

LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, April 16, 2026 8:15 AM Meeting Minutes

Barron County Justice Center, Emergency Operations Center, 1420 State Hwy 25 North, Barron, WI 54812

Members Present: Patti Anderson, Jamie McCready, Pete Olson, Pete Schneider, Craig Turcott and Stacey Wenzel.

Members Appearing Virtually: None at this time.

Members Absent: Roberta Mosentine.

Staff Present: Jail Captain Tim Evenson, County Administrator Jeff French, Chief Deputy Jason Hagen, Patrol Captain Darren Hodek, County Clerk Jessica Hodek, Emergency Services Director Mike Judy (*Arrived at 8:44 a.m.*), Sheriff Jodi Kummert, IT Director Lance Peterson and HR Director Richie.

Staff Appearing Virtually: None at this time.

Others Present: Bob Zientara (NewsShield).

Call to Order: By Chair Olson at 8:15 a.m.

Public Notification: County Clerk Hodek stated the County's compliance with open meeting laws.

Public Comment: Nothing at this time.

Approve Agenda: Motion: (McCready/Schneider) to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

Approve March 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes: Motion: (Schneider/Turcott) to approve. Carried.

Review Voucher Edit Lists: Discussion.

Jail Organizational Restructuring Plan: Jail Captain Evenson reviewed the increased cost of restructuring the jail positions after this year (the cost is anticipated to be budget neutral this year) with restructuring the current positions and creating a new position. Discussion. HR Director Richie and Administrator French answered questions from the Committee. Discussion. **Motion: (McCready/Wenzel)** to recommend plan approval and forward to the Executive Committee. Carried.

Discussion for Options to Open Records Requests: Patrol Captain Hodek reviewed the process for answering the variety of open records requests received within the Sheriff's Department. Discussion. Administrator French recommends the Committee forward this discussion to the Executive Committee for review.

Emergency Management Director Judy arrived at 8:44 a.m.

Request to Open County Highway AA (near Chetek) to ATV/UTV Traffic: Administrator French noted that all future trail requests would be discussed once a year going forward, preferably in April, starting in 2027 and also recommended approval. **Motion:** (Schneider/Turcott) to approve. Carried.

Jail Sally Port Update: Jail Captain Evenson noted the scheduled opening date is May 8th. Discussion regarding door change orders. Administrator French recommended a change order to present to the Sally Port Committee at the May meeting.

Updates

1. **Emergency Response Team:** Sheriff Kummet and Patrol Captain Hodek attended a regional training with ERT at Fort McCoy yesterday.
2. **Patrol:** Patrol Deputy Weise was promoted to the Recreational Officer position. A Patrol Deputy position is open for recruitment and closes in one week. The new Motorola cameras and radios are installed with positive feedback.
3. **Jail:** Sergeant Robel retired and two new jailers were recently hired.
4. **Dispatch:** One new dispatcher was hired.
5. **Emergency Management:** Nothing at this time.

Future Agenda Items

1. Committee Elections of Chair, Vice Chair & Executive Rep.
2. Remote Attendance for Future Meetings

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 8:15 a.m.

Adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk

*Meeting minutes posted in draft form.
Minutes not official until approved at the next committee meeting.*