



BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Monday, May 18, 2026 - 5:00 p.m.

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

Link to View Meeting: <http://youtube.com/e/BarronCountyMeetings>
Live streaming of the meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call- Public Notification
3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
4. Special Matters and Announcements (Non-Action Items)
 - a. Please Respond With Your Availability to Attend Future Committee Meetings
 - b. 2026 Annual Conference: RSVP by May, 22, 2026 at 9:00AM
 - c. Update on Sally Port Remodel
 - d. Dairy Breakfast – June 6, 2026
 - e. Updated County Board Timesheets
5. Approve Agenda
6. Approve Minutes of April 21, 2026
7. Public Comment (*Prior Registration with County Clerk Required /Maximum Allotted Time is 3 Minutes*)
8. Presentation from Horton Group on 2025 and 2026 Self-Funded Health Insurance Plan Results - Tim Horton, Executive Vice President & Sales Consultant
9. Resolution – Authorizing the Funding for and Creation of a Single Jail Lieutenant Position in the Barron County Jail
10. Resolution – In Support of Assembly Bill 1033, Regulation of Wakesurfing
11. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Rezoning - Town of Barron, Scott & Brenda Schoenborn, Owners
12. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Rezoning – Town of Chetek, Jay & Kelly Olson, Owners

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13. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Rezoning – Town of Maple Grove, Property Owner Town of Maple Grove
14. Report from County Administrator
 - a. Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Annual Conference Resolutions
 - b. Quarterly Financials
 - c. Management’s Discussion & Analysis
 - d. ADRC of Barron & Rusk Counties: 2025 Tax Savings Report
15. Appointments
 - a. Committee Reorganization Appointments (*See Packet for Complete List*)
 - b. Strategic Planning Work Group – Appoint Pete Olson and Reappoint Patti Anderson, Karolyn Bartlett, Randy Cook, Louie Okey, Craig Turcott & Wenzel
16. Claims, Petitions & Correspondence
17. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items
 - a. Tour of Government Center & WTE Facility for County Board Supervisors – May 28th
 - b. Tour of Justice Center & Highway Facility for County Board Supervisors – June 10th
 - c. Special County Board Meeting with Discussion of County’s Five Year Strategic Plan and Review of County Board’s Rules & Procedures – June or July
18. 2025 and 2026 Self-Funded Health Insurance Plan Results from Tim Deaton, Horton Group, Vice President & Sales Consultant
 - a. The County Board of Supervisors may go into closed session pursuant to 19.85(1)(f) for the purpose of considering financial, medical, social or personal histories, or disciplinary data, or considering specific personnel problems or investigation of charge.
 - b. Return to Open Session
 - c. Take Any Necessary Action
19. Adjournment

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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-HILLE: 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**

