names, as applicable. *Please return the Excel file when complete.*

19. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS/BUDGET

Please provide us with the following (if possible, please send PDF via email to my attention):

Audited Financial Statements for the County and any Separate Enterprise Funds for:	
CURRENT BUDGET – 2025 (not 2026)	<i>Available Aug., 2026</i>

20. CHANGES IN FINANCIAL CONDITION

Have there been any significant changes in the County's financial position since the last audited financial statements? In addition, are there any pending issues that could have a significant effect on the County's financial condition? Listed below are sample situations to consider:

- Significant increases or decreases in fund balances either experienced or anticipated.
- Significant court judgments imposing costs not accrued or previously anticipated.
- Settlements of labor contracts that may result in expenditures significantly more than budgeted dollars.
- Significant changes in accounting methods, procedures or re-statements of accounts.

Yes: _____ No: X _____

If yes, please describe the change(s), reason(s), and any remedial action(s) taken or planned:

21. TOP TAXPAYERS/ASSESSED VALUES

Please list the top ten taxpayers within the County and their Assessed Value. Please include real estate and personal property valuation for all parcels owned by each taxpayer. *If a Taxpayer is located in more than one municipality, please list the amount of assessed value located in each municipality.*

	Taxpayer	Type of Property/ Business	Located in the Municipality of:	2025 Assessed Value
1	Saputo Cheese USA, Inc.	Cheese Production	Town of Turtle Lake	\$ 43,333,600
2	Lakeview Medical Center	Medical/Hospital	City of Rice Lake	\$ 17,219,800
3	Western Wisconsin Independent Medical Campus LLC	Medical	City of Rice Lake	\$ 16,608,600
4	Hormel Foods – Jennie-O Turkey Store	Poultry/Food Production	Eleven Different Municipalities	\$ 40,840,300
5	Synergy Community Cooperative	Agronomy	Eleven Different Municipalities	\$ 28,382,900
6	Warehousing Logistics LLC	Freight Services, Trucking and Transportation	City of Cumberland	\$ 15,186,100
7	Walmart Real Estate Business Trust	Retail	City of Rice Lake	\$ 14,871,400
8	Menard Inc.	Retail/Building Supplies and Goods	City of Rice Lake	\$ 13,190,800
9	Rice Lake Weighing Systems Inc.	Commercial Scales	Two Different Municipalities	\$ 13,061,900
10	S. C. Swiderski LLC	Building Development & Design and Construction Management Property Management and Real Estate	City of Rice Lake	\$ 21,280,600

22. TAX LEVIES

Levy/Collect Year	Levy for County Purposes Only	Total Levy for All Units in County	Total Collected to Date
2021/22	\$ 22,425,616.00	\$ 90,641,151.04	\$ 76,154,618.10
2022/23	\$ 21,737,780.00	\$ 92,730,191.79	\$ 78,725,694.81
2023/24	\$ 22,539,673.00	\$ 96,361,746.43	\$79,913,302.63
2024/25	\$ 22,539,673.00	\$ 96,361,746.43	\$ 85,830,405.61
2025/26	\$ 23,428,156.00	\$ 105,654,905.69	\$ 69,140,176.57

23. STATEMENTS OF TAXES

Please attach the Statement of Taxes for 2025/26.

24. LARGER EMPLOYERS

Listed below are the larger employers located within the County, along with the number of employees listed in your most recent Official Statement (if available). Please conduct your own research as you are able, **and revise** to include any additional larger employers you believe should be listed. Please note any employee counts that appear inaccurate since this data was last researched.

Ehlers uses Data Axle Reference Solutions, Wisconsin Manufacturers Directory, audited financial statements and other sources to assist in conducting research for larger employers located within the County. This information will be listed in the Larger Employer section of the Official Statement.

Firm Name	Type of Business	Approx. Number of Employees listed in 2025 OS	Current Number of Employees per County's data
Jennie-O Turkey Store	Turkey farming and processing	1,200	
St. Croix Casino & Hotel	Casino, hotel and restaurants	1,000	
Rice Lake Weighing Systems, Inc.	Scales- manufacturing	600	
Mattson Spray Equipment	Spray painting and finishing	600	
The County	County government	444	
Rice Lake Area School District	Elementary and secondary education	414	
Seneca Foods Corporation	Food products & manufacturers	400	
Wal-Mart	Discount retail store	400	
Marshfield Clinic	Health clinic	384	
Sanmica- SCI Corporation	Circuit boards- manufacturers	350	
Mayo Clinic Health Systems	Hospital	338	

25. FOLLOW-UP CONTACT

Please complete the following information regarding the completed certificate so we can contact you with further questions or additional information requests.

Contact Person:	Jeffrey S. French – County Administrator
Telephone:	715-537-6840
Fax:	715-537-6820
E-mail:	Jeff.french@co.barron.wi.us
County Website Address:	Barroncountywi.gov

GENERAL DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE — CERTIFICATION PAGE

I, the undersigned, am duly qualified in my position to execute the General Disclosure Certificate and in good faith believe that the information provided is accurate, not false, or misleading, and complete. I further acknowledge that there is no obligation by Ehlers to review or confirm the accuracy of the information being provided by us.

Executed as of this ____ day of _____, 2026

Barron County, Wisconsin

By: _____ (Signature)

_____ (Name)

_____ (Title)

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Barron County, Wisconsin
 Schedule of Bonded Indebtedness
 General Obligation Debt Secured by Taxes
 (As of 03/09/2026)

Dated Amount	Highway Department Bonds Series 2020B		State Trust Fund Loan		State Trust Fund Loan		Corporate Purpose Bonds Series 2025A		Promissory Note		Total Principal	Total Interest	Total P & I	Principal Outstanding	% Paid	Calendar Year Ending
	12/22/2020 \$25,120,000		01/04/2023 \$4,000,000		11/12/2024 \$1,500,000		05/06/2025 \$4,820,000		12/01/2025 \$1,582,622							
Maturity	11/01		03/15		03/15		10/01 Final Maturity 04/01		12/01							
Calendar Year Ending	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest						
2026	1,185,000	397,369	224,418	190,207	104,446	120,329	75,000	296,477	301,149	39,407	1,890,014	1,043,789	2,933,803	30,310,608	5.87%	2026
2027	1,220,000	361,819	236,200	178,425	141,042	83,733	160,000	207,600	308,648	31,909	2,065,890	863,486	2,929,376	28,244,718	12.29%	2027
2028	1,255,000	325,219	248,146	166,480	149,298	75,477	170,000	199,600	316,333	24,223	2,138,777	790,999	2,929,776	26,105,940	18.93%	2028
2029	1,295,000	287,569	261,629	152,997	158,462	66,313	180,000	191,100	324,210	16,347	2,219,301	714,326	2,933,626	23,886,640	25.82%	2029
2030	1,320,000	261,669	275,364	139,262	167,970	56,805	190,000	182,100	332,283	8,274	2,285,617	648,110	2,933,726	21,601,023	32.92%	2030
2031	1,345,000	235,269	289,821	124,805	178,048	46,727	195,000	172,600			2,007,869	579,401	2,587,270	19,593,154	39.15%	2031
2032	1,365,000	218,456	304,736	109,890	188,632	36,143	205,000	162,850			2,063,368	527,339	2,590,707	17,529,786	45.56%	2032
2033	1,380,000	199,688	321,035	93,591	200,049	24,726	215,000	152,600			2,116,084	470,605	2,586,688	15,413,702	52.13%	2033
2034	1,400,000	178,988	337,889	76,737	212,052	12,723	230,000	141,850			2,179,941	410,297	2,590,238	13,233,761	58.90%	2034
2035	1,425,000	157,988	355,628	58,997			235,000	132,650			2,015,628	349,635	2,365,263	11,218,132	65.16%	2035
2036	1,445,000	134,831	374,188	40,437			245,000	123,250			2,064,188	298,519	2,362,707	9,153,944	71.57%	2036
2037	1,470,000	109,544	393,944	20,682			255,000	113,450			2,118,944	243,676	2,362,620	7,035,000	78.15%	2037
2038	1,495,000	83,819					265,000	103,250			1,760,000	187,069	1,947,069	5,275,000	83.62%	2038
2039	1,525,000	57,656					275,000	92,650			1,800,000	150,306	1,950,306	3,475,000	89.21%	2039
2040	1,550,000	29,063					290,000	81,650			1,840,000	110,713	1,950,713	1,635,000	94.92%	2040
2041							300,000	70,050			300,000	70,050	370,050	1,335,000	95.85%	2041
2042							310,000	57,675			310,000	57,675	367,675	1,025,000	96.82%	2042
2043							325,000	44,888			325,000	44,888	369,888	700,000	97.83%	2043
2044							340,000	31,075			340,000	31,075	371,075	360,000	98.88%	2044
2045							360,000	8,100			360,000	8,100	368,100	0	100.00%	2045
	20,675,000	3,038,944	3,622,999	1,352,511	1,500,000	522,976	4,820,000	2,565,465	1,582,622	120,160	32,200,622	7,600,055	39,800,677			

Barron County, Wisconsin
Schedule of Other Obligations
(As of 03/06/2026)

Included in Offering Document

<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Final Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Outstanding</u>
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Not Included in Offering Document

<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Final Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Outstanding</u>
01/01/2022	\$156,812	Operating and office leases	01/01/2029	\$98,840
01/01/2024	\$313,361	Various Subscriptions	12/31/2028	\$313,361

MEMORANDUM

TO: Barron County Executive Committee

Jeff French, Administrator

Michelle Drury, Finance Director

FROM: Sean Lentz, Senior Municipal Advisor

Peter Meidal, Municipal Advisor

DATE: March 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Refinancing of outstanding State Trust Fund Loans

Refinancing Analysis

The County has two State Trust Fund Loans Outstanding that are currently candidates to be refinanced to reduce the annual debt service cost:

- \$4,000,000 State Trust Fund Loan of 2023 (Finance Acid Gas Removal System) – Current Interest Rate: 5.25%
- \$1,500,000 State Trust Fund Loan of 2024 (Finance purchase of Shredder and Material Handler) – Current Interest Rate: 6.00%

Both Loans were issued for projects benefiting the County's Waste to Energy & Recycling Operation. Financing for Waste to Energy projects require taxable debt issuance like the State Trust Fund Loan Program. Current taxable interest rates in the securities market are favorable and, based on current refinancing projections, result in savings of approximately \$169,856. (See Exhibit 1)

Method of Sale Options

The County has traditionally used the competitive sale option to secure financing for new money projects in the securities market. We used this approach in 2025. This approach is an option for issuing debt to refinance the two State Trust Fund Loans and would likely result in conducting a competitive sale, the results of which would be presented for approval at the County's April or May meetings.

Another option to secure funding to refinance the two State Trust Fund Loans, involves the following process:

- County Board approves a parameters resolution authorizing a sub-group to approve a proposal if it achieves a minimum savings amount stated in the parameters resolution and approved by the entire County Board



- Ehlers prepares a request for proposal which is provided to interested underwriters and requests they provide projected interest rates and costs to refinance the State Trust Fund Loans.
- Ehlers assists the County in selecting an underwriter to proceed with the refinancing
- Ehlers works with the selected underwriter to prepare the Official Statement and sets a schedule for final pricing
- Ehlers represents the County in finalizing a proposal to purchase the Refunding Bonds and presents the results to the sub-group for review and possible approval
- If approved; Ehlers, the Underwriter, and the County proceed to close on the Refunding Bonds and pay off the State Trust Fund Loans

The primary benefit of this approach is it allows the County to accept a proposal on a date not necessarily tied to the regular County Board meetings while still achieving the savings goals of the entire County Board. The approach also allows for more control over incurring cost to refinance the existing loans in the event the interest rate market moves in a direction that does not benefit the County.

Given the attractive savings achievable on this proposed refinancing based on the current market but recognizing that even a small to medium increase in interest rates could eliminate those savings, Ehlers would recommend the second option to proceed with the potential refinancing of the two outstanding State Trust Fund Loans.

Please let us know if you have any questions and we would be happy to discuss in more detail, if helpful.

Exhibit 1

Barron County, WI

Estimated Refunding Savings Analysis

Year	PRIOR TO THE REFUNDING				FOLLOWING THE REFUNDING				DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS
	Existing Debt Service (to be refunded)				New Debt Service				
	Principal 3/15	Rate	Interest 3/15	Net Debt Service	Principal 3/1	Rate	Interest 3/1 & 9/1	Net Debt Service	
	\$5,500,000 State Trust Fund Loans Dated: 1/4/2023 & 11/12/2024				\$4,990,000 Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes Dated: May 11, 2026				
2026									18,610
2027	377,242	5.25% & 6.00%	262,159	639,401	365,000	3.70%	255,791	620,791	19,948
2028	397,444	5.25% & 6.00%	241,957	639,401	440,000	3.70%	179,453	619,453	16,713
2029	420,091	5.25% & 6.00%	219,310	639,401	460,000	3.75%	162,688	622,688	19,482
2030	443,334	5.25% & 6.00%	196,067	639,401	475,000	3.85%	144,919	619,919	19,482
2031	467,869	5.25% & 6.00%	171,532	639,401	495,000	3.90%	126,123	621,123	18,278
2032	493,368	5.25% & 6.00%	146,033	639,401	495,000	4.00%	106,170	621,170	18,231
2033	493,368	5.25% & 6.00%	146,033	639,401	515,000	4.10%	84,903	619,903	19,498
2033	521,084	5.25% & 6.00%	118,317	639,401	535,000	4.20%	62,175	622,175	17,226
2034	549,941	5.25% & 6.00%	89,460	639,401	560,000	4.30%	42,568	407,568	7,058
2035	355,628	5.25%	58,997	414,626	365,000	4.40%	26,360	406,360	8,266
2036	374,188	5.25%	40,437	414,626	380,000	4.50%	9,000	409,000	5,626
2037	393,944	5.25%	20,682	414,626	400,000				
Total	4,794,135		1,564,951	6,359,085	4,990,000		1,200,148	6,190,148	168,938

Plus Rounding: 918

Notes:

Interest rates based on current market conditions plus 10 basis points.

Total Cash Flow (Future Value) Savings:	\$169,856
Present Value Savings of 2.932%:	\$140,570

<u>Est. Sources</u>		<u>Est. Uses</u>	
Par Amount	4,990,000	Underwriter's Discount	62,375
Transfer from Prior Issue Debt Service Fund	-	Cost of Issuance	84,450
		Deposit to Current Refunding Fund	4,842,257
		Rounding Amount	918
Total:	4,990,000		4,990,000



Thank you for working with Ehlers on your debt issuance. We're privileged to be able to serve you!

At Ehlers, we work together as a cohesive team to help you successfully navigate every facet of debt issuance and management. We've prepared this guide so you know what exactly what to expect during each phase of your project. If you have questions, please reach out to anyone on [our team of professionals](#).

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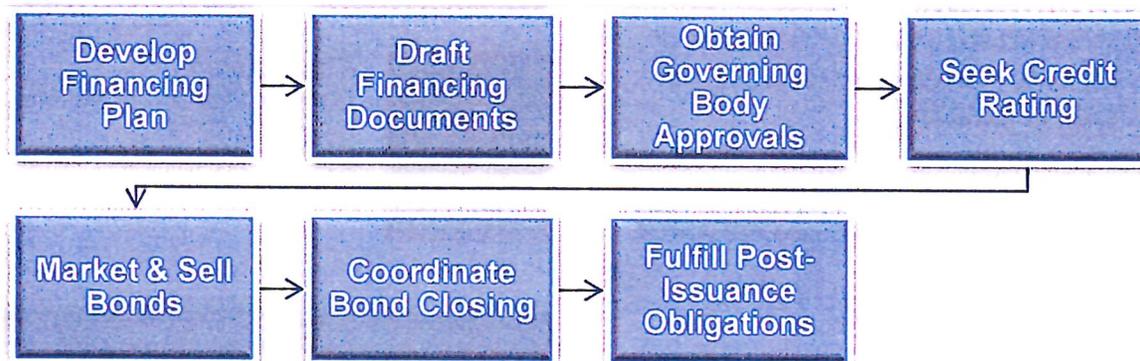
Working with Ehlers

What to expect when issuing debt



Issuing public debt consists of a process with distinct steps. Below is a general overview of the primary tasks and the professionals with whom you'll collaborate.

General Approach Overview:



How It Works:

DEVELOP FINANCING PLAN

Ehlers begins the debt issuance process by assembling your financing team (bond counsel, investment professionals, arbitrage consultants, etc.) to complete the below tasks:

1. Analyze financing feasibility
2. Select type of obligation & statutory authority(ies)
3. Develop preliminary size & structure
4. Determine method of sale
5. Establish preliminary terms & conditions
6. Review issuer's Investment Policy
7. Complete investment draw-down schedule
8. Review for arbitrage considerations (*tax-exempt only*)

DRAFT FINANCING DOCUMENTS

Ehlers and your bond counsel complete the majority of this step and proactively guide you through document review and approval.

1. Draft documents authorizing issuance & sale of the obligations
2. Prepare primary offering, as needed & disclosure documents to market the issue
3. Complete quality control review
4. Review existing policies for debt issuance & management

OBTAIN GOVERNING BODY APPROVALS

This is the key authorization phase of your project. Ehlers and your bond counsel collaborate to draft the necessary documents and assist you in finalizing them and preparing for presentation to the Governing Body.

1. Prepare & adopt any plans required per statute for authorization
2. Submit Pre-Sale Report & Authorizing Resolution to the governing board for authorization to proceed with and issue debt

SEEK CREDIT RATING (IF RATED)

Depending on the nature of your financing, it may be advantageous to seek a credit rating from one or more of the three primary rating agencies. Ehlers helps you prepare interview materials and actively participates in the rating call.

1. Review any need for or advisability of bond insurance
2. Prepare and submit application for State or other forms of credit enhancement
3. Submit request to rating agency for a rating call
4. Prepare presentation materials
5. Review analyst inquiry and draft responses for questions and any others most likely to be asked
6. Participate in rating call & report preparation

MARKET & SELL BONDS

Ehlers seeks to achieve maximum visibility, investor interest, and ultimately, the lowest possible interest cost for your debt issuance. Our bond marketing and sale team work diligently to complete the following tasks:

1. Distribute Preliminary Official Statement to EMMA and any other information repositories
2. Review bids for compliance with terms of sale
3. Compile bid tabulation & recommend bid award
4. Draft Final Issuance, Sale & Award Document for governing body approval
5. Prepare & distribute Final Official Statement

COORDINATE BOND CLOSING

Ehlers' goal is to make bond closing as "invisible" as possible for our clients. We coordinate the closing with all parties, including bond counsel, Depository Trust Company (DTC) and the purchaser (underwriter), to minimize your workload.

