



PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 6, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.

Barron County Government Center - Veterans Memorial Auditorium
335 East Monroe Avenue - Barron, WI 54812

MINUTES

Members Present: Karolyn Bartlett, Bill Effertz, Craig Fowler, Carol Moen (Arrived at 1:04PM), Louie Okey (alternate), Bob Rogers and Bill Schradle.

Absent: Dana Heller.

Others Present: County Forester Bygd, Administrator French, County Conservationist Gruetzmacher, County Clerk Hodek, Parks & Maintenance Coordinator Mickelson and DNR Forester Cain.

Call Meeting to Order: Vice Chair Effertz called the meeting to order at 1:00PM.

Public Meeting Notification: County Clerk Hodek noted the meeting met WI Open Meeting Requirements.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Special Matters and Announcements: Administrator French thanked retiring Maintenance Director Olson for his years of service to the County and announced Parks & Maintenance Coordinator Mickelson will be appointed to replace Olson at the April County Board meeting later this month. Administrator French also noted the two upcoming open houses for the Little Learners Facility at the UWEC-Barron County Campus this week.

Approve Agenda: Motion: (Bartlett/Rogers) to approve. Carried.

Approve Minutes of February 2, 2026: Motion: (Okey/Schradle) to approve. Carried.

Moen arrived at 1:04PM.

Approval of Revised Plan for National Lumbering Hall of Fame Picnic Shelter: Lynn Kolpack addressed the Committee giving a background of the family led project and her concerns. Administrator French read an email from Stan Buchanan and recommended that an architect or engineer review any future plans prior to construction. Discussion. **Motion: (Okey/Schradle)** to have an architect or engineer and the Barron County Maintenance staff approve any future building plans prior to construction. Discussion. Carried.

Carpet Installation at Government Center (Administration Offices, County Clerk Office, Corporation Counsel Offices, Law Library, Conference Rooms 2151 & 2152, 2nd Floor Breakroom, Land Services Offices, 4th Floor Conference Rooms & Hallways) and the Transfer of Borrowing Fund for Ag Building Improvements: Parks & Maintenance Coordinator Mickelson reviewed the carpet installation request and transfer of the remaining funds from the recently completed FSA remodel. Discussion. **Motion: (Rogers/Bartlett)** to approve the carpet installation up to \$90,000 with the transfer of the remaining funds from the FSA remodel project line. Carried.



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Staff Reports

- a. **Dam Updates:** Gruetzmacher is finalizing the municipal dam grant and continuing work with the DNR on reconstructing the dam on Little Sand Lake in a manner where it would be classified as a small dam. Ayres recently completed an inspection on the underside of the Rice Lake dam and possible repair options will be discussed at a later date.
- b. **Focus on Energy Rebate to UWEC Barron County:** Finance Director Drury noted a rebate check was received for energy upgrades at the campus.
- c. **HVAC Upgrades at UWEC Barron County Library and Ground Mount Solar:** Applications have been submitted to see if we can participate in ground mount solar at the campus.
- d. **Pleasant Plains Mounds:** Gruetzmacher projected photos and discussed recent progress with the Committee.
- e. **CICOP – Justice Center Court Security Glass Project:** The glass has been installed at the COC and DA offices.

Review Voucher Edit Lists: Reviewed.

Set Next Meeting Date: May 4, 2026 at 1:00PM at the Government Center located in Barron.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items:

- a. Maple Plain Rifle Range

Adjournment: By unanimous consent at 1:51PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk

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