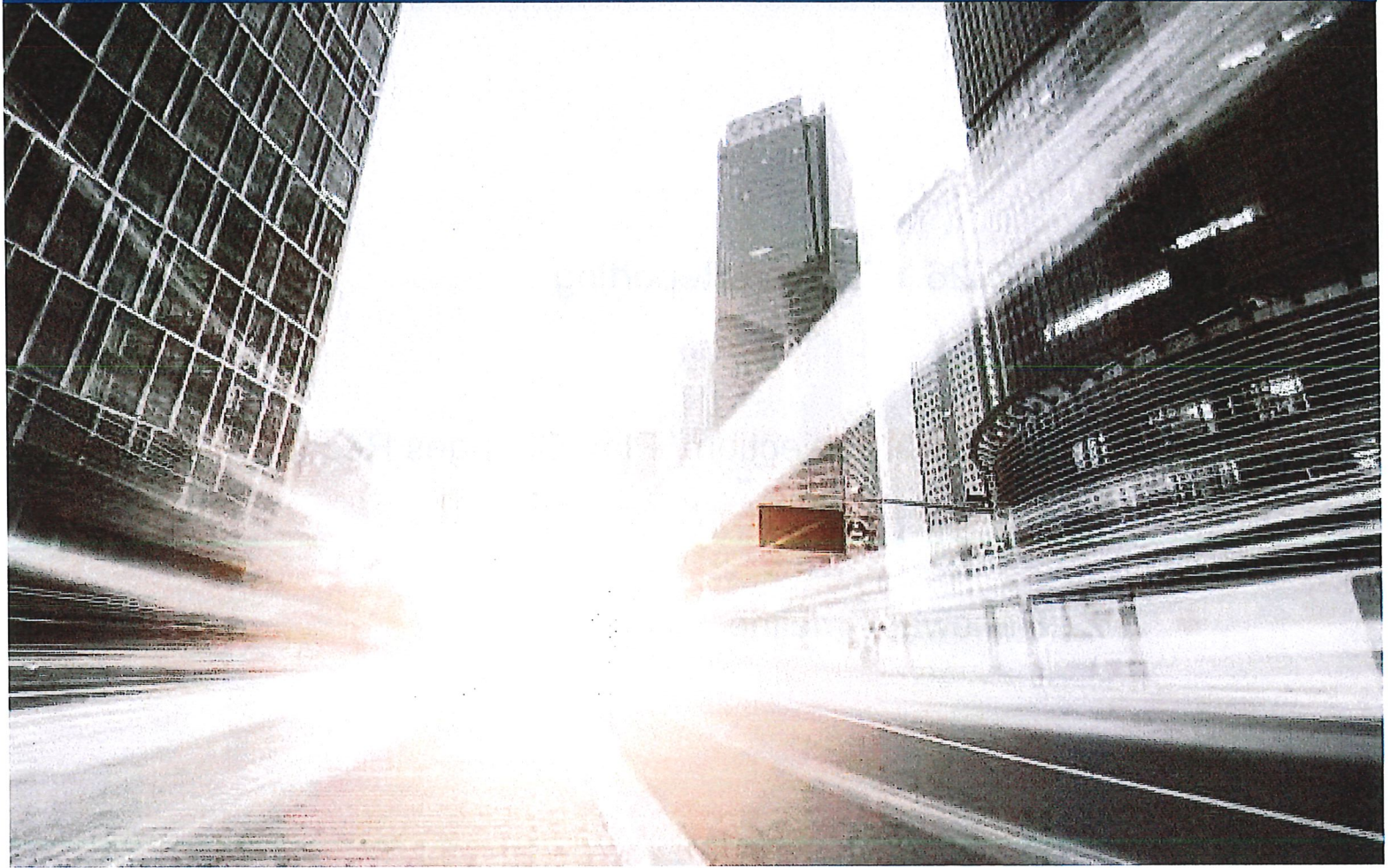
NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, May 18, 2026 at 5:00PM at the Government Center located in Barron.

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.

Barron County - Open Session



Prepared for:



May 2026

Agenda

Barron County – May 2026

- 2025 / 2026 YTD Plan Reporting
- 2026 Renewal Projection / Plan Changes Recap
- 2027 Renewal Timeline

Barron County

Medical Loss Ratio Report, Paid 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025

Report Parameters	
Medical Administrator	Anthem/PBA
Prescription Drug Administrator	CarelonRx
Reinsurance Carrier	Anthem
Specific Stop-Loss Deductible	\$100,000
Stop Loss Contract	12/18

Fixed Fees		
Anthem Administration Fee	\$45.88	PEPM
PBA Administration Fee	\$32.00	PEPM
Spec EE Stop Loss Premium	\$533.98	PEPM
Spec FAM Stop Loss Premium	\$533.98	PEPM
Aggregate Stop Loss Premium	\$7.36	PEPM
Employee Transplant Premium	\$9.90	PEPM
Family Transplant Premium	\$24.55	PEPM
Gene Therapy Premium	\$4.75	PEPM