1. Draft closing documents
2. Execute closing documents
3. Coordinate & confirm delivery on bond proceeds to issuer Account(s)
4. Remit payments for costs of issuance

FULFILL POST-ISSUANCE OBLIGATIONS

From bond proceeds management and compliance activities to monitoring for refunding opportunities and record keeping, post-issuance obligations last for the life of the debt issuance. Ehlers' integrated advisory team helps you ensure all responsibilities are met accurately and on time.

1. Monitor & adjust bond proceeds investment portfolio, as needed
2. Remit bond payments
3. Conduct arbitrage rebate monitoring & reporting
4. Remit arbitrage rebate payments, as required
5. Complete & disseminate continuing disclosures per the terms of Continuing Disclosure Agreement
6. Monitor market conditions for refunding opportunities
7. Monitor for compliance with covenants
8. Assist with preparation for credit rating surveillance calls
9. Compile & maintain records, as required

Bond Transaction Participants & Roles:

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR

EHLERS

- Advises on all aspects of financing plan & calendar
- Recommends bond structure, size, timing, terms & method of sale
- Prepares official statement & disclosure documents, if not prepared by another party
- Compensated via flat fee from bond proceeds

BOND COUNSEL

QUARLES & BRADY LLP

- Provides validity, tax & other opinions
- Helps support debt authorization under state and federal law
- Assists with completing certain sections of the Official Statement
- Prepares Agenda Language, Authorizing Resolution, Legal Opinion, Closing Documents & Continuing Disclosure Agreement
- Compensated via flat fee from bond proceeds

INVESTMENT PROFESSIONALS

TBD

- Advises issuer on investment of bond proceeds
- Establishes & manages investment portfolio(s) on behalf of client
- Compensated via direct, flat or % of assets-based fee agreement

ARBITRAGE CONSULTANTS

EHLERS

- Monitors arbitrage position & cash flows
- Maintains tracking log of key arbitrage dates & allowable investment yields
- Completes arbitrage reporting
- Advises issuer on IRS inquiries and/or audits
- Compensated via direct service contract with issuer

RATING AGENCY

S&P

- Renders independent credit assessment of issuer & transaction
- Monitors issue via ongoing surveillance
- Compensated via direct payment from issuer, but does not represent issuer

BOND UNDERWRITER/PURCHASER

TBD

- Initial purchaser of bonds & sells to investors
- Represents its own commercial interests
- Compensated via flat fee from bond proceeds

DISSEMINATION AGENT

EHLERS

- Prepares & remits required and voluntary continuing disclosures on behalf of the issuer
- Ensures past compliance efforts accurately reflected in official statements
- Respond to underwriter inquiries regarding past compliance
- Compensated via direct service contract with issuer, payable over the life of the bonds

PAYING AGENT

BOND TRUST SERVICES CORPORATION

- Facilitates the collection & distribution of funds for bond payments
- Holds trust powers
- Compensated via direct service contract with issuer, payable over the life of the bonds



February 23, 2026

Michelle Drury, Finance Director
Jeffrey French, County Administrator
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Re: Written Municipal Advisor Client Disclosure with the Barron County ("Client") for General Obligation Refunding Promissory Notes, Series 2026A ("Issuance") Pursuant to MSRB Rule G-42

Dear Michelle and Jeffrey:

Ehlers & Associates, Inc. ("Ehlers & Associates" or the "Municipal Advisor") is required by Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) Rules to provide you with certain written information and disclosures prior to, upon, or promptly after the establishment of a municipal advisory relationship as defined in Securities and Exchange Act Rule 15Ba1-1. Pursuant to these stated requirements, we must inform you that:

1. When providing municipal advisor advice, we are required to act in a fiduciary capacity, which includes both duty of loyalty and a duty of care.
2. We have an obligation to provide written disclosure of all material conflicts of interest, including any actual or potential conflicts that may impair our ability to render advice to you in accordance with our fiduciary duty, as well as our efforts to mitigate such conflicts. This information and other required disclosures are attached as **Appendix A**.

Ehlers & Associates will provide municipal advisor advice and service at the rates described in **Appendix B**.

This documentation and all attached appendices will remain in effect during the period indicated above unless otherwise terminated by either party upon 30 days written notice.

This Municipal Advisor Disclosure will be amended or supplemented to reflect any material changes during the term of our municipal advisory relationship.

We look forward to working with you on the Issuance.

Sincerely,

Ehlers & Associates

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sean Lentz', is written over a white background.

Sean Lentz
Senior Municipal Advisor

Appendix A

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST/OTHER REQUIRED INFORMATION

Actual or Potential Material Conflicts of Interest

Other than the disclosure of the conflicts of interest and required information set forth below, Ehlers & Associates knows of no other actual or potential material conflicts of interest that may impair our duties and obligations to the Client.

Conflicts Arising from Compensation Contingent on the Size or Closing of Any Transaction

Ehlers' Municipal Advisor fees may be contingent on the size and successful closing of a transaction. Compensation contingent on the size of a transaction presents a conflict of interest because the Municipal Advisor may have an incentive to advise the Client to increase the size of the securities issue for the purpose of increasing the Municipal Advisor's compensation. Compensation contingent on the closing of the transaction presents a conflict because the Municipal Advisor may have an incentive to recommend unnecessary or unsuitable financings to the Client. In addition, if the transaction is to be delayed or fail to close, a Municipal Advisor may have an incentive to discourage a full consideration of such facts and circumstances or alternatives that may result in the cancellation of the transaction. Understanding these conflicts, the Client should select a form of compensation that best meets its needs for the agreed-upon scope of services set forth in this agreement and any applicable addenda.

Any form of compensation due the Municipal Advisor will likely present specific conflicts of interest. If the Client is concerned about conflicts arising from Municipal Advisor compensation contingent on size and/or closing of a transaction, Ehlers & Associates is willing to offer another form of municipal advisor compensation. The following conditions apply:

- The Client must notify Ehlers & Associates in writing of this request within 10 days of receipt of this Municipal Advisor Disclosure.
- Ehlers & Associates is required under MSRB rules to uphold its fiduciary obligation regardless of the method of compensation.

Other Engagements or Relationships Impairing Ability to Provide Municipal Advisor Advice

Ehlers & Associates is not aware of any other engagement or relationship that may impair our ability to render municipal advisor advice in accordance with our duties of loyalty and care.

Affiliated Entities

Ehlers Companies is a holding company with three wholly-owned subsidiaries. Ehlers & Associates is a registered municipal advisor and provides municipal advisory, economic development, and dissemination agent services. Bond Trust Service Corporation (BTSC), which may be referenced as Ehlers Paying Agent Services, provides paying agent services. Ehlers Investment Partners (EIP), which may be referenced as Ehlers Investments, provides services with respect to the investment of bond proceeds and general cash accounts. If the Client requires services provided by BTSC or EIP while Ehlers & Associates is engaged as municipal advisor, we will ask if you wish to retain either of these affiliates to fulfill them. If the Client wishes to retain BTSC and/or EIP, each entity will draft a separate agreement for consideration and approval. Ehlers & Associates and these affiliates do not share fees. However, compensation paid to personnel of Ehlers & Associates and its affiliates is based on the overall profitability of the Ehlers Companies. Therefore, fees earned by the affiliates of Ehlers & Associates may affect the compensation of Ehlers & Associates personnel.

Ehlers Companies is the owner of Ehlers & Associates. Ehlers Companies does not participate in the day-to-day operations of the Municipal Advisor.

Solicitors/Payments Made to Obtain/Retain Client Business

Ehlers & Associates does not use solicitors to secure municipal advisor engagements. We also do not make direct or indirect payments to obtain or retain municipal advisory engagements with the Client.

Payments from Third Parties

Ehlers & Associates does not receive any direct or indirect payments from third-parties to enlist Ehlers & Associates' recommendation to the Client of third-party services, any municipal securities transaction or any municipal financial product.

Payments/Fee-splitting Arrangements

Ehlers & Associates does not share fees with any unaffiliated parties that provide services to the Client. However, within a joint proposal with other professional service providers, Ehlers & Associates could be the contracting party, or be a subcontractor to the contracting party resulting in a fee splitting arrangement. In these cases, we will identify the fee due Ehlers & Associates in the Municipal Advisor Disclosure. Ehlers & Associates will receive no other fees from any of the other participating professionals in the joint proposal.

Municipal Advisor Registration

Ehlers & Associates is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB).

Material Legal or Disciplinary Events

Neither Ehlers & Associates nor any of its associated persons have been involved in any legal or disciplinary events reported on Form MA or MA-I and there are no other material legal or disciplinary events to be reported. Ehlers & Associates' application for permanent registration as a municipal advisor with the (SEC) was granted on July 28, 2014 and contained the information prescribed under Section 15B(a)(2) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 and rules thereunder. This application did not list any information on legal or disciplinary disclosures.

The Client may access Ehlers & Associates' most recent Form MA and each most recent Form MA-I by searching the Securities and Exchange Commission's EDGAR system (currently available at

<https://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/companysearch>

under either our Company Name (Ehlers & Associates, Inc.) or by using the currently available "Fast Search" function and entering our CIK number (0001604197).

Ehlers & Associates has not made any material changes to Form MA or Form MA-I since they were last updated.

MSRB Contact Information

The website address of the MSRB is www.msrb.org. The site includes a municipal advisory client brochure describing the protections that MSRB rules may provide and how to file a complaint with an appropriate regulatory authority.

Appendix B

Debt Issuance Scope of Work

Scope of Service

The Client has retained Ehlers & Associates to assist the Client with the issuance of debt ("Issuance") to finance and/or refinance a project. Ehlers & Associates agrees to work with the Client's Financing Team (Client staff member(s) and other professionals such as Bond Counsel selected by the Client to assist in the Issuance) and provide the following scope of services in connection with the Issuance:

Authorization

- Provide information or input to assist Client with meeting the legal Issuance requirements.
- Develop a timeline of steps and actions required to meet legal and financing requirements related to the Issuance. As directed, requested or required:
 - assist Client with selection and engagement of other members of the finance team;
 - participate in preparing materials and/or attending meetings for proceedings required to lawfully authorize the Issuance;
 - assist Client in preparing information to explain the financing plan and the financial impact of the Issuance;
 - attend meetings to assist in explaining the financing plan and the impact of the proposed Issuance to elected officials and constituents.

Debt Issuance

- Use its best efforts to execute the financing plan in accordance with Client's directives;
- Present a financing plan to Client in the form of a Presale Report;
- Request current and necessary information from Client, if the Issuance proceeds forward;
- Discuss with Client post-issuance compliance obligations including continuing disclosure, record-keeping, arbitrage monitoring;
- Finalize Issuance details and time line with Client;
- Assist, as directed by Client, with preparation of preliminary official statement for review by Client's Financing Team;
- Conduct offering document Due Diligence;
- Distribute preliminary official statement in accordance with Notice of Sale and/or Client's direction;
- Assist Client with credit rating(s) and/or credit enhancement(s), as necessary;
- Assist Client with responding to questions regarding the Issuance;
- Conduct the sale and coordinate day of sale activities with Client's Financing Team;
- Document the results of day of sale activities in the form of a Sale Day report;

- Assist, as directed by Client, with preparation of final official statement for review by Client's Financing Team;
- Distribute final official statement in accordance with Notice of Sale and/or Client's direction;
- Review New Issue disclosure requirements, including verification of whether client is subject to disclosure requirements, and notification as to changes in disclosure type, as necessary;
- Determine the need to create or update post issuance policies and procedures, as necessary;
- Conduct Disclosure Compliance review, including creating or updating compliance review checklists, preparing language for offering documents, preparing any required special disclosure language for bond counsel, file corrective disclosure filings, as necessary;
- Review offering document Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, inform client of events 15 & 16 if newly subject, confirm CUSIPS and verify rating, as necessary;
- Respond to inquiries from prospective underwriters regarding past disclosure filing history, as necessary;
- Review issue background and declarations of intent, along with spend down plan in light of applicable arbitrage rules, including determination of exempt status, as necessary.

Post Issuance

- Prior to the closing of the Issuance, coordinate the closing including document development and distribution as well as coordinate transfer of funds, as required;
- Provide electronic or hard copy issuance transcripts, as required;
- Respond to Client questions relating to the Issuance;
- Monitor refunding opportunities on Client's behalf for all Client debt;
- File financial obligation event notice, as necessary;
- Orient issuer to basic arbitrage concepts, tracking tools and record retention requirements, as necessary;
- Provide cash flow analysis and monitoring, including communicating records retention and spend down requirements, throughout the spend down process, as necessary;
- Discuss issuer concerns as they relate to arbitrage related issues, as necessary.

Compensation

The fee for this engagement shall not exceed \$36,100. This fee covers all services to be provided by Ehlers & Associates under the "Scope of Service" section set forth in this agreement and is not contingent of the successful closing of the Issuance. In the event the Issuance is not closed, Ehlers & Associates will bill the Client only for the portion of the Scope of Services performed. Ehlers & Associates will not assess fees for any costs relating to copies, postage, or mileage. Fees are due and payable upon receipt of each invoice.

The Client is responsible for all other expenses related to the Issuance. Examples of potential expenses that may apply include, but are not limited to: underwriting discount, legal services, rating expenses, publication of notices, paying agent fees, escrow agent fees, verification agent, trustee fees, accounting services, CUSIP expense, and any fees charged for information required for the preparation of offering documents.

Hourly Charges

For any service directed by the Client and not covered by this, or another applicable Appendix, Ehlers & Associates will bill the Client at an hourly rate dependent upon the tasks and staff required to meet Client request. The hourly rate(s) will be no less than \$125.00 per hour and no more than \$495.00 per hour.

This debt issuance engagement will end upon the Client's receipt of debt issuance funds.



BID TABULATION

\$7,255,000* Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026A

City of Green Bay, Wisconsin

SALE: February 19, 2026

AWARD: BERNARDI SECURITIES, INC.

Rating: Moody's Investor's Service "Aa3" / Positive

Taxable - Non-Bank Qualified

NAME OF INSTITUTION	MATURITY (April 1)	COUPON RATE	REOFFERING YIELD	PRICE	TRUE INTEREST RATE
BERNARDI SECURITIES, INC. Northfield, Illinois	2028	5.000%	3.600%	\$7,209,693.50	4.6718%
	2029	5.000%	3.650%		
	2030	5.000%	3.750%		
	2031	5.000%	3.800%		
	2032	5.000%	3.900%		
	2033	5.000%	4.000%		
	2034	5.000%	4.100%		
	2035	4.200%	4.200%		
	2036	4.300%	4.300%		
	2037	4.300%	4.400%		
	2038	4.400%	4.500%		
	2039	4.450%	4.550%		
	2040	4.500%	4.600%		
	2041	4.550%	4.650%		
	2042	4.600%	4.700%		
	2043	4.650%	4.750%		
	2044	4.700%	4.800%		
	2045	4.750%	4.850%		
BAIRD Milwaukee, Wisconsin					4.7362%
PIPER SANDLER & CO. Chicago, Illinois					4.7582%
HUNTINGTON SECURITIES, INC Chicago, Illinois					4.7847%
UMB BANK, N.A. Kansas City, Missouri					4.8276%

* Subsequent to bid opening the issue size was decreased to \$7,185,000.

Adjusted Price: \$7,141,377.74 Adjusted Net Interest Cost: \$4,187,143.02 Adjusted TIC: 4.6690%

BARRON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - _____

Ordinance Revising and Adopting Barron County Rules & Procedures

The Barron County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows

1
2 **WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee has reviewed Chapter 2, Article II. Board
3 of Supervisors; Administrative Procedures and Operations – Division 1 through Division
4 5 of the General Code of Barron County, known as “County Board Rules and Procedures”;
5 and
6

7 **WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the Barron
8 County Board of Supervisors repeal and recreate Chapter 2, Article II. Board of
9 Supervisors; Administrative Procedures and Operations – Division 1 through Division 5 of
10 the General Code of Barron County known as “County Board Rules and Procedures” as
11 outlined on the attached document; and

12 **WHEREAS**, this ordinance was approved by the Executive Committee on 3/9/26,
13 on a vote of 8-0, with Anderson, Bartlett, Heller, Nelson, Okey, Okey, Rogers, Thompson
14 and Wenzel voting in favor and no members against.
15

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, that the Barron County Board of
17 Supervisors hereby repeals Chapter 2, Article II. Board of Supervisors; Administrative
18 Procedures and Operations – Division 1 through Division 5 of the General Code of Barron
19 County, known as “County Board Rules & Procedures”, and recreates Chapter 2, Article
20 II. Board of Supervisors; Administrative Procedures and Operations – Division 1 through
21 Division 8 as outlined on the attached document.
22

23 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall be effective upon its
24 adoption and publication and that publication of this ordinance may occur through posting
25 in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
26

OFFERED THIS 16th day of March, 2026.

<p>Number of readings required: One () Two (X) unless Rules suspended by 2/3 vote of members present</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority () 2/3 Entire Board (20) (X) 2/3 members present</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted () General Fund () Grant () Contingency () Other () 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>Board Action: Adopted () Failed () Tabled ()</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department</p> <p>_____ Michelle Drury, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by County Administrator:</p> <p>_____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>Approved as to form by Corporation Counsel:</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>
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BARRON COUNTY

CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND OPERATIONS

“RULES AND PROCEDURES”

BARRON COUNTY RULES AND PROCEDURES

March 16, 2026

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DIVISION 1: PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS
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1.01 PURPOSE

The Barron County Board of Supervisors (referred to as the “County Board” or “Board”) recognizes and understands the importance of county government, and the programs and services it provides, to the citizens of Barron County. The County Board further recognizes County citizens’ rightful expectation that the financial resources provided the County through tax levy and other sources be invested in a wise and deliberate matter. Therefore, in recognition of these principles, the County Board hereby adopts the following County Board Rules and Procedures (referred to as “Board Rules and Procedures” or “Rules and Procedures”) in order to promote orderly and efficient rules of governance for the County Board and all county-related governmental bodies.

1.02 INTERPRETATION

These Board Rules and Procedures are not intended to, and shall not, supersede any requirements

or provisions in the Wisconsin Statutes. In the event of any conflict between the Wisconsin Statutes and these Board Rules, the Wisconsin Statutes shall take precedence. These rules and procedures should be reviewed after every reorganizational meeting of the County Board.

DIVISION 2 COUNTY BOARD ORGANIZATION
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2.01 COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS

The two-year period of time between the organizational meetings in Section 2.01(A) hereof shall constitute a session of the County Board, and any business pending and upon which the Board has not acted prior to the close of a session can no longer be acted upon without being reintroduced.

