



BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026 – 9:00 AM

BARRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – AUDITORIUM
335 EAST MONROE AVENUE - BARRON, WISCONSIN 54812

MINUTES

PRESENT IN PERSON: Bob Anderson, Patti Anderson, Scott Bachowski, Karolyn Bartlett, Randy Cook Sr, Mark Eby, Shelley Effertz, Carsten Ellison, Craig Fowler, Jim Gores, Dana Heller, Dennis Jenkins, Kathy Krug, Audrey Kusilek, Fran Langman, Jamie McCready, Jeff Miller, Carol Moen, Gary Nelson, Louie Okey, Pete Olson, Dennis Sandmann, Pete Schneider, Bill Schradle, Craig Turcott, Diane Vaughn, Lauren Wentz, Stacey Wenzel and Brad Wolf.

ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: None at this time.

ABSENT: None at this time.

CALL TO ORDER: County Clerk Hodek called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

OATH OF OFFICE & SWEARING IN OF ALL SUPERVISORS – JUDGE JAMES BABLER: Judge Babler administered the Oath of Office to all Supervisors present at the meeting.

ROLL CALL – PUBLIC NOTIFICATION: County Clerk Hodek took attendance and stated the County's compliance with Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by the American Legion Post 540 located in Haugen which included Commander Ken Nelson and First Vice Commander Leonard Cutsforth.

INVOCATION: Led by Pastor Colin O'Bryon from the First Baptist Church located in Barron.

SPECIAL MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):

- A. Administrator French and Supervisor P. Anderson thanked the Haugen Legion Post for the \$6,000 donation check for the Veterans Service Office received prior to the meeting that will be used for unmet needs for Barron County veterans.
- B. Administrator French introduced Aaron Mickelson who will be appointed to the Buildings & Maintenance Director later in the meeting.
- C. Please RSVP to all future committee meetings to the number on the agenda highlighted in yellow to ensure we have enough committee members in attendance for a quorum.
- D. The committee assignment forms were distributed at the Supervisor's desk prior to the meeting. Administrator French asked for the form to be returned to the Administrative Office by Friday, April 24th. Committee assignments will be reviewed within the upcoming month and appointments will be made at the May County Board meeting.
- E. Corporation Counsel Muench reviewed walking quorums and gave a brief explanation of WI Open Meeting Laws.
- F. Deputy County Clerk Naglosky noted the Supervisor's timesheets have been updated and each have their own folder within Google Drive. There are no changes to the timesheets themselves.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion: (Cook/Olson) to approve. Carried with 29 Yes and 0 No.

INTRODUCTION OF SUPERVISORS (2 MINUTES EACH): The newly elected Supervisors: Bachowski, Eby, Effertz, Ellison, Miller, Sandmann, Wentz and Wolf, introduced themselves to the Board.

APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2026: Motion: (Jenkins/Turcott) to approve. Carried with 29 Yes and 0 No.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dennis Roshell: 1228 18th Street in Barron – discussed the intersection at County Highway D and 18th Street in the Town of Barron.

ELECTION OF COUNTY BOARD & HIGHWAY ELECTIVE POSITIONS: Corporation Counsel Muench gave a brief explanation of the election procedures for the leadership positions and Highway Committee.

A. COUNTY BOARD CHAIR

Receiving Nominations for Chair: Bartlett, Cook & Okey. Bartlett & Cook declined the nomination. **Motion: (Cook/P. Anderson)** to cast a unanimous vote electing Okey as Chair. Carried.

B. COUNTY BOARD VICE CHAIR

Receiving Nominations for Vice Chair: Bartlett, Cook, Langman, Turcott, Vaughn & Wenzel. Cook, Langman, Turcott, Vaughn & Wenzel declined the nomination. **Motion: (Olson/Cook)** to cast a unanimous vote electing Bartlett as Vice Chair. Carried.

C. COUNTY BOARD 2ND VICE CHAIR

Receiving Nominations for 2nd Vice Chair: Bachowski, Cook, Fowler, Langman, Moen, Olson, Schneider, Turcott, Vaughn & Wenzel. Bachowski, Cook, Fowler, Moen, Olson, Schneider & Vaughn declined the nomination.

Accepting Nominations and Placed on the First Ballot: Langman, Turcott & Wenzel.

Receiving Majority Votes and Placed on the Second Ballot: Turcott and Wenzel received the majority of votes on the first ballot and were placed on the second ballot. Turcott received the majority of votes on the second ballot and was elected 2nd Vice Chair.

D. HIGHWAY COMMITTEE (FIVE MEMBERS)

Self-Nomination for the Highway Committee: P. Anderson, Gores, Jenkins, Olson, Turcott, Vaughn & Wolf. P. Anderson withdrew her self-nomination.

Placed on the Ballot: Gores, Jenkins, Olson, Turcott, Vaughn & Wolf. Receiving the majority of the votes and elected to the Highway Committee were: Jenkins, Olson, Turcott, Vaughn & Wolf.

2026-14 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING CREATING THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT COUNTY

ADMINISTRATOR: Chair Okey reviewed the request from the Executive Committee for the position. Administrator French answered questions from the Board. Supervisor Cook asked for an addition to the Succession Plan under Policy Applications, Section D, to add “In the event the Assistant County Administrator is to act in the capacity of County Administrator for more than fifteen (15) *consecutive* business days, approval will be obtained from the Executive Committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting or the County Board Chair may call a special meeting of the Executive Committee.” **Motion: (Nelson/Eby)** to approve with changes. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Abstain (Gores).

REPORT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. ICE AGE TRAIL OPEN HOUSE: Information was included in the packet.

B. HIGHWAY COST DATA: Information was included in the packet.

APPOINTMENTS

A. BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR – APPOINT AARON MICKELSON: **Motion: (Jenkins/Eby)** to approve all appointments as presented. Carried with 29 Yes and 0 No.

B. WEST CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (WCWRPC) – APPOINT SUPERVISOR STACEY WENZEL (REPLACING SUPERVISOR PATTI ANDERSON): **Motion: (Jenkins/Eby)** to approve all appointments as presented. Carried with 29 Yes and 0 No.

C. CUMBERLAND LIBRARY – REAPPOINT SUPERVISOR CRAIG TURCOTT AND CITIZEN MEMBER CHRIS HOPKINS-HILE: **Motion: (Jenkins/Eby)** to approve all appointments as presented. Carried with 29 Yes and 0 No.

CLAIMS, PETITIONS & CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. RESOLUTION – IN SUPPORT OF BILL AB1033**
- B. CLOSED SESSION FOR 2024-2026 HEALTH INSURANCE DATA – TIM DEATON, HORTON GROUP**
- C. SPECIAL COUNTY BOARD MEETING IN JUNE OR JULY – DISCUSSION OF COUNTY’S FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN AND REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARD’S RULES & PROCEDURES**
- D. TOUR OF GOVERNMENT CENTER & WTE FACILITY FOR COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS – MAY 28TH**
- E. TOUR OF JUSTICE CENTER & HIGHWAY FACILITY FOR COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS – JUNE 10TH**
- F. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, May 18, 2026 at 5:00PM at the Government Center located in Barron.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Okey adjourned the meeting at 10:26AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, County Clerk

MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD AT THE NEXT MEETING.