Funding Rates	
Employee Only	\$1,041.56
Family	\$2,602.66

Plan Experience

2025	Fixed Costs					Variable Costs							Total Cost	Enrollment				Funding & Loss Ratio		
	Month	Medical Administration Premiums + Discount Share	Stop Loss and Gene Therapy Premiums	Samaritan Fund	Transplant Premiums	Total Fixed Costs	Medical Paid Claims	Prescription Drug Claims	OptiMed Monthly Costs	Rx'n Go Monthly Costs	Reimbursed	Pharmacy Rebates		Total Variable Cost	Total Plan Cost	EE Contracts	EESP Contracts	EECH Contracts	FAM Contracts	Total Contracts
Jan 2025	\$14,760.49	\$149,628.66	\$4,583.33	\$5,803.75	\$174,776.23	\$401,610.35	\$89,798.09	\$28,622.42	\$27,510.21	(\$166,247.60)	\$0.00	\$381,293.47	\$556,069.70	63	52	26	133	274	\$614,779.54	117.5%
Feb 2025	\$14,201.10	\$146,352.12	\$4,583.33	\$5,744.35	\$170,880.90	\$352,330.31	\$88,818.92	\$3,512.10	\$52,918.61	(\$2,962.72)	\$0.00	\$494,617.22	\$665,498.12	57	53	27	131	268	\$608,530.18	109.8%
Mar 2025	\$15,789.18	\$149,619.16	\$4,583.33	\$5,813.25	\$175,805.92	\$409,189.66	\$94,966.40	\$29,364.04	\$80,391.99	(\$488,298.42)	(\$64,486.33)	\$61,127.34	\$236,932.26	59	55	27	131	272	\$615,818.62	128.2%
Apr 2025	\$11,063.67	\$147,985.64	\$4,583.33	\$5,764.15	\$169,396.79	\$436,180.10	\$78,735.96	\$24,883.15	\$14,276.99	(\$54,836.85)	\$0.00	\$499,239.35	\$668,636.14	59	56	26	129	270	\$610,613.30	118.5%
May 2025	\$14,402.60	\$147,444.30	\$4,583.33	\$5,764.15	\$172,194.38	\$449,654.48	\$104,332.43	\$15,700.06	\$39,657.60	(\$159,290.28)	\$0.00	\$440,054.29	\$612,248.67	59	55	25	131	270	\$610,613.30	128.0%
Jun 2025	\$12,538.72	\$149,092.07	\$4,583.33	\$5,842.95	\$172,057.07	\$393,858.87	\$92,473.83	\$16,531.58	\$38,545.83	(\$155,144.29)	(\$89,762.88)	\$296,502.94	\$468,560.01	62	54	26	132	275	\$618,943.30	116.3%
Jul 2025	\$19,219.65	\$149,633.41	\$4,583.33	\$5,828.30	\$179,264.69	\$1,097,871.12	\$109,500.78	\$16,905.88	\$55,754.98	(\$751,522.14)	\$0.00	\$528,510.62	\$707,775.31	63	54	26	134	275	\$617,382.20	236.4%
Aug 2025	\$22,431.68	\$151,257.43	\$4,583.33	\$5,828.30	\$184,100.74	\$1,108,042.30	\$93,375.07	\$16,905.88	\$29,735.82	(\$384,068.74)	\$0.00	\$863,990.33	\$1,048,091.07	63	52	26	134	270	\$607,491.10	131.3%
Sep 2025	\$14,231.14	\$147,444.30	\$4,583.33	\$5,734.85	\$171,993.62	\$424,846.22	\$118,464.78	\$30,700.40	\$51,376.91	(\$224,503.22)	(\$30,082.60)	\$370,802.49	\$542,796.11	61	49	26	134	270	\$607,491.10	131.3%
Oct 2025	\$11,602.19	\$148,541.23	\$4,583.33	\$5,793.85	\$170,520.60	\$624,094.30	\$95,931.76	\$18,216.32	\$36,510.33	(\$1,413,085.06)	\$0.00	\$502,881.66	\$673,402.26	62	51	27	133	273	\$613,737.98	154.0%
Nov 2025	\$23,588.18	\$150,160.50	\$4,583.33	\$5,754.65	\$184,086.66	\$1,671,912.80	\$100,054.61	\$17,036.80	\$41,192.89	(\$1,413,085.06)	(\$7,171.49)	\$409,940.65	\$594,027.31	63	52	27	130	272	\$609,574.22	330.4%
Dec 2025	\$19,493.63	\$148,541.23	\$4,583.33	\$5,779.20	\$178,397.39	\$855,955.24	\$117,529.89	\$18,216.32	\$50,200.48	(\$390,881.81)	\$0.00	\$651,020.12	\$829,417.51	63	53	27	130	273	\$612,176.88	199.3%
2025 Totals	\$193,322.23	\$1,785,700.05	\$54,999.97	\$69,451.75	\$2,103,474.00	\$8,225,545.75	\$1,183,982.52	\$236,594.95	\$518,072.74	(\$4,472,712.18)	(\$191,503.30)	\$5,489,980.48	\$7,603,454.48	734	636	316	1581	3267	\$7,357,042.82	103.3%
% of Total Cost	2.54%	23.49%	0.72%	0.91%	27.66%	108.18%	15.57%	3.11%	6.81%	-58.82%	-2.52%	72.34%	100.00%							