(A) THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING. On the third Tuesday in April in even-numbered years, after each Spring general election at which County Board Members are elected for full terms, the County Board will meet and shall:

1. Organize and transact general business;
2. COUNTY BOARD CHAIR. Elect a member Board Chair to perform the duties set forth in Wis. Stat. § 59.12(1). There are no term limits for the position of County Board Chair.
The Board Chair shall be nominated by ballot and may speak for not more than five (5) minutes. The Board Chair will be chosen by written ballot of the entire County Board. If more than two (2) candidates appear on the ballot, the two (2) top vote getters shall have a run-off election. Balloting will continue until a candidate receives a majority vote.
 - (a) The County Clerk shall serve as Chair pro tempore of the Organizational Meeting until such time as the County Board elects the Board Chair. Voting shall take place by written secret ballot and the County Clerk and others designated by the County Clerk shall serve as ballot clerks.
3. 1ST AND 2ND VICE CHAIRS. Elect a member 1st Vice Chair and 2nd Vice Chair to perform the duties set forth in Wis. Stat. § 59.12(2). There are no term limits for the position of 1st Vice Chair or 2nd Vice Chair. The Vice Chairs (separately starting with the 1st Vice Chair) shall be nominated by ballot and may speak for not more than five (5) minutes. The Vice Chairs will be chosen by written ballot of the entire County Board. If more than two (2) candidates appear on the ballot, the two (2) top vote getters shall have a run-off election. Balloting will continue until a candidate receives a majority vote.
4. ELECTIVE COMMITTEE PROCESS. Prior to the election, those Supervisors desiring to serve on the Highway Committee, shall so advise the County Board and may speak for not more than five (5) minutes prior to the election of the Highway Committee. The Highway Committee will be chosen by written and initialed ballot of the entire County Board. Each ballot will be for all five (5) unfilled positions. If more than five (5) candidates appear on the ballot, the top five (5) candidates receiving the most votes shall be elected.

- (a) **HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.** The Highway Committee shall consist of five (5) members of the County Board. The Highway Committee shall be elected biannually. Statutory duties of the Committee are set forth pursuant to § 83.015 (a) Wis. Stats. The Highway Safety Committee shall be a staff advisory committee to the Highway Committee (Ordinance #2006 - 28). County Board members serving on State or Federal Highway committees, boards or associations shall serve as an *ex-officio* member of the Highway Committee.

5. **COMMITTEES OF THE COUNTY BOARD AND OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – CREATION AND EXISTENCE.**

- (a) **STANDING COMMITTEES.** The County Board has established the standing committee (referred to as “Standing Committees” or “Appointive Committees”) as designated in Appendix A to these Board Rules. Standing Committees are regular committees of the County Board, shall have the authority, power, duties and responsibilities as set forth in Appendix A. Appointment to such committees is set forth in section XX below

(B) **THE ANNUAL MEETING.** The County Board will convene for an annual meeting for the purpose of transacting general business on a date established in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 59.11(1)(a). The Annual Meeting may be adjourned from time to time as allowed under the Wisconsin Statutes. The Board shall meet in the Government Center in the City of Barron, or any other location in the county that may be noticed by the chair, in suitable quarters provided for such purpose. Unless otherwise provided, Robert’s Rules of Order, latest edition, shall govern the action of the Board. Parliamentarian shall be the County Administrator and Corporation Counsel as Co-Parliamentarians.

(C) **REGULAR MEETINGS.** The County Board shall set the meeting schedule for the coming year at the January meeting each year for the purpose of transacting general business. Meetings shall typically be the 3rd Monday of the month with meetings from November through April set at 9:00 am and meetings from May through October set at 5:00 pm

(D) **SPECIAL MEETINGS.** Special meetings of the County Board may be called in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 59.11(2), or at the call of the Board Chair. If a meeting is called pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.11(2), the written request delivered to the County Clerk shall conform to Wis. Stat. § 59.11(2)(a) and contain the proposed agenda for the meeting. Approval by the County of requests for special meetings made by a taxpayer for a personal interest shall require advance payment to cover the cost of the meeting.

(E) **PRESIDING OFFICER.** The Chair shall call the Board to order at the hour named, shall preside at all meetings of the Board. He/she shall decide all questions of order and the agenda, subject to appeal. He/she shall preserve order and see that the rules are enforced. He/she shall vote upon all roll calls when his/her name is called, except on appeal from his/her own decisions; and shall further perform all statutory duties enumerated in § 59.12, Wis. Stats. In his/her absence or disability, the 1st Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair. In the absence or disability of the 1st Vice Chair and Chair, the 2nd Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair.

2.02 **COUNTY BOARD MEETING AGENDA AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

(A) The Board Chair, in consultation with the County Administrator, County Clerk, Corporation Counsel, Finance Director, Human Resources Director along with the 1st Vice Chair and 2nd Vice Chair is responsible for the contents of the agenda for any County Board meeting except for a special meeting called pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.11(2)(a).

(B) Any member of the Board desiring an item to be placed on the agenda for a board meeting shall either:

1. Request that the Board Chair place the item on the agenda and the Board Chair may grant or refuse the request; or

2. Make a motion during the Future Agenda Items portion of the agenda at a County Board meeting to have an item placed on the agenda for the next meeting and, if such motion is adopted, the item shall be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

(C) The County Clerk, in consultation with the Board Chair, is responsible for providing notice of every meeting of the County Board by posting the agenda in compliance with Wisconsin's Open Meetings Law, Wis. Stat. § 19.81, et seq.

(D) The County Clerk shall distribute the agenda and meeting packet to all County Board Members, the County Administrator and the Corporation Counsel, in addition to any other interested persons identified by the Board Chair, approximately five (5) days prior to a regular County Board meeting. For special meetings, the agenda and meeting packet shall be delivered at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting except in the event of an emergency, in which case the agenda and meeting packet shall be delivered as soon as practicable. Any Committee or Board Member responsible for submitting materials (resolutions, ordinances, ordinance amendments, reports, etc.) for inclusion in the meeting packet shall provide the materials to the County Clerk (with a copy to the County Administrator) no later than one (1) preceding the week of the regular meeting (sooner if possible). The agenda and meeting packets shall be delivered in electronic format to the recipient's county email address unless a recipient requests a hard copy of the materials. The requirements of this Section 2.02(D) may be waived, in whole or in part, by the Board Chair in their discretion.

2.03 COUNTY EMAIL ADDRESSES

The County shall provide every Board Member with a county email address and computing device. All Board Members shall utilize the county email address and computing device for county business and shall not conduct county business on any other email address.

2.04 APPOINTIVE COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

(A) STANDING COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. Membership on Committees will be by appointment made by the County Board Chair subject to approval by the County Board. Appointments to non-elective Board and Commissions shall be made by the County Administrator per WS 59.18(2)(c). Committees shall be evaluated every two years prior to the County Board reorganizational meeting to determine whether changes in committee

structure and/or consolidation with another committee is appropriate. The purpose and duties of these Boards, Committees and Commissions are outlined in Appendix A. Unless stated elsewhere, Committee appointments will be for a two (2) year period following the biannual organizational meeting following election. Alternate members may be appointed at the Chair's discretion. All committee members (board and citizen) shall be paid per diem and mileage for service on Boards, Committees and Commissions. On Committees, Boards and Commissions upon which an *ex officio* member has been authorized, such member shall attend all meetings, be eligible for per diems and mileage, and serve as an alternate in the absence of a member. An *ex officio* member shall not be a voting member unless serving as an alternate or unless the rules of that specific committee so allow or control to the contrary. List of Standing Committees, Boards and Commission in Appendix A.

(B) COMMITTEE RULES.

1. The County Board Chair, 1st Vice Chair, and 2nd Vice Chair may be used by all committees when needed to constitute a quorum or fill in for absent members as voting members (or as is necessary for Zoning Committee or Board of Adjustment if they meet the statutory restrictions and requirements.) The Chair and Vice Chairs should attend such meetings as deemed necessary to gain sufficient knowledge of committee functions to be able to serve as a voting committee member. Supervisors from Districts 10, 11 and 12 may serve as alternates and committees as requested by County Administrator.

(a) Unless created by the County Board, a governmental body does not exist. Any other type of workgroup or sub-committees that are created are delegated to Administration under the auspices of the County Administrator whose function is to report their findings to the appropriate oversight committee for policy consideration. These types of workgroups do not create policy, they provide information to the Administrator. Department Head meetings are not a governmental body. Also defining that Work Groups are sub-committees of existing/standing committees.

2. At the first committee meeting following reorganization, the Department Head, **County Administrator** or appointee shall convene the meeting. Each committee shall elect a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary as needed. Committees having representation on the Executive Committee shall designate a representative. The meeting minutes shall be distributed according to established policy. (Resolution 2003-30). A copy of the minutes should be delivered to the County Clerk no later than ten (10) days following the meeting.

3. All committees shall have authority conferred by the statutes and laws of Wisconsin and given them by resolution or ordinance of the County Board and shall be limited in their authority by laws and statutes of the State or by ordinance or resolution of the Board. Such committees shall also have such other duties as are hereafter imposed and all such authority as may have previously been conferred upon any committee performing such duties before adoption of these rules.

4. Salary adjustments and creation of new positions in all departments shall follow established administrative policies and procedures, and shall be referred for review to the Oversight Committee and Executive Committee for recommendation to the full Board by

resolution setting forth the requested pay scale and total fiscal impact. Salary adjustments within the established budget may be approved by the oversight committee and Executive Committee.

5. Every subject matter shall be referred without motion or debate to its appropriate committee unless otherwise directed. All committees shall give all matters referred to them due and careful consideration and report their findings and recommendations. All members of committees shall hold over until their successors have been appointed, except that the Chair of the Board is hereby authorized to appoint a successor for any member of the County Board who ceases to be a Supervisor under § 59.10(3)(e), Wis. Stats.

6. County Board and Committee Agenda items may be reordered at the will of the body. The meetings of the Barron County Board of Supervisors are legislative in nature and are not a working committee; therefore, input from the public is at the discretion of the Board or Committee Chair.

(C) **AD HOC COMMITTEES** The County Board may form ad hoc committees (referred to as “Ad Hoc Committees”) from time to time by resolution or action of the County Board. Any resolution or action creating an Ad Hoc Committee shall specify the name of the committee, the committee’s purpose, the number of members of the committee, the appointing authority for committee membership, the duration of the committee and the committee’s reporting relationship.

(D) **NON-COUNTY COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.** Non-County Committees, Boards and Commissions consist of those that are not created or controlled by the County Board of Supervisors, but have a County Board member or members representing the interest of Barron County. The member(s) may be voting or non-voting as set forth in the individual Committee, Board or Commission by-laws. Membership on such Committees, will be by appointment by the County Board Chair, subject to approval by the County Board. Appointments to non-elective Boards and Commissions shall be made by the County Administrator per § 59.18(2)(c), Wis. Stats. The purpose and duties of these boards are outlined in Appendix B.

2.05 COUNTY BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION

(A) **Per Diem** for meetings attended (Total daily Per Diem limit - \$95.00. Applies to Barron County Board of Supervisors. County Board Supervisors and citizen members of committees, boards and commissions shall submit a signed and dated Payroll Time Sheet. For timely payment, the Payroll Time Sheet must be submitted within 5 business days of the end of the month. Any Payroll Time Sheet submitted past 60 days of meeting will not be paid. Reimbursement of expenses will comply with the Barron County Expense Reimbursement Policy as previously approved on November 11, 2011. Travel outside the County which requires travel the day before or after a scheduled National conference is eligible for a per diem.

(B) **County Board Meetings.** Board Members shall receive \$95.00 for each day’s attendance at a County Board meeting. (Limited to 25 mtgs. Per year by Sec. 59.10(3)(h), Wis. Stats.

(C) **Committee Meetings.** (Limited to 50 meetings per committee per year by County Board Resolution).

- (1) \$45.00 for 1st and 2nd committee meeting and \$5.00 for 3rd committee meeting of the day with a maximum daily per diem of \$95.00.
- (2) Conference – Full Day – defined as conference attendance for more than 4 hours - \$75.00. Less than full day – defined as conference attendance for 4 hours or less - \$45.00. (Conference attendance is allowed/applicable to the Committee on which the member is serving unless previous approval given by Administrator or County Board Chair).
- (3) Per diem and mileage only paid for a committee or board meeting that the supervisor is appointed to, requested to attend with prior approval by the County Board Chair or County Administrator.
- (4) Per diems paid for phone appearances.
- (5) Payment for attending by phone is permissible if the meeting is out-of-county held by a non-Barron County controlled or organized group.
- (6) Published meeting minutes and agenda must be created as a result of a meeting in question. Both of these documents shall be submitted to the Clerk and County Administrator.
- (7) Appeal of denial for reimbursement of expenses that do not meet the above criteria can be made to the Executive Committee.
- (8) County Board members are required to submit a time sheet for meetings attended either in paper or electronic format, which shall be completed clearly and legibly and shall state the committee meeting and/or sub-committee meeting attended and date.

(D) Reimbursement of Expenses.

- (1) **Mileage.** Mileage shall be reimbursed at the county rate for mileage actually driven. Only the driver is entitled to reimbursement.
- (2) **Travel Outside the State.** All travel outside the State for attendance by employees/local officials at national conferences or other County related business shall have prior approval of the oversight committee, County Administrator and the Executive Committee.
- (3) **Meals.** Meals shall be reimbursed when the meeting takes you outside Barron County as defined by the Barron County Employee Expense Reimbursement Policy. Gratuity not included.
- (4) **Lodging.** When County business requires an overnight stay for lodging, for County personnel only, shall be reimbursed at the applicable state rate, gratuity not included. Each person should make arrangements by letter to have their cost “Direct Billed” and tax exempt. Information can be obtained from the Finance Department.
- (5) **Telephone, Tolls and Miscellaneous Expenses.** Expenses shall be reimbursed at cost per receipt.
- (6) **No Receipts Available.** In the rare event that a receipt is not available, the County

Administrator may give authorization for reimbursement for eligible expenses after proper explanation and/or proof that obtaining a receipt was not possible.

- (E) **Other Meetings.** Board Members shall receive compensation as provided in this Section 2.05 for attending a meeting of a body that is not a Committee only with the Board Chair's prior approval. Board Members who are not members of the Committee may receive compensation as provided in this Section 2.05 for attending a meeting only when attendance at the meeting is directed or approved by the Board Chair.

- (F) **Board Chair Compensation.** In addition to the compensation set forth in this Section 2.07, the Board Chair shall receive an additional \$550.00 per month effective April 2026 (Resolution 25-40).

2.06 Meeting Minutes

(A) **County Board Meetings.** The County Clerk is responsible for the preparation of minutes for all meetings of the County Board. A draft form of the minutes of meetings shall be included in the meeting packet distributed prior to County Board meetings.

(B) **Committee, Other Board and Commission Meetings.** The County Clerk shall confer with the Chair of any Committee to appoint a person to take and record the minutes of any meeting of the Committee. Any person so appointed shall not be a County Board Member. All draft minutes shall be filed with the County Clerk's office no later than 14 days after the meeting to which the draft minutes apply and shall be in a format approved by the County Clerk.

2.07 County Board Meeting Seating Arrangements

County Board Members shall be seated alphabetically unless the Board determines another seating arrangement such as in order by district number. The Board Chair, County Administrator, Finance Director, County Clerk and Corporation Counsel shall sit at the designated head of the room in the order established by the Board Chair. There shall be a designated area for members of the public and members of the press. The Board Chair may alter the seating arrangements to meet the needs of individual Board Members or members of the public.

2.08 Board Relationship with County Administrator and Department Heads

The County Board serves as the legislative body in County government. As such, the County Board's role is to enact policy. To implement the policy the County Board establishes, the County shall appoint a person as the County Administrator according to Wis. Stat. § 59.18(1). The County Administrator shall perform all duties and have such authority as specified in Wis. Stat. § 59.18, these Board Rules and as otherwise may be authorized and directed by the County Board from time to time. Department Heads are responsible, and shall report, to the County Administrator. County Board Members desiring information or a report from a Department Head or other County staff shall request such information or report either in the context of a County

Board or Committee meeting or from the County Administrator.

2.09 Office of County Board Member

A. SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS

1. Maximum number of supervisors. Counties with a population of less than 50,000 but at least 25,000 shall have no more than 31 supervisors (§ 59.10(3)(a)3., Wis. Stats.). Every ten (10) years prior to redistricting, the County shall evaluate the number of Supervisory Districts. Subject to §59.10(2)(d), the Board may not more than once prior to November 15, 2010 decrease the number of supervisory districts as set every 10 years.

B. ELECTION AND TERM OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisors are county officials and shall be elected for 2-year terms at the election to be held on the first Tuesday in April in even-numbered years and shall take office on the 3rd Tuesday in April of that year.

C. VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF BOARD SUPERVISOR

(a) Vacancies – How Caused. Vacancies in the office of Barron County Board Supervisor shall be determined according to Wis. Stat. § 17.03.

(b) Vacancies – How Filled. Vacancies in the office of Barron County Board Supervisor shall be filled according to Wis. Stat. § 59.10(3)(e).

2.10 Official Statements by Board Members

No Board Member other than the Board Chair is authorized to make any official statement or comment on behalf of the County Board. If a Board Member makes a statement or comment, the Board Member shall ensure such statement or comment contains language indicating the statement or comment reflects the personal views of the Board Member and not the views of the County Board.

2.11 Closed Session at Committee Meetings - Attendance

In accordance with Wis. Stat. § 19.89, and unless otherwise provided by law, no Board Member may be excluded from any meeting of the Committee or Other Board and Commission provided, however, that a Committee or Other Board and Commission may exclude a Board Member that is not a member of the Committee or Other Board and Commission from a closed session portion of a meeting upon majority vote of the Committee or Other Board and Commission members present.

