



Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 – 8:00 a.m.

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

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPEARING VIRTUALLY: None at this time.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None at this time.

STAFF PRESENT IN PERSON: Finance Director Drury, Administrator French, County Clerk Hodek, Corporation Counsel Muench, Deputy County Clerk Naglosky, IT Director Peterson, HR Director Richie and Treasurer Sommerfeld.

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

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

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

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

SPECIAL MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (NON-ACTION ITEMS): Chair Okey, Administrator French and Finance Director Drury met via conference call with financial consultants Ehlers and will continue to work on the debt refinancing. Administrator French noted another opioid settlement was recently reached and the County is anticipating a \$27,000 deposit into the same opioid fund that has been utilized in the past.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2026: Motion: (Thompson/Bartlett) to approve. Carried.

RESOLUTION – CREATING THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Administrator French distributed a handout prior to the meeting. **Motion: (Olson/Rogers)** to approve with the change of adding lines #15-17 and lines #19-22 be created as additional "Therefore, be it Further Resolved" in the resolution and approve. Administrator French and Corporation Counsel Muench answered questions from the Board. Discussion. Carried.

BUDGET OVERDRAFT 2025 AUDIT EXPENDITURE (UPDATE): Finance Director Drury noted the overdraft was due to the additional audit work from the Barron County Housing Authority merger. **Motion: (Kusilek/Olson)** to approve. Discussion. Carried.

DISCUSS/APPROVE WELCOME ADVERTISING WITH KWIK TRIP LOCATIONS LOCATED IN BARRON COUNTY (RECOMMENDATION FROM STRATEGIC PLANNING WORK GROUP): Administrator French was requested to bring this to the Committee from the Strategic Planning Work Group and determine the target market and/or determine the best marketing packages for the County. Discussion. **Motion: (Anderson/Wenzel)** to spend up to \$8,000 at the pumps at Kwik Trip locations within Barron County. Discussion. **Motion: (Olson/Cook)** to table until next month. Carried.



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VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Chair Okey gave an explanation for the request to discuss virtual attendance at committee meetings. Discussion. Bartlett has requested parameters for virtual attendance as an agenda item at all upcoming May reorganizational committee meetings. Administrator French added he will also discuss this with Department Heads at the upcoming Monthly Management meeting.

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE AND VOTING RIGHTS AFTER CLOSED SESSIONS AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Chair Okey noted that if a committee member is not in attendance at a closed session, including due to virtual attendance, the committee member is not allowed to vote after the closed session.

STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES

- A. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – PHARMACY TRENDS:** Administrator French reviewed the document in the packet noting the market for specialty drugs has grown by 40% and 2/3rds of all drugs are specialty drugs. GLP-1's are specialty drugs which account for 2% of the market but are now 60% of the pharmacy benefit costs. Administrator French and HR Director Richie answered questions from the Committee.

REVIEW VOUCHER EDIT LISTS: No action taken.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Advertising at Kwik Trip Locations within Barron County

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 8:00AM.

ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous consent at 8:54AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk

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