*Note: Administration fee includes PBA claims administration and Anthem claims administration less pharmacy rebate offset. Anthem network access 2% discount share and PBA fees are included in each monthly total. Pending Reimbursements as of 12/31/2025: \$0.00

Key Indicators

Average EE Enrollment	61
Average EESP Enrollment	53
Average EECH Enrollment	26
Average FAM Enrollment	132
Average Total Enrollment	272

Total Plan Costs	\$7,603,454.48
Plan Funding	\$7,357,042.82
Dollar Difference	(\$246,411.66)
Loss Ratio	103.3%

Fixed Costs per Employee per Year	\$7,726.26
Variable Costs per Employee per Year	\$20,201.95
Total Costs per Employee per Year	\$27,928.21



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Medical Loss Ratio Report, Paid 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2026

Report Parameters	
Medical Administrator	Anthem/PBA
Prescription Drug Administrator	CarelonRx
Reinsurance Carrier	Symetra
Specific Stop-Loss Deductible	\$100,000
Stop Loss Contract	12/18

Fixed Fees		
Anthem Administration Fee	\$47.03	PEPM
PBA Administration Fee	\$33.25	PEPM
Spec EE Stop Loss Premium	\$535.67	PEPM
Spec FAM Stop Loss Premium	\$535.67	PEPM
Aggregate Stop Loss Premium	\$6.28	PEPM
Employee Transplant Premium	\$9.90	PEPM
Family Transplant Premium	\$24.55	PEPM
Gene Therapy Premium	\$4.75	PEPM