3.01 County Board Chair

- (A) The Board Chair shall perform all duties of the chairperson as specified in Wis. Stat. Sec. 59.12(1) and perform such other duties as specified in these Board Rules. In addition, the Board Chair shall perform such other duties as the County Board may authorize from time to time. In presiding over meetings of the County Board, the Board Chair shall decide all questions of order or procedure, subject to appeal to the Board, and at all times preserve order, decorum and see that the rules are enforced.
- (B) The Board Chair may serve as a member, with full rights and privileges, of any Committee if there is otherwise not a full Committee membership present. The Chair should attend such meetings as deemed necessary to gain sufficient knowledge of committee functions to be able to serve as a voting committee member.
- (C) In his/her absence or disability, the 1st Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair. In the absence or disability of the 1st Vice Chair, the 2nd Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair.
- (D) There are no term limits for the County Board Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair or any member of the Boards, Committees or Commissions. All appointments will be for two (2) year terms unless otherwise designated.
- (E) Chair shall vote upon all roll calls when his/her name is called except on appeal from his/her own decisions.
- (F) The Board Chair shall be a member of Executive Committee. The Board Chair shall be the Chair of Executive Committee.
- (G) The Board Chair shall serve as the spokesperson for the County Board and is authorized to comment to the public or press on any matter of County business provided any such comments are consistent with the County Board's policies or expressed positions.
- (H) In the event of a vacancy in the position of Board Chair, the County Board shall hold an election for the position according to the procedure set forth in Article 2.01(A).
- (I) Chair may administer oaths to persons required to be sworn concerning any matter to the Board or a Committee of the Board or connected with their powers or duties.
- (J) **The County Board Chair is designated at the "Highest Elected Official" for purposes of signing grants and other documents for the Federal Government.**
- (K) Meetings of the Chair, 1st Vice-Chair and 2nd Vice-Chair are not to be construed as a meeting pursuant to the Open Meeting Law. They do not constitute a formally constituted sub-committee of the County Board or committee of the County Board.

3.02 County Board 1st Vice-Chair

(A) The 1st Vice Chair shall perform all duties of the Board Chair in the absence or disability of the Board Chair and perform such other duties as specified in these Board Rules. In addition, the 1st Vice Chair shall perform such other duties as the County Board may authorize from time to time.

(B) The 1st Vice Chair shall be a member of Executive Committee.

(C) The 1st Vice Chair may serve as a member, with full rights and privileges, of any Committee if there is otherwise not full Committee Membership present. The 1st Vice Chair should attend such meetings as deemed necessary to gain sufficient knowledge of committee functions to be able to serve as a voting committee member.

(D) In the event of a vacancy in the position of 1st Vice Chair, the County Board shall hold an election for the position according to the procedure set forth in Section 2.01(A).

3.03 County Board 2nd Vice-Chair

(A) The 2nd Vice Chair shall perform all duties of the Board Chair in the absence or disability of the Board Chair and 1st Vice Chair, and perform such other duties as specified in these Board Rules. In addition, the 2nd Vice Chair shall perform such other duties as the County Board may authorize from time to time.

(B) The 2nd Vice Chair shall be a member of Executive Committee.

(C) The 2nd Vice Chair may serve as a member, with full rights and privileges, of any Committee if there is otherwise not full Committee membership present. The 2nd Vice Chair should attend such meetings as deemed necessary to gain sufficient knowledge of committee functions to be able to serve as a voting committee member.

(D) In the event of a vacancy in the position of 2nd Vice Chair, the County Board shall hold an election for the position according to the procedure set forth in Section 2.01(A).

3.04 Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees.

The Chair of a Committee shall preside at Committee meetings and otherwise serve as the spokesperson on behalf of the Committee in County Board meetings. The Committee vice chair shall assume the responsibilities of the Committee chair in the Chair's absence.

DIVISION 4 RULES OF PROCEDURE

4.01 Parliamentary Authority

The latest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* ("RONR") shall govern the

proceedings at all meetings of the County Board and the Committees. The County Administrator and Corporation Counsel shall serve as co-parliamentarians for all meetings of the County Board and shall consult with the Board Chair on all questions of parliamentary procedure.

4.02 Committee of the Whole

The County Board may convene as the committee of the whole at the call of the Board Chair provided the public is provided notice of any such meeting in accordance with Wisconsin's Open Meetings Law, Wis. Stat. § 19.81, et seq. When holding a meeting of the committee of the whole, the Chair shall be chosen according to Robert's Rules of Order.

4.03 Remote Attendance at Meetings

- a. County Board Meetings.** Attendance at all County Board meetings by Supervisors is mandatory pursuant to Section 59.11(4), Wisconsin Statutes. If a Supervisor cannot attend a regularly scheduled Board meeting, the Supervisor shall contact the Chair or County Clerk at least two (2) days prior to the meeting, if possible with an explanation of the absence. Any absences shall be noted in the Minutes.
- b. Virtual Meetings and Attendance at County Board Meetings.** All County Board meetings shall be held in person and there is a presumption that all County Board members attend County Board meetings in person. However, the County Board recognizes that some circumstances may require virtual attendance. County Board meetings may be held virtually, and County Board Members may virtually attend in-person County Board meetings, pursuant to the following rules:

 - i. All virtual County Board meetings, attendance and participation shall be subject to and shall comply with all applicable laws, including, but not limited to, Wisconsin's open meetings laws set forth in Wis. Stat. Ch. 19. All County Board meeting notices and agendas shall have instructions for virtual access.
 - ii. The County Board Chair may authorize a fully-virtual County Board meeting if deemed necessary, within the County Board Chair's discretion. A County Board Member may still attend a fully-virtual meeting in person as long as the County's meeting premises are accessible.
 - iii. A County Board Member may virtually attend County Board Meetings. A County Board Member shall not be allowed to virtually attend a closed session of the County Board.
 - iv. The County Board Chair shall attend any County Board meeting in person unless a fully-virtual meeting is called pursuant to (a)(ii) above, or in the event of emergency or other extraordinary circumstances.

- v. Any County Board Member virtually attending a meeting shall comply with all rules of conduct, etiquette and ethics as required by these Rules and other applicable laws.
- vi. In the event of a County Board Member's non-compliance or abuse of this Rule, the County Board Chair shall review these Rules and expectations with the County Board Member. If non-compliance continues, the matter shall be reviewed by the County Ethics Committee.

c. Virtual Meetings and Attendance at Committee, Board and Commission Meetings.

- i. Committee, Board and Commission members are expected to attend all Committee meetings in person, which they are appointed to represent. Virtual attendance by a Committee, Board or Commission member shall be allowed at such scheduled meeting if the option is available for such meeting. Such member should provide advance notice of their intention to appear virtually.
- ii. The Committee, Board or Commission Chair, (Vice-Chair or designee if chairing the meeting in the Chair's absence) shall attend the meeting in person.
- iii. Committee, Board and Commissions should discuss and make arrangements for members to appear virtually at scheduled meetings if possible.
- iv. Committee, Board or Commission members shall not be allowed to virtually attend a closed session of the Committee, Board or Commission meeting.
- v. Any member virtually attending a meeting shall comply with all rules of conduct, etiquette and ethics as required by these Rules and other applicable laws.
- vi. In the event of a member's non-compliance or abuse of this Rule, the Committee, Board or Commission Chair shall review these Rules and expectations with the member. If non-compliance continues, the matter shall be reviewed by the County Ethics Committee.
- vii. If a member cannot attend a regularly scheduled meeting, the member shall contact the Committee, Board or Commission Chair, County Clerk or County Administrator at least two (2) days prior to the meeting, if possible, with an explanation of the absence. Absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

- d. Non-County Committees, Boards and Commissions.** This subsection deals with virtual attendance at Committee, Board and Commission meeting that the County has members or representatives serving on; however, the county does not organize the meeting and they are typically not held on county property. Virtual attendance by the County Representative shall be allowed at such meetings if the option is available for such meeting. This shall include the following Non-County Committees, Boards and Commissions are listed in Appendix C.

4.04 Procedures Common to all Committees, Boards and Commissions.

1. Removal of County Board and/or Committee members: County Board Supervisors removal is covered under §§17.14 and 17.16, Wis. Stats.
1. A Committee/Commission or Board may recommend removal of a member to the County Board on a two-thirds vote of the Committee/Commissions or Board. The County Board may approve the removal by a (2/3) vote. Removal shall be reserved for instances of excessive absences, misconduct, failure to follow established rules and procedures or failure to honor the responsibility of serving on a County Committee, Commission or Board.
2. Chair shall call committee meetings and preside over such committee meeting.
3. Chair shall work with Department Head and County Administrator in setting committee meeting agenda.
4. All committees shall have authority conferred by the statutes and laws of Wisconsin given them by resolution or ordinance of the County Board. Such committees shall also have such other duties as are hereafter imposed and all such authority as may have previously been conferred upon any committee performing such duties before adoption of these rules.
5. Every subject matter shall be referred without motion or debate to its appropriate committee unless otherwise directed.
6. All committees shall give all matters referred to them due and careful consideration and report their findings and recommendations.
7. Committees are advisory to the County Board. All matters going to the County Board must first go to the appropriate oversight committee.
8. Notwithstanding any statutory provision that a board or commission supervise the administration of a department, the department head shall supervise the administration of the department and the board or commission shall perform any advisory or policy-making function authorized by statute.
9. The Health & Human Services Board under § 46.23(4)(b)(2) is a “policy-making” body determining the broad outlines and principals governing the administration of the programs under § 46, Wis. Stats.
10. The setting of agenda items for the Executive Committee and meetings of the County Board of Supervisors shall be determined by the County Board Chair in consultation with the County Administrator, County Clerk, Corporation Counsel, Finance Director, Human Resources Director along with the 1st Vice-Chair and 2nd Vice-Chair, and with the assistance of other staff or supervisors

that the Board Chair and Administrator deem necessary to assist in the process. The County Administrator and/or County Board Chair at his or her discretion can add urgent/emergency items to the agenda without further approval in order to comply with the Open Meetings Law. The preparation and distribution of the Agendas for Executive Committee meetings and for meetings of the County Board of Supervisors shall be completed by the County Clerk, **in consultation with the County Administrator.**

11. Joint Committee Meetings. Whenever two or more committees meet jointly, a quorum of each committee participating in the joint meeting is required. A supervisor who serves on two or more of the committees may be counted toward of quorum of more than one of the committees meeting jointly. The joint committees shall vote to select one chair of one of the participating committees to serve as chair of the joint meeting. In those cases where a joint resolution is to be considered, those members serving on more than one of the committees meeting jointly shall be entitled to cast separate votes as a member of each committee upon which he/she serves.

4.05 Order of Business

(A) **COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS.** The Board shall be called to order on time and the roll called, and if a quorum is present, after legal notification of the meeting, the following order of business as stated on the agenda shall prevail and the Board shall generally follow this order:

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Public Notification
3. Roll Call
4. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
5. Special Matters and Announcements
6. Approval of Agenda
7. Approval of Minutes
8. Public Comment
9. Memorials
10. Departmental Reports
11. Consent Agenda
12. Unfinished Business
13. Resolutions and Ordinances
14. Committee Reports
15. Administrator's Report
16. Appointments
17. Claims, Petitions and Correspondence
18. Suggested for Future Agenda Items
19. Adjourn

The order of business may be changed by the Board Chair or by majority vote of the Board. When preparing the agenda for the meeting, where no business is contemplated on an item

on this order of business, the item can be omitted.

(B) COMMITTEE MEETINGS. The order of business for all meetings of Committees shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Notification
4. Approve the Agenda
5. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)
6. Public Comment
8. Reports
9. Contract Approvals
10. Resolutions
11. Ordinances and Ordinance Amendments
12. Correspondence
13. Future Agenda Items
14. Closed Session (if any)
15. Adjourn

The order of business may be changed by the committee or other board and commission chair or by majority vote of the committee or other board and commission. When preparing the agenda for the meeting, where no business is contemplated on an item on this order of business, the item can be omitted.

(C) APPROVAL OF MINUTES. There is no requirement that minutes of a previous meeting be read unless requested by a majority of the County Board or Committee.

(D) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS. There is no requirement that resolutions introduced at a meeting be read unless requested by the Board Chair or a majority of the County Board provided such resolution(s) is made available to the Board or Committee members prior to the meeting.

4.06 Recognition, Debate and Voting at County Board Meetings

- (1) Recognition. A Board Member must be recognized by the Board Chair prior to speaking and shall do so by utilizing the electronic voting machine. The Board Chair is responsible for determining recognition. The member may then proceed without interruption.
- (2) Debate. No member shall normally speak more than twice on any matter pending before the Board and open for discussion without permission from the Chair. In case more than one member shall address the Board, the Chair shall decide who has precedence. Discussion and comments should be directed to the Board Chair and not to any individual Board Member, county staff or member of the public. All Board Members comments shall be germane to the business currently pending before the Board. Board Members shall maintain and exercise proper decorum at all times when discussing any matter before the

Board.

- (3) Voting. Unless roll call or secret ballot voting is required by the Wisconsin Statutes or these Board Rules, when a question is put to the County Board, the Board Chair shall utilize the electronic voting system.
- (a) Any vote, whether by electronic means or by voice vote that is not unanimous shall be recorded in the minutes listing the nay votes.
 - (b) In determining any question it shall be in order for any member to call for a roll call vote
 - (c) When conducting roll call vote, the use of electronic voting processes is allowed and shall be utilized where possible. If not possible, the County Clerk shall call the roll in numeric order according to supervisory district and each succeeding roll call vote at the same meeting shall start with the next succeeding name that completed the last preceding roll call vote.
 - (d) It is the Chair's responsibility (unless specifically called for) to determine the appropriate method of voting. (Roll call, voice vote, unanimous consent.) The decision of the Chair can be appealed by any member of the board
 - (e) Abstention. All County Board Members are expected to represent their constituents and fully participate in meetings of the County Board, including voting. Nonetheless, there are recognized circumstances where participation in discussion, voting, or both would be inappropriate. A Board Member may abstain from participating in discussion, voting or both. When a Board Member abstains, the Board Chair shall provide the Board Member with the opportunity to explain the reason for the abstention and, if a reason is provided, the County Clerk shall record the reason in the meeting minutes.

4.07 Resolutions and Motions

- (A) All resolutions shall be signed by Committee Chair or, Committee Member participating in the vote and shall identify the vote of the Committee members, except for Resolutions offered only by individual Supervisor(s). All Resolutions shall include financial impact information and be signed by the Finance Director/County Auditor, as well as approval as to form by the County Administrator and Corporation Counsel. Motions must be moved and second prior to discussion. Any motion or resolution may be withdrawn before amendment or decision. In case of a tie, the motion is lost
- (B) Form of Resolutions. Resolutions shall be in form approved by the Corporation Counsel. In addition to any other form requirements, all proposed Resolutions shall include the following:
- 1. A space indicating the identity of the Committee(s) that considered the proposed Resolution, the date of the Committee(s) meeting at which such consideration occurred, the official action of the Committee(s) on the proposed Resolution and the votes of the Committee(s) members relative

- to the proposed Resolution.
- 2. Fiscal Impact approved by the Finance Director.
- 3. Approved as to Form. The Corporation Counsel or designee is responsible for reviewing whether the proposed Resolution is within the scope of the County's authority and otherwise providing any comments relating to the legal impact of the proposed Resolution.
- 4. Approved as to Form by the County Administrator.

(C) Introduction of Resolutions. A Resolution may be proposed by an individual Board Member or by a Committee.

- 1. Resolutions Proposed by an Individual Board Member. If a Resolution is proposed by an individual Board Member, prior to any action by the Board on the proposed Resolution, the Board Chair shall refer the proposed Resolution to the appropriate Committee. The Committee action, whether supporting or opposing the Resolution shall be noted in the Resolution and forwarded on to the County Board for consideration.
- 2. Resolutions Proposed by a Committee. A Committee may propose a Resolution. Any Committee that recommends County Board adoption of a Resolution proposed by the Committee shall file the official action on the proposed Resolution with the County Clerk as soon as practicable following the meeting at which such official action occurred and the act of filing shall serve as a request that the proposed Resolution be placed on the agenda for the next County Board meeting.

4.08 Reconsideration

Any County Board Member on the prevailing side of any question determined by the County Board may make a motion to reconsider the question at the same or next succeeding meeting. When the County Board is equally divided on any question before it, the question shall be considered lost, but in that case any County Board Member present at the meeting where the question was considered may move for reconsideration at the same or next succeeding meeting. If the County Board votes to reconsider such a matter, the matter shall be taken up at the next regularly scheduled meeting after being properly noticed. In no case may a matter be reconsidered later than the next meeting.

4.09 Suspension of and Amendment to Rules

(A) Suspension of Rules. Any rule in these Rules may be suspended by 2/3 vote of all members present provided any such suspension does not cause a violation of the Wisconsin Statutes.

(B) Amendment to Rules. The County Board may amend these Rules by 2/3 vote of the members present provided any proposed amendment is provided in writing to all Board Members in the meeting packet distributed by the County Clerk

4.10 Personal Electronic Devices

(A) County Board Members. All County Board Members shall silence their mobile phones and all other personal electronic devices during a meeting of the County Board and of any Committee on which the Board Member serves. Such devices may not be used during any such meeting except in the event of an emergency or with permission of the Chair of the meeting. This Section does not preclude the recording of open session portions of any meeting by any person. If a call MUST be received, the member SHALL leave the meeting room.

(B) Other Meeting Attendees. All other meeting attendees shall silence their mobile phones and other personal electronic devices during a meeting of the County Board and of any Committee. This Section does not preclude the recording of open session portions of any meeting by any person.

4.11 Public Decorum and Comment

(A) Rules of Decorum. All attendees at County Board and Committee meetings are expected to maintain appropriate decorum during the meeting. Talking, shouting, outbursts, clapping and similar gestures are prohibited. Any attendee may be requested to cease any activities, including the use of signs, banners or displays that unduly disrupt a meeting consistent with applicable law. Citizens in the audience are not to audibly respond to comments being made during a meeting or to make demonstrations either in support of or in opposition to a speaker or idea. The Chair of the meeting is responsible for enforcing meeting decorum.

(B) Rules for Public Comment. The following rules apply to all periods of public comment at County Board and Committee meetings:

1. Any person who wishes to address the County Board during the "Public Comment" portion of the agenda shall fill out a request form for County Board meetings and must return the completed form to the County Clerk prior to the start of the meeting. Any person who wishes to address a Committee must be recognized by the Committee Chair provide their name and address prior to beginning comment. The individual must have their primary residence in Barron County or own property and paying taxes in Barron County.
2. A commenter may not speak longer than three (3) minutes and may only speak once per meeting.
3. All comments must be germane to an item on the meeting agenda.
4. Comments should be directed to the Board as a whole and not addressed to individual Board Members.
5. A commenter should refrain from asking questions of the Board or any individual Board Member.

6. County Board Supervisors not to respond or ask questions of individuals taking advantage of public comment.
 7. Personnel issues shall not be raised during Public Comment but should be directed in writing to the County Administrator.
 8. Commenters should be courteous in their language, avoid personalized remarks and refrain from comments that are rude, obscene, profane, personally attacking, and which demonstrate a lack of respect for others.
 9. The Board Chair reserves the right to terminate an individual's public comments if these rules are violated. As well, the Board Chair has the authority to rule speakers out of order and may call a short recess in disorderly situations.
- (C) Public Addressing the Board. Other than Public Comment, any individual who is not a member of the board may also address the Board on a particular agenda item via their Representative when permission has been given by the Board. The individual must have their primary residence in Barron County, or own property and paying taxes in Barron County. The comment period is limited to three (3) minutes unless additional time is permitted by the Chair. Written public comment submitted will not be read at the meeting, but will be given to the recording clerk. In all cases personal attacks/reference shall be avoided and propriety observed.
- (D) Public Participation at Meetings. Unless specifically requested by the Chair of a meeting, members of the public are not allowed to participate in any meeting. No Board Member or member of a Committee may cede time during discussion of a pending question to a member of the public. This Section shall not be construed to prohibit County staff from providing information and reports to the County Board or a Committee consistent with the meeting agenda or practice of the County Board or Committee.
- (E) Board Member Participation at Committee Meetings of Which They Are Not a Member. Subject to the exception for Closed Sessions, Board Members are allowed to attend any meeting of a Committee. A Board Member may not speak at a Committee meeting except upon permission of the Chair of the Committee.
- 4.10 Claims.** All claims made upon the County Board shall be treated in strict conformity with §§ 59.07 and 59.64, Wis. Stats.

DIVISION 5 PROCEDURES COMMON TO ALL COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

5.01 Board Member Rules of Conduct

- (A) Each Board Member shall:

1. Uphold the Oath of Office and faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of a Board Member to the best of their ability;
2. Act in the best interests of Barron County government at all times;
3. Refrain from conduct which a reasonable person would deem unethical, offensive or otherwise contrary to community values;
4. Be responsive to the needs of the community;
5. Represent the interest of constituents by attending and participating in meetings, adequately prepare for meetings and observe the rules of decorum and these Board Rules at meetings; and
6. Conduct Barron County government business in a manner consistent with law and refrain from discussions surrounding Barron County business outside the appropriate meetings and channels of communication.

(B) Board Member Conduct at Meetings. In addition to the rules of decorum in RONR, Board Members shall, at all meetings of the County Board or a Committee, conduct themselves and dress in a professional and respectful manner. Board Member comments should be directed to the County Board Chair or Committee Chair and not to any individual Board Member, County employee or member of the public. All comments must be respectful, courteous, appropriate and germane to the topic under discussion. Any inappropriate conduct will be recognized and addressed by the County Board Chair or Committee Chair. The County Board Chair at a County Board meeting or the Committee Chair at a Committee meeting shall have the power to direct a Board Member's removal from a meeting.

(C) Board Member Conduct Outside Meetings. In addition to the provisions of Section 2.15(A), Board Members shall adhere to the following.

1. Board Members shall at all times exhibit professional and courteous behavior when interacting with the County [Executive/Administrator/Administrative Coordinator] and County employees. Under no circumstance shall it be acceptable for a Board Member to berate, belittle or shout at the County Administrator or a County employee whether in a meeting or outside a meeting.
2. Board Members shall refrain from requesting that a County employee perform a task or function without first obtaining the appropriate authorization. Matters relating to official County business should be addressed through the Administrator or the appropriate Committee, Other Board or Commission.

(D) As elected representatives, Board members receive complaints from constituents,

including County employees and the general public. Board members shall refer complaints and/or concerns regarding the management and operation of County government to the appropriate step within the chain of command (Department Head and/or County Administrator). Outside of the chain of command, Board members shall refrain from reviewing or discussing the merits of such complaints or concerns until the matter has been submitted to the chain of command and reported by that authority to the Board or Committee.

5.02 Code of Ethics

(A) PURPOSE. The intention of this section is to hold the respect of and inspire confidence in the people, as well as to protect the supervisors from any suspicion. This section is not intended to be a punitive approach to ethics; rather, it is merely a listing of those essentials which all elected officials should observe.

a. Sections 19.41-19.59, Wis. Stats., set forth various items of conduct which are deemed to be unlawful and this code is not intended to be an adoption of a criminal code. The items which are intended to be covered herein do not require an intention to do wrong; rather, they are the mere acts themselves, which in doing might cast some doubt upon the integrity of the party involved.

(B) PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES. The following conduct on the part of a County Board member or an elected or appointed official, shall be deemed unethical:

a. No County Board member, or elected or appointed official, should use his or her position to obtain preferential treatment or obtain financial gain for themselves or their immediate family or for any business with which he or she is associated.

b. No County Board member, or elected or appointed official, should disclose or use inside information concerning Barron County to promote a private financial gain.

c. No County Board member should vote for the adoption or defeat of any legislation in which the individual County Board member has a personal financial interest.

d. Any County Board member, or elected or appointed official, directly or indirectly involved in a zoning change shall disclose his or her position.

e. The County shall not lease public land to any County Official. Any existing lease shall be terminated within a reasonable time.

f. Nothing herein shall prohibit a County Board member, or elected or appointed official, from entering into a contract as provided by State Law with the statutory limits imposed.

(C) CONFLICT OF INTEREST. Any County Board member or citizen member having an interest in any business matter before the Board shall disclose any connection or conflict and should refrain from voting. Any Board member who considers that the vote of another County Board member on an issue presently before the Board to be, or to possibly be, in conflict with the provisions of this code shall request that such second member abstain from voting on such issue. The recourse of the member requested to abstain from voting shall be to apply for a hearing before the Ethics Committee. The Ethics Committee shall, upon written request of any County Board member or when it deems a possible conflict of

interest exists, be empowered to require any supervisor or County Official to complete a form to be known as the County Supervisor-County Official Statement, to be filed with the County Clerk. Policing of this code shall be left to the individual members with their recourse being to the Chair. In any situation where the Chair is unable to act, the 1st Vice Chair shall so act. There shall be further recourse to an Ethics Committee consisting of the County Board Chair and two (2) other persons appointed by the Chair.

RECEIPT OF GIFTS AND GRATUITIES.

a. No County Board Member, elected or appointed official, or employee of the County shall receive or offer to receive, either directly or indirectly, any gift, gratuity or item exceeding nominal value from any person if such person:

- (1) Has or is seeking to obtain contractual or other business or financial relationships with the County or any sub-unit of the County;
- (2) Conducts operations or activities which are regulated by the County or its sub-units;
- (3) Has interest which may be substantially affected by the County.

b. Any violation of this subsection may result in a disciplinary action being taken against the Official, County Board Member, Supervisor or Employee involved.

(D) PUBLIC POLICY. The Barron County Code of Ethics is consistent with § 19.41 through 19.545, Wis. Stats. and the rules as established by the Wisconsin Ethics Board.

5.03 Fraud Prevention & Investigation Policy

(A) FRAUD PREVENTION & INVESTIGATION POLICY. Barron County employees, Administrator and elected officials, including County Board Supervisors shall comply with the provisions of the Barron County Fraud Prevention & Investigation Policy as adopted by Barron County by Resolution 2014-20. The purpose of this policy is to:

- a. Prohibit fraudulent, illegal and unlawful activity.
- b. Advise employee, Administrator and elected officials of their responsibility to report suspected fraudulent, illegal and unlawful activity to the appropriate office.
- c. Assign responsibility for the development of adequate internal controls.
- d. Identify responsibility for performance of investigations relating to allegations of fraud.

(The entire policy is available upon request as well as posted on the County Website and employee portal.)

DIVISION 6 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

6.01 Department of Administration

Barron County created the Department of Administration by Resolution No. 2003-54 pursuant to Section 59.52, Wis. Stats. The Department of Administration shall include services of risk

management, human resources, finance, safety, purchasing and any other administrative services deemed appropriate for maintaining operational efficiencies and effectiveness and reduced liability to the county.

1. **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.** Barron County has created the position of County Administrator as set forth in § 59.18, Wis. Stats., by Resolution #2001-64.

DIVISION 7	ENFORCEMENT
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7.01 Procedure for Enforcement

(A) If the Board Rules are violated during a meeting of a Board, Committee, Other Board or Commission, the Board Chair or other presiding officer of the meeting shall have all powers under the Board Rules to immediately bring a Board Member's conduct into conformity with the Board Rules. If appropriate, the Board Chair or other presiding officer of the meeting may report a violation of the Board Rules to law enforcement for purposes of taking appropriate action, which may include (without limitation) removal of the offending Board Member from a meeting and/or issuing a citation for disorderly conduct. In addition, the Board Chair or other presiding officer of the meeting shall refer the matter to the Executive Committee to determine what, if any, further sanction is warranted. The Board Member who is alleged to have violated the Board Rules shall be provided an opportunity to address the Executive Committee prior to disposition. The Executive shall make a report to the County Board as soon as practicable and provide a recommendation as to the appropriate sanction, if any. The County Board shall make the final determination on the appropriate sanction, if any.

(B) The Board may, in its discretion, impose one or more of the following sanctions:

1. Private reprimand;
2. Censure without a formal Resolution of the County Board;
3. Censure with a formal Resolution of the County Board;
4. Removal from position of Committee Chair;
5. Removal from Committee; and
6. Referral to Executive Committee to determine if cause exists to remove the Board Member from office.

If the Board refers the matter to the Executive Committee to determine if cause (defined as inefficiency, neglect of duty, official misconduct or malfeasance in office) exists to remove the Board Member from office, the Executive Committee is authorized to appoint agents to (a) conduct any further and other investigation as may be necessary; (b) prepare verified charges seeking the Board Member's removal from office; and (c) prosecute the Board Member's removal from office. Any such proceedings shall comply with Wis. Stats. Chap. 17.

(C) In addition to the enforcement procedures established in this Section, and without limiting any of those provisions, the Board Chair or the Executive Committee may refer

any violation of the Board Rules to the Ethics Committee and such referral shall be considered a complaint under the Code of Ethics adopted by these rule and procedures.

DIVISION 8 COUNTY POLICIES COMMON TO COUNTY BOARD, COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

8.01 County Budget. Per § 65.90(5)(a)(b) and 59.18(7), Wis. Stats.:

1. The County Administrator shall develop and the County Board shall approve a resolution establishing a timeline for the creation of the annual budget that complies with all state regulations for publishing and notifications.
2. The County Administrator shall work with each department and oversight committee as needed to identify department and committee budget requests.
3. The County Administrator will present the proposed budget to the Executive Committee for feedback and consideration. The County Administrator shall make the proposed budget available to the County Board at least five (5) days before the November session of the Board.
4. The County Board will approve the following year's budget during its November session.
5. If, during the budget year, a committee or department finds that it will exceed its budget it shall inform the Executive Committee and County Administrator in writing. If appropriate, a joint resolution will be brought before the County Board to transfer funds from the general fund to cover the expenditure which exceeds the budget which will require a 2/3 vote of the total County Board.
6. Funds may be transferred from one line item to another within an office/department to cover expenditures that exceed the budgeted line item with approval of the County Administrator provided the individual account (Department) number does not exceed the adopted budget.

8.02 County Financing of Debt and Operations

1. Definitions:
 - a. **Debt Levy** – The County levy for debt service on loans, bonds, notes and all other indebtedness.
 - b. **Debt Levy Rate** – The debt levy divided by the equalized value of the county.
 - c. **Operating Levy** – General County operating levy.
 - d. **Operating Levy Rate** – Total operating levy rate minus the debt levy.
 - e. **Total Levy Rate** – The County general operating and debt levy divided by the equalized value of the county.
2. The County may not impose an operating levy that exceeds the 1992 operating levy

rate of \$4.666475, except by referendum pursuant to Sec. 59.605, Wis. Stats. Any new increase in the debt levy requires the approval of three-fourths vote of the County Board or by referendum as requires approval as set forth pursuant to § 67.045, Wis. Stats.

3. Reserves:

All funds of Barron County except those of enterprise funds shall be lapsed to and reserved in the General Fund unless otherwise directed by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Executive Committee shall review non-lapsing line items annually with recommendation to and final decision made by the County Board.

Barron County shall maintain reserves for the following purposes:

- a.** Undesignated Contingency Reserve Fund (101): This shall be an amount included in the annual budget that shall provide for unplanned or excess expenditures that occur as part of the annual budget process. These items should be those that are unanticipated or exceed the original estimated cost. The County Board as part of the annual budget process shall determine the amount. The Executive Committee has authorization for use of these funds, but may not exceed \$10,000.00 for any individual item. Unexpended amounts in this fund shall lapse into the general fund at the end of the fiscal year, period 13, per Wisconsin Statutes.
- b.** Undesignated General Fund, Fund Balance (100): The County will maintain a cash flow reserve in the amount not less than 25% or more than 33% of the annual budgeted expenditures of the general fund excluding capital improvements, Highway equipment and enterprise fund expenditures. Designated reserves balances in this fund for the listed departments shall be a maximum amount as follows: Health and Human Services \$750,000.00; Highway \$900,000.00; and Child Support Agency \$150,000.00. Examples of situations where undesignated fund balances may be used include, but are not limited to, significant downturns in the economy, reduction in county valuation caused by other than county action, inconsistencies between federal, state and local fiscal years, withholding of anticipated revenues for reasons beyond the county's control, or changes in state federal cash flow activities.
- c.** Continuing Capital Projects Fund (400): A 5-year capital improvement capital outlay program shall be developed. This amount shall be established on an annual basis for the replacement of capital equipment, buildings, land and/or other capital purchases as determined by the annually approved capital improvement program. The capital improvement program will be included in the annual budget process.
- d.** Designated Highway Equipment Replacement (700): A 5-year Highway equipment replacement program shall be approved annually as part of the budget process and provide funding for vehicle and operating equipment replacement.
- e.** Designated Other Reserves (100): Designated (non-lapsing) held in the general fund are amounts for specific line items related to State Statute, County Board action, grants, contracts or pass through funds.

f. Designated Unfunded Liability (310): A non-lapsing amount equal to the unfunded liability of the county for employee sick leave, vacation or other employee payouts or post-employment benefits due and payable to employees upon termination of employment. This amount shall be determined annually as part of the audit report and included in the subsequent year's reserve amount. Determination of the amount to be calculated as a liability shall be based upon current Governmental Accounting Standards as it relates to this item for post-employment benefits.

g. Excess Sales Tax Revenue (202): Sales tax revenue in excess of the annual budgeted amount shall be maintained in the Sales Tax Fund to be reviewed annually by Executive Committee at budget preparation for the purpose of leveling off the spikes and valleys in the excess sales tax revenue, mill rate and property tax levy.

4. The Executive Committee must approve all expenditures not in the budget. The Executive Committee, along with the appropriate oversight committee, will bring by resolution, all expenditures of \$10,000 and above that are not in the budget to the County Board for approval by a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board. The Executive Committee shall have authority to transfer funds between budgeted items of an individual county office or department and transfer funds up to 10 percent, not to exceed \$10,000.00, of the funds originally provided for such office, department, activity or project in such annual budget, from a contingent fund pursuant to § 65.90(5)(b). Other budgeted line items that will be exceeded for the year will be brought before the Executive Committee for approval. These will be presented to the County Board and any other budget overruns will be presented to the County Board as soon as possible upon closing the books from the previous year along with the unused funds that will be returned to the general fund.

5. County Administrator may authorize payments within insurance deductible limits.

6. County Administrator shall be authorized to sign off on grants that were not part of the approved budget and are budget neutral.

7. Resolution information. All resolutions shall contain all financial information in a form substantially similar to the form attached. Resolutions missing required information shall be referred to the Executive Committee for further action before going to County Board.

8.03 Public Work

1. Definitions:

a. **Public Contract** shall mean and include any contract for the construction, execution, repair, remodeling or improvement of any public work, building or furnishing of supplies or material of any kind [§ 59.52(29)].

b. **Equipment** shall mean and include any purchase of equipment including

but not limited to radios, computers, office equipment and vehicles.

c. Purchasing of supplies and services shall mean the purchase of all goods and services including the contract for consulting, architectural and engineering services.

2. Purchasing Procedure and Methods:

a. All public work (as defined in 1a. above), including any contract for construction, repair, remodeling, improvements, the furnishing of supplies or materials, but specifically excluding the purchasing of equipment, goods or services (as defined in 1b. and 1c. above), where the estimated costs exceed \$25,000, shall be let by contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

b. If the estimated cost for the public work (as defined in 1a. above), will exceed \$5,000, public notice (Class 1 notice under Chapter 985) shall be given prior to such contract, or shall contract with a person qualified as a bidder under § 66.0901(2), Wis. Stats. The newspaper or trade magazine shall be selected to obtain the best advertising coverage and the widest notice at the most reasonable cost.

c. The requirement for bids shall be by advertisement which shall call for sealed bids to furnish the desired work, goods, supplies, materials, equipment or services in accordance with the specifications approved by the County Attorney and County Administrator. Specifications shall describe completely the items or supplies to be furnished, the department for which the same are required and the quantities desired.

d. The acceptance of bids shall be in accordance with § 59.52(29) and 66.0901, Wis. Stats., including but not limited to requiring bidders proof of responsibility and a bid bond not to exceed 5% of the total cost of the work. Each committee or department may, before delivering any form of bid proposals, plans and specifications pertaining thereto to any person, require such person to submit a full and complete statement sworn to before an officer authorized by law to administer oath of financial ability, equipment, experience in the work prescribed in said public contract, and of such other matters as the committee may require for the protection and welfare of the public and in performance of any public contract. No bids shall be received from any person who has not submitted to the sworn statement as provided above.

e. Rejection of bids. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason. Whenever the Department, after consultation with the County Administrator and Committee, is not satisfied with the sufficiency of the answer contained in the questionnaire and a financial statement, it may reject said bid or disregard the same. The overseeing committee or department, after consultation with the County Administrator, reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason whatsoever.

f. Correction of errors in bids. As provided in § 66.0901(5), Wis. Stats.

g. The expenditure of funds for public work, the purchase of goods, supplies, materials, equipment, or services shall be made by written contract whenever possible. No

contract for the purchase of public work, goods, supplies, materials, equipment or professional services shall be binding on the county unless funds have been appropriated by the County Board, reviewed by legal counsel and the County Administrator and signed by the County Board Chair or County Administrator.

h. Where there is an emergency or other immediate need for services, a department or agency may negotiate a proposed contract without taking bids. The County Administrator shall be notified as soon as practical of the need for these emergency services. The County Administrator and Corporation Counsel shall review the contract and approve it. The provisions of this policy shall not apply to the purchase of repair parts or services which are needed for the emergency repair or maintenance of any machinery or equipment.

i. Miscellaneous Purchases: Materials, supplies, machinery and equipment offered for sale by the federal government or by any municipality may be purchased without bids, at prices to be agreed upon between the parties. Expert assistance for appraisal of such items may be employed at the discretion of the county and appropriate approval must be obtained.

8.04 Purchases Other Than Public Work

1. Items included in the budget. Each department has the authority to make purchases by virtue of the annual budget appropriation for materials, supplies, equipment or contractual services to the various departments and offices.

2. Items not included in the budget. The department shall, before making any purchases for items not in the budget provide notification to the County Administrator, recommendation of the Executive Committee and approval of the County Board. No transaction may be completed unless adequate funds have been approved. A change of the approved budget for any Committee or Department requires a 2/3 vote of the total County Board.

3. Request for Proposals Requirement. The County at its' discretion may require:

(a) Purchases other than Public Work: Equipment; Supplies and Services as defined in Section F (1) (b) & (c) above may comply with this section requiring the submission of a request for proposal in the following circumstances:

(i) Where the estimated cost of the purchase will exceed \$10,000.00.

(ii) Where the cost of the purchase will exceed \$5,000.00 and there are at least two qualified providers of the equipment, supplies and service so that comparing multiple proposals to obtain the best quality product or service at the most competitive price is good public policy.

(iii) Where it has been the county policy in the past to submit a request for proposal for the purchase.

(b) The requirement for submitting a request for proposal shall be by advertisement which shall call for sealed bids to furnish the desired work, goods, supplies, materials, equipment or services in accordance with the specifications approved by the County Attorney and County Administrator. Specifications shall describe completely the items or supplies to be furnished, the department for which

the same are required and the quantities desired.

(c) The county shall develop a standard request for proposal format available for department's use which shall be adapted to fit the individual needs of the department. The request for proposal format shall include the review and scoring process for evaluating all proposals submitted.

(d) The county is not mandated to accept the lowest cost proposal submitted, but is free to accept the proposal that best meets the specifications and requirements set for in the request for proposal documents and evaluation and scoring requirements. The county reserves the right to reject any and all proposals for any reason.

(e) Nothing in the requirement to submit a purchase as a request for proposal prevents a department from submitting a request for a bid and being bound by the lowest bid requirement. Such decision to submit as a bid is subject to approval by the County Administrator.

(f) The requirement to submit a purchase as a request for proposal as set forth in sub (a) above may be waived at the discretion of the County Administrator.

8.05 Payment of Vouchers

1. A master listing of all vouchers (**edit list**) will be provided along with the vouchers to be reviewed by the oversight committee. All vouchers must be approved and initialed by the department head and County Administrator or designee. Individual vouchers must be available for oversight committee review.

2. The voucher shall break down charges to include, but not be limited to: vendor name, amount, dates, rates explanation of purchase, etc.

3. The County Administrator shall be authorized to sign vouchers for emergency or timely purchases. A copy of the voucher shall be presented at the next committee meeting.

8.06 Contract Approval

Each department shall, before entering into a lease, contract or agreement which shall bind Barron County financially or open the County up to potential liability, complete a "Contract Approval Form", and obtain approval of the County Administrator and the Corporation Counsel.

8.07 Open Meetings/Public Records

It shall be the policy of Barron County to comply with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law and Public Records Law.

1. Open Meetings. It is the general policy that committees, boards and commissions conduct business of the governmental body in open session in order to provide the greatest opportunity to the public to be involved and knowledgeable of the process.

2. Closed Sessions. Should it become necessary to close a meeting of a committee, board or commission, the proposed agenda item requiring the closed session shall first be reviewed by the Corporation Counsel and County Administrator to determine if it is appropriate to close the meeting and which statutory exemption applies. County shall comply with Open Meetings Law. Proper notice shall be made when the Committee or Board returns to open session.

3. Public Records. Each department shall comply with the County's established Public Records Policy in conformance with Wisconsin Statutes.

4. Records Retention. Each department shall comply with the County's Public Records Retention Ordinance.

8.08 Advisory Referendum Policy

1. Any request to place a matter before the County Board of Supervisors as an Advisory Referendum shall require at least two readings with no vote or action other than discussion being taken on the matter during the first reading. During the first or second reading an opportunity will be granted to opposing sides to present their position on the issue.

8.09 Personnel Matters

1. **Inclement Weather or other Emergencies:** It is the Policy of Barron County to keep its facilities and services available to the public to the fullest extent possible. If during emergency situations, it becomes necessary to close county facilities, the County Board Chair and County Administrator will make the determination and announce the closing and/or cancellations via local AM/FM radio stations, County's Website and the Sheriff's Department Social Media pages.

2. Position Replacement Policy.

Requisitions

The first step in filling a vacancy is to complete the Position Justification Form. The Department Head is responsible for completing the form and forwarding it to the HR Director for review and approval. After securing approval, the form will be forwarded to the Administrator for final approval.

The HR Director will adhere to applicable posting requirements and work with the department throughout the external recruitment process. The HR Director may provide a recruitment update to the Executive Committee; however, shall not be required to obtain approval prior to posting and/or recruiting for budgeted replacement positions. If changes are being made to the vacant position resulting in additional funding needed, department reorganization, etc., such information will be provided to the committee(s).

Monitoring and Approval

Before existing positions are expanded, or vacated positions are filled, the HR Director and

Administrator must approve. Should approval be denied, the position shall remain unfilled. Further review may be necessary resulting in a position being refilled at a later date following appropriate approval.

New Positions

Whenever a new position is established, for regular, part-time or full-time, it requires the approval of the County Administrator, oversight committee, the Executive Committee and the County Board.

APPENDIX A – APPOINTIVE COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. **COMMISSION ON AGING.** The Commission on Aging shall consist of nine (9) members appointed by the County Administrator four (4) of whom are County Board members appointed for a 2-year term and five (5) citizen members appointed for a 3-year term. Term limitations are set by administrative rule. The Commission establishes and provides policy oversight to programs provided by the ADRC, included in the Barron County Aging Unit Plan for Older People and funded by the Federal Older Americans Act, DOT, state, county and local sources. One member of the Commission may be appointed to the ADRC Governing Board.

2. **CONDEMNATION COMMISSION.** The Condemnation Commission shall consist of six (6) members who shall be residents of Barron County, appointed by the Judges of the Circuit Courts under § 32.08(2), Wis. Stats.

3. **ETHICS COMMITTEE.** The Ethics Committee shall be a non-standing committee to be appointed by the County Board Chair when necessary (appointed by the 1st Vice-Chair if the Chair is involved.) Membership shall consist of County Board Members or non-County Board members as determined by the nature of the ethics charges. It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to report to the Executive Committee their findings and/or recommendations. The Executive Committee may refer the recommendations to the County Board if deemed necessary but in any case, final resolution will be reported to the County Board.

4. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.** The Executive Committee shall be composed of nine (9) members consisting of the County Board Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, and a representative of the following Committees:

- Health & Human Services
- Extension/Land Conservation
- Law Enforcement /Emergency Management
- Zoning
- Property
- Highway

The newly-elected Chair, Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair shall immediately be seated on the Executive Committee after the reorganizational meeting in April following election and are automatically the Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively of the Executive Committee.

The duties of the Executive Committee shall include, but not be limited to, establishing, recommending and supervising county policy over executive and administrative matters. The Executive Committee shall provide oversight and supervision of the County Administrator. The Executive Committee shall direct staff to be responsible for evaluating and auditing all County departments, agencies, commissions and boards. The Executive Committee shall be responsible to supervise the Code of Conduct

established for Barron County Government and compliance therewith.

The following committees shall be consolidated into the Executive Committee pursuant to Ordinance # 2006-28.

- Finance Committee
- Salary & Personnel
- Land Information/Technology

The County Board Chair shall appoint two (2) at-large individuals from the County Board of Supervisors to serve as alternates to the Executive Committee.

5. **EXTENSION/LAND CONSERVATION.** The Extension/Land Conservation Committee shall consist of six (6) County Board members and one additional member pursuant to § 92.06(1), Wis. Stats. One of the members thus selected shall be a supervisor from a village or city. The remaining members of the Committee shall represent agriculture districts.

6. **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD.** The Health and Human Services Board shall perform the duties as set forth in § 46.23, Wis. Stats. and Resolution No. 2000-76. The Health and Human Services Board shall consist of (13) persons. Six (6) members of the Health and Human Services Board shall be appointed from the County Board of Supervisors. At least one (1) member shall be an individual who receives or has received human services or shall be a family member of such an individual. In appointing the other members who are not elected officials or employees, a good faith effort shall be made to appoint a registered nurse and a physician. The remainder of the members shall be consumers of services or citizens at large. All members appointed shall have terms and composition requirements as directed by § 46.23(4), Wis. Stats. The following Committees shall be consolidated into the Health & Human Services Board for policy oversight and budget review:

- Child Support Committee
- Transportation Coordination Committee
(Ordinance # 2006-28)

Health and Human Service Board recommends operational policy changes to HIPAA policies and Executive Committee reviews and approves/concurs with recommended changes. This requirement corresponds to HIPAA Policy Manual, Administrative Compliance Section.

7. **LAKE DISTRICTS-LAND CONSERVATION REPS.** Liaison between the Land Conservation Committee and the various Lake Districts.

- a. Beaver Dam
- b. Dummy Lakes
- c. Kirby
- d. Lower Turtle
- e. Rice Lake
- f. Sand
- g. Staples
- h. Other Lake District(s) as formed

8. **LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.** The Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee shall consist of seven (7) County Board

members. The following powers and duties are delegated to this Committee:

a. To implement and coordinate the conduct and the duties of all County law enforcement personnel in accord with the following prescribed regulations pursuant to § 59.26, Wis. Stats.

b. The Committee shall be charged with the duties and responsibilities enumerated in § 166.03(4), Wis. Stats. The Committee provides policy oversight functions of the Emergency Management Office.

c. It approves, supports and implements plans to mitigate, respond to and recover from natural and man-made disasters which may occur in or affect Barron County.

d. The Committee supports and participates in, under the direction of the County Board Chair, the activation of the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). When activated, the County EOC is the conduit through which resources, information, decision making and State/Federal assistance flows when an emergency situation begins to exceed local municipalities' ability to provide adequate response and/or control.

e. The LEPC shall act as a staff advisory Committee to the Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee as follows: The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) shall consist of five (5) Board members one of which shall also be on the Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee, the County Board Chairperson (*ex officio* member), the Emergency Government Coordinator, the Sheriff, the Highway Commissioner, the Public Health Manager. Also, serving for three (3) year terms, are members representing fire, hospitals, environmental, media, community groups, hazardous materials facilities and ambulance. The LEPC's primary responsibility is to develop emergency response plans, evaluate resources and prepare for a potential hazardous material release. This includes identifying facilities and transportation routes, developing on-site and off-site emergency response plans, emergency notification procedures, vulnerability zones, evacuation plans, training programs for emergency responders and exercising emergency response plans.

9. LONG-TERM CARE/AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER COMMITTEE. LTC/ADRC The Governing Board for the ADRC serving Barron and Rusk Counties will comply with Wisconsin Statute 46.283(6). Governing board members shall be appointed by the Barron County Administrator. Meeting place, time, frequency, term limits, and any expanded responsibilities will be determined by the Governing Board. The Governing Board will have eight members:

- Two County Board Supervisors (one from each county)
- Four adults age 60 or older
- One adult, age 18-59, with physically disabilities, or their family members, guardians, or advocates, reflective of the ADRC's target population
- One adult, age 18-59, with intellectual disabilities, or their family members, guardians, or advocates, reflective of the ADRC's target

10. PROPERTY COMMITTEE. The County Property Committee shall consist of seven (7) members of the Board, so the interest of Highway, Zoning, Solid Waste, Executive, Campus, Museum, Parks/Forestry are represented to the fullest extent possible. This Committee shall provide policy direction for all County buildings and property except the Incinerator & Recycling Center, County Museum, and Fair Grounds. The County Property Committee shall provide policy oversight on any building or remodeling projects as authorized by the County Board. (per Ordinance # 2006-28, the Forest & Recreation Committee and the UWBC Committee is consolidated into the Property Committee.)

11. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD.

a. Pursuant to § 59.70(2), Wis. Stats., the County Solid Waste Management Board

is composed of nine (9) residents of the County. Five (5) of those members shall be appointed from the County Board. Each member shall serve three (3) year staggered terms. The County Administrator shall appoint one (1) additional County Board member to the Solid Waste Management Board as an Ex-Officio member to attend all meeting and to serve as an alternate in the absence of any member. Vacancies on the Solid Waste Board shall be filled for the residue of the unexpired term in the manner of the original appointment. Any member of the Solid Waste Management Board may be removed from office by 2/3 vote of the County Board.

b. **Compensation.** Members of the Solid Waste Management Board shall be compensated for their services on a per diem basis plus mileage which shall be equal to the per diem and mileage paid to County Board members.

12. **VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION.** This Commission shall consist of three (3) residents of the county, who are veterans of the county, serving staggered three (3) year terms. The county Administrator shall appoint one (1) alternate to this Commission who is a resident of the County and a veteran of the County.

13. **VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE.** The Veterans Service Committee shall consist of three (3) members of the County Board with one of the members from the Health & Human Services Board and the members shall be veterans. The County Board Chair shall appoint one (1) alternate to the Veterans Service Committee from the County Board who is a veteran. The Veterans Service Committee shall meet in conjunction with the Veterans Service Commission. The Committee Chair shall be a County Board Supervisor. The duties of the Committee are as follows:

- a. To promote a better understanding of the Veterans Service Office.
- b. To help provide better service and better public relations for the veteran.
- c. To provide policy oversight for the Veterans Service Office.

14. **ZONING COMMITTEE.** The Zoning Committee shall consist of five (5) members of the County Board, three (3) of which shall be from zoned townships. A member from an un-zoned town may be appointed and fulfill this requirement if such town is subject to Shoreland Zoning. This committee is created and duties shall be as set forth pursuant to § 59.69, Wis. Stats. Operating procedures and delegation of authority shall be as set forth in § 17.72(3) of this General Code.

15. **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.** The Zoning Board of Adjustment shall consist of five (5) members made up of a combination of County Board members and citizen members appointed to three (3) year staggered terms by the County Administrator. It is created pursuant to § 59.694, Wis. Stats. Their duties shall consist of hearing appeals and requests of variances related to the County Land Use Ordinance. Chair, 1st Vice-Chair and 2nd Vice-Chair may fill absent positions on Board of Adjustment as long as they can fulfill statutory restrictions and requirements. No representatives on this committee shall be allowed to serve who reside in a City or Village and not more than two members from the same town.

APPENDIX B NON-COUNTY COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. AG COMMISSION. Two (2) County Board members appointed by the County Administrator. The County Administrator or his/her designee shall serve on the Ag Commission.
2. BARRON COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION. One member of the County Board shall serve as a voting member of the County Fair Association. The member's duties shall include providing liaison with the County Fair Association and the County Board.
3. BARRON COUNTY MUSEUM BOARD One member from the Property Committee shall serve on the Museum Board as a voting member.
4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The Barron County Board of Supervisors provides three (3) County Board members. The BCEDC works on business retention, expansion and recruitment and provides general promotion of Barron County.
5. HOUSING COMMITTEE. The County Housing Committee shall consist of three (3) citizen members appointed to staggered five (5) year terms plus two (2) members of the County Board.
6. HOUSING – COMMUNITY DEV. BLOCK GRANT. The CDBG Housing Committee shall be made up of three (3) County Board members appointed by the County Board Chair. The CDBG housing committee shall approve/amend the housing procedures manual, review loan applications and make emergency loan awards and generally carry out the community development program for the purpose of public housing activities.
7. IFLS. One (1) County Board member and one (1) citizen member are appointed to the ten (10) county federation. (As long as County remains a member.)
8. TAX INCREMENTAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE. In 1975, the Wisconsin Legislature enacted the Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) law. The Law provided municipalities (cities and villages) with a new method of financing municipal projects aimed at promoting development. One County Board member shall be appointed to each TIF district in Barron County to provide liaison with the County Board.
9. WESTCAP BOARD OF DIRECTORS. One (1) County Board member serves on the WESTCAP Board of Directors. WESTCAP offices are located in Glenwood City and serve seven (7) western Wisconsin Counties. It is a non-profit Community Action Program with a mission to assist low income people and help them to become self-supporting.
10. WEST CENTRAL LAND & WATER CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION. One (1) County Board member appointed by the County Administrator.
11. WEST CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION. Barron County provides three (3) members to serve on the WCRPC Board of Directors.
12. PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY COMMISSION (PACE). Barron County will have one (1) County Board member to serve on the PACE Commission.

**APPENDIX C – COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF NON-COUNTY COMMITTEES,
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS FOR WHICH VIRTUAL APPEARANCE IS
MAY BE NECESSARY AND IS ALLOWED**

- 1) ADRC of Barron, Rusk and Washburn Counties.
- 2) AG Commission.
- 3) Barron County Fair Association.
- 4) Barron County Museum Board.
- 5) Community Care of Central Wisconsin.
- 6) Economic Development Board of Directors.
- 7) Housing Committee.
- 8) Housing – Community Development Block Grant. (CDBG).
- 9) Highway Safety Commission.
- 10) Indianhead Federated Library System.
- 11) Lake Districts – L.C.C. Reps.
- 12) Momentum West.
- 13) Northern Regional Trail Advisory Committee.
- 14) Northwest WI ITBEC.
- 15) Property Assessed Clean Energy Commission (PACE).
- 16) Regional Business Fund
- 17) Tax Incremental District Committee.
- 18) West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.
- 19) WESTCAP Board of Directors.
- 20) WI West Central Regional Planning Commission.
- 21) Woodland Enhanced Health Services Commission.
- 22) Workforce Resource Wisconsin County Board Consortium.

BARRON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - ____

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE II. RECYCLING OF THE BARRON COUNTY GENERAL CODE

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Barron does ordain as follows:

WHEREAS, Article II. Recycling Section 46-31 through 46-52 of the Barron County General Code is hereby repealed and is recreated as Section 46-31 through 46-52 as attached; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance was approved by the Solid Waste Management Board 2/3/26, on a vote of 6-0, with Gores, Jacobson, Johnson, Langman, Okey and Schradle voting in favor and no members against. Heil, North, Ploetz and Rogers were absent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Barron County Board of Supervisors does repeal Article II. Recycling, Section 46-31 through 46-52 of the Barron County General Code and is recreated as Section 46-31 through 46-52 as attached.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, this ordinance will take effect the day after its publication. The County Clerk is authorized to publish this ordinance by posting in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes §§ 985.02 and 985.5. (See attached copy of amendment.)

OFFERED THIS ____ Day of March, 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: \$ - Future years total amount: \$ - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by: _____ Michelle Drury, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by: _____ Jeffrey French, County Administrator</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Bill Schradle, Chair Solid Waste Management Board</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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Below is a summary of proposed changes to the Barron County Recycling Ordinance No. 2021-17. These changes will be submitted for approval by the Solid Waste Management Board at its general meeting on February 3, 2026, and by the County Board at its general meeting on March 16, 2025.

The proposed revisions are the result of a request from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). An updated version of the ordinance, incorporating the Department's recommended changes—or alternative language approved by the Department—must be adopted and in effect no later than April 30, 2026.

The current ordinance was reviewed by the Waste to Energy Plant Director. Based on this review, the following changes are being requested to ensure compliance with DNR requirements.

46-40 Definitions:

- All references to “SPI” changed to “resin” throughout the entire ordinance.
- 46-40.11 Added - *Non-residential facilities and properties include any location at which goods or services are provided or manufactured, including locations under construction, demolition, or remodeling, or used for special events such as fairs, festivals, sport venues, conferences, and exhibits.*
- 46-40, 12 Replaced with - *“Office paper” means a variety of high-grade printing and writing papers. This term does not include industrial process waste, newspaper, or packaging.*

46-45 Removed references to “manned recycling sites” throughout the entire ordinance.

46-46 1.(a) Replaced with:

Provide adequate, separate containers for the recycling program established in compliance with the ordinance. The number of recycling containers shall equal or be greater than the number of trash containers, and at least one of the following shall be met:

- i. The minimum total volume of recycling container space is equal to 20 gallons per week per dwelling unit.
- ii. The ratio of trash container volume to recycling container volume is at most 2:1.
- iii. An alternative method that does not result in the overflow of a recycling container during the time period between collection of materials and delivery to a recycling facility.

- 46-31 Title.** Recycling Ordinance for Barron County, excluding the City and Town of Rice Lake.
- 46-32 Purpose.** The purpose of this ordinance is to promote recycling, composting, and resource recovery through the administration of an effective recycling program, as provided in § 287.11, Wis. Stats., and Chapter NR 544, Wis. Administrative Code.
- 46-33 Statutory Authority.** This ordinance is adopted as authorized under § 287.09(3)(b), Wis. Stats., and the Barron County Solid Waste and Recycling Management Board.
- 46-34 Abrogation and Greater Restrictions.** It is not intended by this ordinance to repeal, abrogate, annul, impair, or interfere with any existing rules, regulations, ordinances, or permits previously adopted or issued pursuant to law. However, whenever this ordinance imposes greater restrictions, the provisions of this ordinance shall apply.
- 46-35 Interpretation.** In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this ordinance shall be held to be the minimum requirements and shall not be deemed a limitation or repeal of any other power granted by the Wisconsin Statutes. Where any terms or requirements of this ordinance may be inconsistent or conflicting, the more restrictive requirements or interpretation shall apply. Where a provision of this ordinance is required by Wisconsin Statutes, or by a standard in Chapter NR 544, Wis. Administrative Code, and where the ordinance provision is unclear, the provision shall be interpreted in light of the Wisconsin Statutes and the Chapter NR 544 standards in effect on the date of the adoption of this ordinance, or in effect on the date of the most recent text amendment to this ordinance.
- 46-36 Severability.** Should any portion of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected.
- 46-37 Applicability.** The requirements of this ordinance apply to all persons within the Barron County Responsible Unit area.
- 46-38 Administration.** The provisions of this ordinance shall be administered by the Barron County Solid Waste and Recycling Management Board. Interpretation of this ordinance on a day-to-day basis shall be delegated to the County Administrator and/or the Waste to Energy Plant Director.
- 46-39 Effective Date.** The provisions of this ordinance shall take effect on April 1, 2026.

46-40 Definitions. For the purpose of this ordinance:

- 1) "Bi-metal container" means a container for carbonated or malt beverages that is made primarily of a combination of steel and aluminum.
- 2) "Container board" means corrugated paperboard used in the manufacture of shipping containers and related products.
- 3) "Foam polystyrene packaging" means packaging made primarily from foam polystyrene that satisfies one of the following criteria:
 - (a) Is designed for serving food or beverages.
 - (b) Consists of loose particles intended to fill space and cushion the packaged article in a shipping container.
 - (c) Consists of rigid materials shaped to hold and cushion the packaged article in a shipping container.
- 4) "Glass Container" means a glass bottle, jar, or other packaging container used to contain a product that is the subject of a retail sale and does not include ceramic cups, dishes, ovenware, plate glass, safety and window glass, heat-resistant glass such as Pyrex, lead-based glass such as crystal, or TV tubes.
- 5) "HDPE" means high-density polyethylene, labeled by the resin code #2.
- 6) "LDPE" means low-density polyethylene, labeled by the resin code #4.
- 7) "Magazines" means magazines and other materials printed on similar paper.
- 8) "Major appliance" means a residential or commercial air conditioner, clothes dryer, clothes washer, dishwasher, freezer, microwave oven, oven, refrigerator, furnace, boiler, dehumidifier, water heater, or stove.
- 9) "Multiple-family dwelling" means a property containing five or more residential units, including those which are occupied seasonally.
- 10) "Newspaper" means a newspaper and other materials printed on newsprint.
- 11) "Non-residential facilities and properties" means commercial, retail, industrial, institutional, and government facilities and properties. Non-residential facilities and properties include any location at which goods or services are provided or manufactured, including locations under construction, demolition, or remodeling, or used for special events such as fairs, festivals, sports venues, conferences, and exhibits. This term does not include multiple-family dwellings.
- 12) "Office paper" means a variety of high-grade printing and writing papers. This term does not include industrial process waste, newspaper, or packaging.
- 13) "Other resins or multiple resins" means plastic resins labeled by the resin code # 7.
- 14) "Person" includes any individual, corporation, partnership, association, local government unit, as defined in § 66.0131(1)(a), Wis. Stats., state agency or authority, or federal agency.
- 15) "PETE" or "PET" means polyethylene terephthalate, labeled by the resin code # 1.
- 16) "Plastic container" means an individual, separate, rigid plastic bottle, can, jar, or carton, except for a blister pack, that is originally used to contain a product that is the subject of a retail sale.
- 17) "Postconsumer waste" means solid waste other than solid waste generated in the production of goods, hazardous waste, as defined in § 291.01(7) Wis. Stats., waste from construction and demolition of structures, scrap automobiles, or high-volume industrial waste, as defined in § 289.01(17), Wis. Stats.
- 18) "PP" means polypropylene, labeled by the resin code #5.
- 19) "PS" means polystyrene, labeled by the resin code #6.

20) "PVC" means polyvinyl chloride, labeled by the resin code #3.

21) "Recyclable materials" includes lead acid batteries; major appliances; waste oil; yard waste; aluminum containers; corrugated paper or other container board; foam polystyrene packaging; glass containers; magazines; newspaper; office paper; rigid plastic containers, including those made of PETE, HDPE, PVC, LDPE, PP, PS and other resins or multiple resins; steel containers; waste tires; and bi-metal containers.

22) "Solid waste" has the meaning specified in § 289.01(33), Wis. Stats.

23) "Solid waste facility" has the meaning specified in § 289.01(35), Wis. Stats.

24) "Solid waste treatment" means any method, technique, or process which is designed to change the physical, chemical, or biological character or composition of solid waste. "Treatment" includes incineration.

25) "Waste tire" means a tire that is no longer suitable for its original purpose because of wear, damage, or defect.

26) "Yard waste" means leaves, grass clippings, yard and garden debris, and brush, including clean woody vegetative material no greater than 6 inches in diameter. This term does not include stumps, roots, or shrubs with intact root balls.

27) "Recycling Drop Box" is a container provided for the collection of recyclables by the RU or any participant involved in the collection of recyclables within the RU. A drop box container is designed for the receiving and storage of recyclables prior to processing.

46-41 Separation of Recyclable Materials. Occupants of single family and 2 to 4-unit residences, multiple-family dwellings, and non-residential facilities and properties shall separate the following materials from post-consumer waste:

- 1) Lead-acid batteries
- 2) Major appliances
- 3) Waste oil
- 4) Yard waste
- 5) Aluminum containers
- 6) Bi-metal containers
- 7) Corrugated paper or other container board
- 8) Foam polystyrene packaging
- 9) Glass containers
- 10) Magazines
- 11) Newspaper
- 12) Office paper
- 13) Rigid plastic containers made of PETE, HDPE, PVC, LDPE, PP, PS, and other resins or multiple resins
- 14) Steel containers
- 15) Waste tires

46-42 Separation Requirements Exempted. The separation requirements of § 46-41 do not apply to the following:

- 1) Occupants of single family and 2 to 4-unit residences, multiple-family dwellings, and non-residential facilities and properties that send their post-consumer waste to a processing facility licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources that recovers the materials specified in § 46-41 from solid waste in as pure a form as is technically feasible.
- 2) Solid waste which is burned as a supplement fuel at a facility if less than 30% of the heat

input to the facility is derived from the solid waste burned as supplement fuel.

- 3) A recyclable material specified in § 46-41(5) through (15) for which a variance has been granted by the Department of Natural Resources under § 287.11(2m), Wis. Stats., or § NR 544.14, Wis. Administrative Code.

46-43 Care of Separated Recyclable Materials. To the greatest extent practicable, the recyclable materials separated in accordance with § 46-41 shall be clean and kept free of contaminants such as food or product residue, oil or grease, or other non-recyclable materials, including but not limited to household hazardous waste, medical waste, and agricultural chemical containers. Recyclable materials shall be stored in a manner which protects them from wind, rain, and other inclement weather conditions.

46-44 Management of Lead Acid Batteries, Major Appliances, Waste Oil, and Yard Waste. Occupants of single family and 2 to 4-unit residences, multiple-family dwellings, and non-residential facilities and properties shall manage lead acid batteries, major appliances, waste oil, and yard waste as follows:

- (a) Lead acid batteries shall be separated from the post-consumer waste stream. The Barron County Waste to Energy Facility accepts lead-acid batteries for recycling.
- (b) Major appliances shall be separated from the post-consumer waste stream. The Barron County Waste to Energy Facility accepts major appliances for recycling.
- (c) Waste oil shall be disposed of at the Barron County Highway Department in Barron on the west side of STH 25 by the fuel island. There are separate tanks for waste oil and antifreeze. It is very important to keep these materials separated. Once collected, these products will be recycled.
- (d) Yard waste shall be separated from the post-consumer waste stream. The Barron County Waste to Energy Facility accepts yard waste for composting.

46-45 Preparation and Collection of Recyclable Materials. Except as otherwise directed by the Barron County Solid Waste and Recycling management board, occupants of single family and 2 to 4-unit residences shall do the following for the preparation and collection of the separated materials specified in § 46-41(5) through (15). All plastic, tin, aluminum, and glass containers shall be placed into the receptacles loosely (not in plastic bags). All cardboard shall be flat/broken down in a size no larger than 2' x 2' (not tied with twine):

- 1) **Aluminum containers** shall be separated from the post-consumer waste stream and recycled. The Barron County RU accepts these materials at the recycling drop-off locations.
- 2) **Bi-metal containers** shall be separated from the post-consumer waste stream and recycled. The Barron County RU accepts these materials at the recycling drop-off locations.
- 3) **Corrugated paper or other container board** shall be separated from the post-consumer waste stream and recycled. The Barron County RU accepts these materials at the recycling drop-off locations.
- 4) **Foam polystyrene packaging** shall be disposed of in the post-consumer waste stream. The Barron County Waste to Energy Facility will incinerate this waste stream for energy recovery.
- 5) **Glass containers** shall be separated from the post-consumer waste stream and recycled. The Barron County RU accepts these materials at the recycling drop-off locations.
- 6) **Magazines** shall be separated from the post-consumer waste stream and recycled. The Barron County RU accepts these materials at the recycling drop-off locations.

- 7) **Newspaper** shall be separated from the post-consumer waste stream and recycled. The Barron County RU accepts these materials at the recycling drop-off locations.
- 8) **Office paper** shall be separated from the post-consumer waste stream and recycled. The Barron County RU accepts these materials at the recycling drop-off locations.
- 9) **Rigid plastic containers** shall be prepared and collected as follows:
 - (a) **Plastic containers made of PETE**, including soda and water bottles, shall be separated from the post-consumer waste stream and recycled. The Barron County RU accepts these materials at the recycling drop-off locations.
 - (b) **Plastic containers made of HDPE**, including detergent, shampoo, and butter tubs, shall be separated from the post-consumer waste stream and recycled. The Barron County RU accepts these materials at the recycling drop-off locations.
 - (c) **Plastic containers made of PVC** shall be disposed of in the postconsumer waste stream. The Barron County Waste to Energy Facility will incinerate this waste stream for energy recovery.
 - (d) **Plastic containers made of LDPE** shall be disposed of in the postconsumer waste stream. The Barron County Waste to Energy Facility will incinerate this waste stream for energy recovery.
 - (e) **Plastic containers made of PP** shall be separated from the postconsumer waste stream and recycled. The Barron County RU accepts these materials at the recycling drop off locations.
 - (f) **Plastic containers made of PS** shall be disposed of in the postconsumer waste stream. The Barron County Waste to Energy Facility will incinerate this waste stream for energy recovery.
 - (g) **Plastic containers made of other resins or multiple resins** shall be disposed of in the post-consumer waste stream. The Barron County Waste to Energy Facility will incinerate this waste stream for energy recovery.
- 10) **Steel containers** shall be separated from the post-consumer waste stream and recycled. The Barron County RU accepts these materials at the recycling drop-off locations.
- 11) **Waste tires** shall be disposed of at the Barron County Waste to Energy Facility or a qualified waste tire recycler. Barron County will recycle this waste stream or incinerate this waste stream for energy recovery.

46-46 Responsibilities of Owners or Designated Agents of Multiple-Family Dwellings.

- 1) Owners or designated agents of multiple-family dwellings shall do all of the following to recycle the materials specified in § 46-41(5) through (15):
 - (a) Provide adequate, separate containers for the recycling program established in compliance with the ordinance. The number of recycling containers shall equal or be greater than the number of trash containers, and at least one of the following shall be met:
 - I. The minimum total volume of recycling container space is equal to 20 gallons per week per dwelling unit.
 - II. The ratio of trash container volume to recycling container volume is at most 2:1.
 - III. An alternative method that does not result in the overflow of a recycling container during the time period between collection of materials and delivery to a recycling facility.
 - (b) Notify tenants in writing at the time of renting or leasing the dwelling and at least semi-annually thereafter about the established recycling program.
 - (c) Provide for the collection of the materials separated from the solid waste by the tenants and the delivery of the materials to a recycling facility.

(d) Notify tenants of reasons to reduce and recycle solid waste, which materials are collected, how to prepare the materials in order to meet the processing requirements, collection methods or sites, locations and hours of operation, and a contact person or company, including a name, address and telephone number.

2) The requirements specified in § 46-46.1 do not apply to the owners or designated agents of multiple- family dwellings if the postconsumer waste generated within the dwelling is treated at a processing facility licensed by the Department of Natural Resources that recovers for recycling the materials specified in § 46-41(5) through (15) from solid waste in as pure a form as is technically feasible.

46-47 Responsibilities of Owners or Designated Agents of Non-Residential Facilities and Properties.

- 1) Owners or designated agents of non-residential facilities and properties shall do all of the following to recycle the materials specified in § 46-41(5) through (15):
 - (a) Provide adequate, separate containers for the recycling program established under this section. The total volume of recycling containers shall be sufficient to avoid overflow during the time period between collection of materials and delivery to a recycling facility.
 - (b) Notify in writing, at least semi-annually, all users, tenants, and occupants of the properties about the established recycling program.
 - (c) Provide for the collection of the materials separated from the solid waste by the users, tenants, and occupants and the delivery of the materials to a recycling facility.
 - (d) Notify users, tenants, and occupants of reasons to reduce and recycle, which materials are collected, how to prepare materials in order to meet the processing requirements, collection methods or sites, locations, and hours of operation, and a contact person or company, including a name, address, and telephone number.
- 2) The requirements specified in § 46-47.1 do not apply to the owners or designated agents of nonresidential facilities and properties if the post-consumer waste generated within the facility or property is treated at a processing facility licensed by the Department of Natural Resources that recovers for recycling the materials specified in § 46-41 (5) through (15) from solid waste in as pure a form as is technically feasible.

46-48 Prohibitions on Disposal of Recyclable Materials Separated for Recycling. No person may dispose of in a solid waste disposal facility or burn in a solid waste treatment facility any of the materials specified in § 46-41 (5) through (15) which have been separated for recycling, except waste tires may be burned with energy recovery in a solid waste treatment facility.

46-49 Enforcement.

- 1) For the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the provisions of this ordinance, any authorized officer, employee or representative of the Barron County Solid Waste and Recycling Facility management board may inspect recyclable materials separated for recycling, postconsumer waste intended for disposal, recycling collection sites and facilities, collection vehicles, collection areas of multiple-family dwellings and non-residential facilities and properties, and any records relating to recycling activities, which shall be kept confidential when necessary to protect proprietary information. No person may refuse access to any authorized officer, employee, or authorized representative of the Barron County Solid Waste and Recycling Facility management board who requests access for purposes of inspection and who presents appropriate credentials. No person may obstruct, hamper, or interfere with such an inspection.
- 2) Any person who violates a provision of this ordinance may be issued a Summons and

Complaint by the office of Barron County Corporation Counsel to collect forfeitures. The issuance of a citation shall not preclude proceeding under any other ordinance or law relating to the same or any other matter. Proceeding under any other ordinance or law relating to the same or any other matter shall not preclude the issuance of a citation under this paragraph.

3) Penalties for violating this ordinance may be assessed as follows:

- (a) Any person who violates § 46-48 may be required to forfeit \$50 for a first violation, \$200 for a second violation, and not more than \$2000 for a third or subsequent violation.
- (b) Any person who violates a provision of this ordinance, except § 46-48, may be required to forfeit not less than \$10 or more than \$1000 for each violation.

46-50 Reporting requirements for persons buying or receiving recyclable materials. Any private vendor or purchaser operating within the Barron County Responsible Unit engaged in the buying of recyclable materials, or otherwise receiving such materials from individuals involved in private recycling, shall report quantities of recyclable materials collected and processed annually by February 1st to the Waste to Energy and Recycling Plant Director.

46-51 Anti-scavenging or unlawful removal of recyclables. It is illegal for any person to take any recyclable material or materials which are segregated for recycling from a recycling drop box or container.

46-52 Unlawful disposal of non-recyclable material. It is illegal for any person to dispose of a non-recyclable material in a recycling drop box or container.

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BARRON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - _____

**Ordinance Designating Additional
Portion of County Highway as ATV/UTV Route**

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, 2024-19, 2025-7, and
7 2026-4 designated additional portions of the County Highways as ATV/UTV routes; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, the Chetek Snow Flyers requested a change in the ATV trail route;
10 and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the Barron County Highway and Law Enforcement Committees
13 recommend opening ¼ mile of CTH I from 22 ¾ Street to 23rd Street for ATV/UTV traffic;
14 and

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

18 **WHEREAS**, this ordinance was approved by the Highway Committee on
19 9/4/25, on a vote of 5-0 with Jenkins, Mosentine, Olson, Thompson and Okey voting in
20 favor and no members voting against.

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22 **WHEREAS**, this ordinance was approved by the Law Enforcement/Emergency
23 Management Committee on 9/18/25, on a vote of 5-0, with Mosentine, Schneider,
24 Anderson, Olson, and McCready voting in favor and no members against.

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26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Barron County Board of
27 Supervisors that Ordinance Numbers 2022-5, 2022-8, 2022-16, 2024-8, 2024-19, 2025-7
28 and 2026-4 be amended to add opening ¼ mile of CTH I from 22 ¾ Street to 23rd Street
29 for ATV/UTV traffic.

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

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OFFERED THIS _____ day of March, 2026.

<p>Number of readings required: One () Two ()</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority () 2/3 Entire Board (20) ()</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted () General Fund () Grant () Contingency () Other () 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>Board Action: Adopted () Failed () Tabled ()</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department</p> <p>_____ Michelle Drury, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by County Administrator:</p> <p>_____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>Approved as to form by Corporation Counsel:</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Marv Thompson, Highway Committee Chair</p> <p>_____ Pete Olson, Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee Chair</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p>
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CHETEK SNOW FLYERS AND ATV CRUZERS INC.

CHETEK, WI

To:

August 19, 2025

Jeff Wolfe

Recreation Deputy/Trail Coordinator

1420 Highway 25 N

Barron WI 54812

715-537-3106

jeffwolfe@co.barron.wi.us

Jeff,

Chetek Snow Flyers & ATV Cruzers are **requesting a change in ATV trail route.**

Open a section of County I West from the intersection of 6 1/2 to 23rd South to Sioux Creek Golf Course.

And or open a section of **road**, 22 1/2 running south to County I then east to 23rd south to Sioux Creek Golf Course. The ATV 's are **requesting the change to be able to bring business to the golf course.**

On behalf of the Chetek Snow Flyers & ATV Cruzers Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Schmidt

Club President

Chetek Snow Flyers & ATV Cruzers



Phone:
715-829-8925



Email:
ChetekSnowFlyers@gmail.com



Club Address: 2330 8th Ave, Chetek, WI 54728
Mailing Address: P.O. 641 Chetek, WI 54728

ATV Route Request:

See enclosed request from the Chetek Snow Flyers and ATV Cruzers Inc.

The Barron County Highway Committee motion from the 9/4/25 meeting:

ATV Route Request: Nelson recommended opening 1/4 mile of CTH I from 22 3/4 St to 23rd St for ATV traffic instead of opening CTH I from 23rd St to 24 1/8th St which would require a variance from the state to access their right of way.

Discussion. Motion to utilize the recommendation to use this new proposed route after speaking with law enforcement and the county board in spring 2026.

(Jenkins / Mosentine).

All in favor. Carried.



BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - _____

**Resolution Authorizing Release of Approximately 2.69 Acres County Forest Land,
Town of Cedar Lake, Per Wisconsin State Statutes, Section 28**

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1
2 **WHEREAS**, Barron County owns County Forest Lands in the Town of Cedar
3 Lake, Wisconsin, Section 19, Township 36 North, Range 10 West; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, in early 2020, the County was preparing for a timber sale in this
6 forestry block and during that process, a boundary line dispute arose, resulting in the filing
7 of an Adverse Possession claim with a neighboring landowner; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the Property Committee mediated a settlement of the Adverse
10 Possession claim which resulted in the splitting of the disputed property, with each party
11 Quit Claim deeding one-half of the disputed strip to the other party; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin State Statute Section 28.11 and Wisconsin Administrative
14 Code, Department of Natural Resources, (NR) 48 specify how County Forest Land is
15 withdrawn from the County Forest Block and requires a County Board to authorize, by
16 Resolution, the submittal of Form 2453-003 (R 3/29), *County Forest Law Withdrawal*
17 *Application* which is to be submitted to the DNR for consideration; and

18 **WHEREAS**, this resolution was approved by the Property Committee on July 7,
19 2025, on a vote of 7-0, with Fowler, Effertz, Heller, Rogers, Moen, Schradle, and Bartlett
20 voting in favor and no members against.
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22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that with passage of this resolution,
23 the Barron County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the completion of Form
24 2453-003 (R 3/29), *County Forest Law Withdrawal Application*, along with all other
25 necessary forms and documents and to submit the application to the DNR seeking approval
26 to withdrawal of this property from the County Forest Block, Town of Cedar Lake.
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28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that publication of this resolution may occur
29 through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
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OFFERED THIS 16 day of March, 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 () Details _____</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ n/a - Future years total amount: \$ n/a - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ n/a - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ n/a</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department</p> <p>_____ Michelle Drury, Finance Director</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted () Failed () Tabled ()</p> <p>Approved as to form by County Administrator:</p> <p>_____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>Approved as to form by Corporation Counsel:</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Dana Heller, Property Committee Chair</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p>
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UNDER THE DOME

Economic Development Proposals on the Docket

By Dave Armstrong, State Representative, 67th Assembly District

The importance of economic development can be summed up in the saying, “A rising tide lifts all boats.” A healthy economic climate means strong businesses, well-paid employees, desirable communities, and successful schools, all of which support one another in a virtuous cycle.

It has been my privilege since 2013 to serve as executive director of the Barron County Economic Development Corporation, where I frequently work with entrepreneurs on their business plans, financial forecasts and site selection. I also serve Barron County and parts of Chippewa and Dunn counties in the State Assembly. Serving in the Legislature has been an incredible opportunity to encourage economic development at the state level. In addition to introducing legislation, I serve on several committees that review proposals related to economic development. These include

the Housing and Real Estate; Jobs and Economy; Ways and Means; and Workforce Development, Labor, and Integrated Employment committees.

The 2025-26 legislative session has seen many economic development proposals introduced. These range from helping startups to assisting specific industries, such as biofuels and nuclear energy. Other proposals recognize the importance that housing and child care play in supporting economic development.

The final 2025-27 state budget included several provisions related to economic development, such as a program to



Rep. Dave Armstrong

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attract talent from other states, tax incentives to encourage film production in Wisconsin, and bridge payments to child care providers to help them stay in business.

Beyond the budget, some economic development proposals are intended to help startups get off the ground. Assembly Bills 565 and 566 update the eligibility requirements for participating in the Qualified New Business Venture program, which incentivizes investment in early-stage Wisconsin businesses. Another proposal, Assembly Bill 397, updates reporting requirements for recipients of grants and loans from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to reduce compliance costs, which is a particular concern for smaller businesses.

Other economic development legislation targets specific industries. These include tax credits for video game production, sustainable aviation fuel production and nuclear energy generation. Besides tax credits, proposals create or update incentives — or reduce barriers — for nuclear fusion technology projects, contract research organizations, and home-based food producers.

As the economic development director and state legislator for a rural part of the state, I am particularly encouraged by legislation that benefits rural Wisconsin. Reliable access to the internet is crucial, especially in rural areas. Assembly Bill 208 permanently exempts state and federal broadband funding from the income tax, freeing up more money for broadband expansion in unserved and underserved areas. More specific to rural Wisconsin, Assembly Bill 159 creates rural creative economy development grants to promote the arts and encourage tourism, and Assembly Bill 182 updates the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit to include a carve out for rural projects.

This last point brings me to two issues that I believe are critical for encouraging economic development in Wisconsin — housing and child care. In my experience at the state and county levels, no one wants to work where they can't afford to live and there's no one to watch the



kids. This is just as true for entrepreneurs and small business owners as it is for employees.

One bill that dealt with housing and child care, Assembly Bill 280, was signed into law as 2025 Act 78. It follows up on legislation from the 2023-24 session and allows businesses to claim the Business Development Tax Credit for investments in workforce housing and child care. Another proposal to encourage employer participation in child care is Assembly Bill 369, which creates a state tax credit that mirrors an existing federal tax credit for businesses that offer child care services for employees.

On the housing front, Assembly Bill 194 reduces barriers to participation in three Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority housing programs the Legislature enacted last session and makes the competitive loans more generous. The Assembly also passed a housing package this past fall, including residential tax incremental districts, updated zoning practices for proposed residential development, and condominium conversion reimbursement grants.

I could go into much more detail about each of the proposals in this article — not to mention the proposals I couldn't include due to space — but I hope it gives a sense of the many ways in which my legislative colleagues and I are working to improve Wisconsin's economic climate.

I wrote this article before the legislative session ended, so not all the bills mentioned here will have passed by the time you read this, but many of those that haven't will likely be reintroduced next session, along with new proposals. For example, I am working on a county room tax to boost tourism. In any case, I expect that economic development, housing and child care will be high on the agenda for the 2027-28 session.

Our state has a lot to offer, but there's always more to be done, and legislators are always looking for ideas! ■

State Rep. Dave Armstrong (R-Rice Lake) has represented the 67th Assembly District since 2021. In the state Assembly, he chairs the Committee on Small Business Development, serves as vice chair of the Committee on Rural Development and is a member of several other committees. Armstrong is also the executive director of the Barron County Economic Development Corporation.

Affordability: More than Wages vs. Prices

Kevin Dospoy, Director and Jacob Anderson, Research Analyst

Few economic terms are used more frequently today than “affordability.” Whether in news headlines or policy discussions, the term is routinely cited. Public discourse on the topic usually centers around the money a typical household has to spend and the price of the goods and services purchased by that household.

Over the past 25 years, the amount earned by a typical household has increased substantially. At the same time, a broad set of goods and services have increased in price by a similar amount.

Economists typically measure the growth in household earnings by measuring the change in median household income, which includes salaries, wages, Social Security, and some government transfers. In 2000, the median household income in Wisconsin was \$45,090 per year. By 2024, this figure grew by 83% to \$82,560. Preliminary estimates for 2025 show this figure may have grown by 90% since 2000.

The change in the price of various goods is measured by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, most commonly reported as the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Since 2000, the cost of the standard basket of goods and services measured by the CPI has increased by almost 87%, meaning the products measured were almost 1.9 times more expensive in 2025 compared to 2000. While the CPI reflects average prices and individual experiences may vary, the figure is the most well-rounded and thorough measure of price changes.

Because these two measures have increased by virtually the same amount since 2000, the usual conclusion would be that the purchasing power of the typical household has changed little during this period. If that is the case, why is “affordability” one of the most frequently cited economic concerns in public discourse?

A common interpretation of the data assumes price changes affect all parts of a household budget evenly

and that households can easily adapt their budgets as prices change. In reality, much of a typical household’s budget is tied up in goods and services that are difficult to reduce, substitute, or eliminate, such as housing, transportation, health care, and education.

Affordability, in this context, is not simply a question of wages keeping up with, or even outpacing inflation. Instead, it is the ability of a household to purchase goods and services without compromising the ability to meet other essential needs.

When something is unaffordable, it reflects more than just an increase in price relative to income. In practice, unaffordability forces households to spend down their savings, take on debt, reduce spending in other areas, or forgo goods and services altogether.

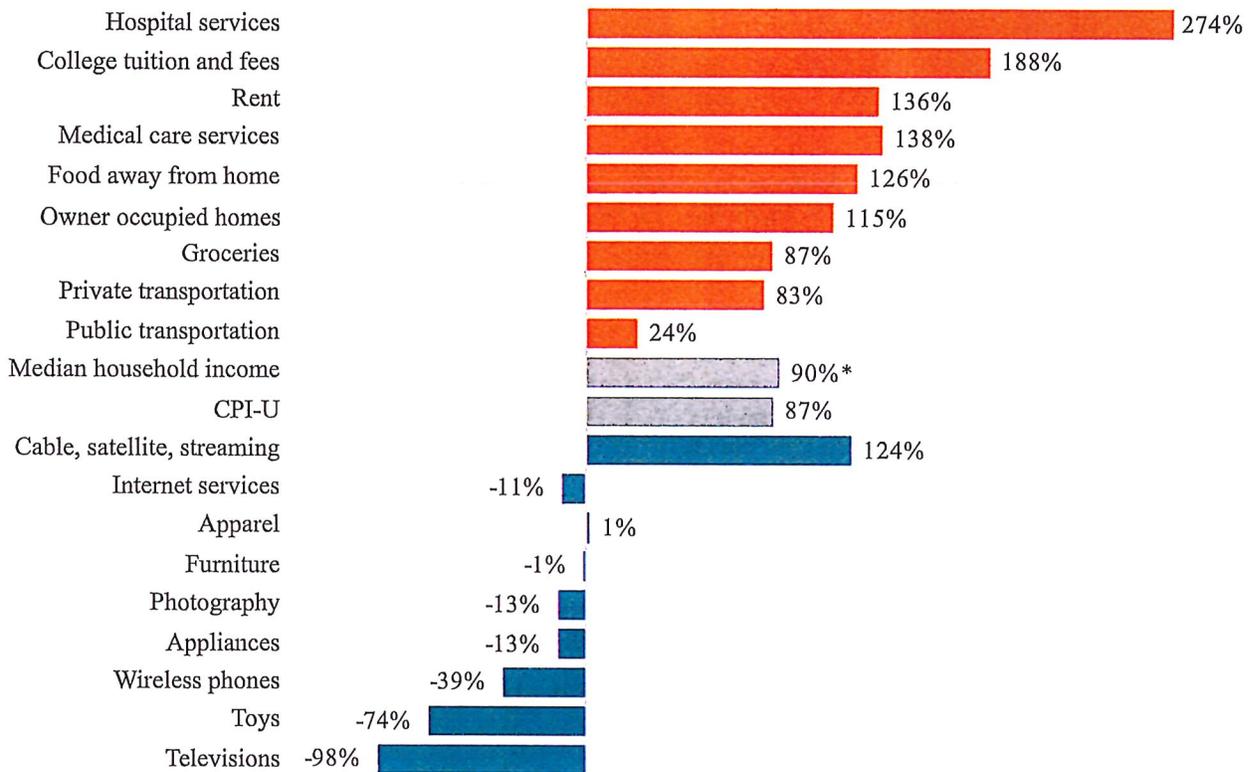
If affordability depends on whether households can absorb higher essential costs, then average price growth is an incomplete measure. What matters is not just the overall growth in prices, but which categories are driving those increases and the ability of household spending to adapt to such changes. As such, the remainder of this Spotlight examines the costs of essential goods and services separately from those that may be considered discretionary.

ESSENTIAL COSTS

“Essential” goods and services are products without which an individual could not fully participate in the job market or society in general. Put another way, these goods and services are difficult to substitute and they account for an unavoidable share of household budgets. They are also less predictable and less deferrable. These can include hospital services, medical care, food, housing, college tuition, and transportation. Prices for most essential goods and services outpaced the 87% growth in inflation and increased more than the 90% growth in median household income.

Figure 1: Prices of Essential Goods and Services Outpace Discretionary

Increase in prices of Essentials (Orange), Discretionary/Nonessential (Teal) CPI-U and Median WI Household Income (Grey), 2000-2025



*2025 data based on preliminary estimates

Since 2000, medical care services have increased by over 138%. This is the BLS category that measures prices paid for health care services, including doctor visits and nursing homes. Hospital services, which includes inpatient and outpatient care, increased by 274% during this time period. These figures do not necessarily reflect out-of-pocket costs, but even costs paid by insurers filter down to consumers.

Grocery prices have increased by 87%, which is around the same rate as inflation over this period. An important note about “food at home” as measured by BLS is that the figure does not reflect the true magnitude of substitution (for example, switching to a store brand product that is cheaper). More significantly, prices for “food away from home,” which measures, in part, restaurants and food delivery services, increased by almost 126% from 2000 through 2025. One contributing factor can be food producers and manufacturers utilizing economies of scale that may keep grocery prices relatively low. Restaurants and food delivery service prices are driven in large part by the increasing cost of labor.

Housing costs have risen as well. Prices for owner occupied homes have increased by 115% while the price of rent has increased an average of nearly 136%. These prices are relatively inflexible, meaning that locked-in mortgages reduce the impact to existing homeowners, but new buyers and renters may bear the brunt of such price increases.

College tuition and fees, a consistent cause of financial strain for younger Wisconsinites, have increased an average of 188% since 2000. This increase represents the cost of tuition and fees but excludes financial aids, scholarships, and room and board.

Transportation expenses can be measured in various ways. Private transportation, which measures the cost of owning a new or used car, motor fuel, and maintenance, has increased by 83% since 2000. Public transportation measures the prices of taxis, subways, buses, air travel, etc. These costs have risen by just 24% during the same time period.

As essential costs rise faster than median household income, they consume more of household budgets and leave less room for additional expenses. Since

these essential costs cannot easily be substituted, reduced, or eliminated, they consume the first part of a household budget. The remainder is what is left for discretionary spending.

A common critique of any discussion surrounding affordability is that households spend too much on discretionary goods. To evaluate this claim, the next section examines the change in the cost of several discretionary goods and services.

DISCRETIONARY SPENDING

Discretionary goods and services are those that can more easily be reduced, substituted, or eliminated without causing members of a household to lose access to basic necessities. Such goods can include televisions, cellphone services, computer software and video games, toys, and household appliances and furnishings.

There are various goods that at one point could have been considered discretionary, but now may be essential. For example, in 2026 mobile phones can certainly be considered essential. Yet, they are included here because more expensive phones can be substituted for much less expensive models. Another example is transportation. A new car can be significantly more expensive than a used car. While in many cases, a vehicle is a necessary and essential good, the wide difference in price between a new and used car allows the good to be discussed alongside other forms of discretionary spending.

Electronic goods decreased in overall prices significantly over the past 25 years. Televisions declined by 98% in price after accounting for quality improvements. The price of wireless phones declined by

39%. Prices for toys and appliances dropped by 74% and 13% respectively. Such a substantial decrease in prices reflects more manufacturers and producers entering the market, increasing competition for better and more refined products, and innovations in the electronics industry. On the other hand, cable, satellite, and live streaming services have increased by 124% during the same time period.

These price changes are illustrated in figure 1. The divergence between essential and discretionary goods is evident. Taken together, these changes shed some light on why households feel that their purchasing power has declined. Discretionary goods are cheaper as households are earning more money than previously. But the savings in discretionary spending are often insufficient to offset increases in essential goods and services such as healthcare and hospital services.

Households can try to adapt their budgets to accommodate the increased cost of essential goods by reducing spending in nonessential categories, but discretionary goods cannot be reduced or eliminated entirely. Affordability is not about whether households can still buy televisions and smartphones. It's more about what is left after essential goods and services consume an ever-increasing portion of household budgets.

Comparing median household income to the CPI on the surface shows little change in affordability over the past 25 years. On the other hand, digging deeper and comparing median household income to the price changes of essential and discretionary goods and services shows that household budgets have changed substantially.