Funding Rates	
Employee Only	\$1,042.50
Family	\$2,605.00

Plan Experience

2026	Fixed Costs					Variable Costs								Total Plan Cost	Enrollment				Funding & Loss Ratio		
	Medical Administration Premiums + Discount Share	Stop Loss and Gene Therapy Premiums	Samaritan Fund	Transplant Premiums	Total Fixed Costs	Medical Paid Claims	Prescription Drug Claims	OptiMed Monthly Costs	Rx 'n Go Monthly Costs	Oakleaf Costs	Reimbursed	Pharmacy Rebates	Total Variable Cost		EE Contracts	EESP Contracts	EECH Contracts	FAM Contracts	Total Contracts	Total Plan Monthly Funding	Monthly Loss Ratio
Jan 2026	\$18,307.26	\$148,155.70	\$4,583.33	\$5,759.40	\$176,605.69	\$533,623.02	\$65,359.90	\$46,764.36	\$57,351.33	\$41,738.00	(\$289,247.58)	(\$18,989.42)	\$436,599.61	\$613,405.30	61	52	28	130	271	\$610,642.50	150.9%
Feb 2026	\$14,527.90	\$146,515.60	\$4,583.33	\$5,715.05	\$171,341.88	\$276,095.38	\$87,984.42	\$30,510.00	\$60,728.99	\$41,472.00	\$755.45	\$0.00	\$497,536.24	\$669,878.12	59	53	27	129	268	\$605,952.50	110.3%
Mar 2026	\$14,858.23	\$148,155.70	\$4,583.33	\$5,788.70	\$173,385.96	\$418,451.07	\$79,047.56	\$4,858.24	\$33,703.33	\$41,494.00	(\$27,775.85)	(\$31,115.84)	\$518,662.51	\$692,048.47	59	53	30	129	271	\$613,767.50	122.3%
Apr 2026																					
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Jun 2026																					
Jul 2026																					
Aug 2026																					
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Dec 2026																					
2026 Totals	\$47,693.39	\$442,827.00	\$13,749.99	\$17,263.15	\$521,533.53	\$1,228,159.47	\$232,391.88	\$82,132.60	\$151,783.65	\$124,704.00	(\$316,267.98)	(\$50,105.26)	\$1,452,798.36	\$1,974,331.89	179	156	85	388	810	\$1,830,362.50	107.9%
% of Total Cost	2.42%	22.43%	0.70%	0.87%	26.42%	62.21%	11.77%	4.16%	7.69%	6.32%	-16.02%	-2.54%	73.58%	100.00%							

*Note: Administration fee includes PBA claims administration and Anthem claims administration less pharmacy rebate offset. Anthem network access 2% discount share and PBA fees are included in each monthly total.
Pending Reimbursements as of 3/31/2026: \$0.00

Key Indicators

Average EE Enrollment	60
Average EESP Enrollment	53
Average EECH Enrollment	28
Average FAM Enrollment	129
Average Total Enrollment	270

Total Plan Costs	\$1,974,331.89
Plan Funding	\$1,830,362.50
Dollar Difference	(\$143,969.39)
Loss Ratio	107.9%

Fixed Costs per Employee per Year	\$7,726.42
Variable Costs per Employee per Year	\$21,522.94
Total Costs per Employee per Year	\$29,249.36

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2026 Renewal Projection with Retirees Removed & Samaritan Fund Accepted

2022-2025 Claims PEPY*	\$19,003.87
Administration	\$399.00
Network Access Discount Share	\$238.68
Rx Admin Fees	\$28.60
Specific Stop Loss (\$100,000)	\$7,786.56
Organ Transplant Policy	\$267.04
Amwins Gene Therapy	\$57.00
2026 Projected Total PEPY Plan Costs	\$27,780.75
2026 Projected Expenses	\$7,639,706
2025 Budgeted	\$7,408,586
Projected 2026 Increase (%)	3.12%
Projected 2026 Increase (\$)	\$231,120

*PEPY: Per Employee per Year

Barron County

January 2026 Recommended Plan Changes

Medical Plan Changes

Projected Savings

Copayments Changes

Primary Care / Specialist \$30 / \$60

\$5,600

Currently \$20 Primary / \$20 Specialist

Urgent Care to \$75

\$4,200

Currently \$20

Add Direct Primary Care (DPC) Services

OakLeaf Direct Primary Care (DPC) Savings

\$377,217

Total Medical Plan Savings

\$387,017

Barron County

January 1, 2027 Renewal Timeline

July —Pre Renewal Meeting

- Develop Renewal Strategy

August / September

- Receive Dental Renewal from Delta
- Horton to work with County to obtain necessary marketing information (updated census, enrollment counts, etc.)
- Receive Admin/Stop Loss Renewals from carriers

September / October

- Horton to evaluate Carrier options and provide to County
- Barron County Board to vote on final recommendations / plan decision
- Complete Master Apps and any other applicable paperwork
- Set Open Enrollment dates / Employee Meetings, if necessary
- Prepare for Open Enrollment, if necessary

November

- Open Enrollment

January

- Summary of Benefits and Coverage

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 -

**Resolution Authorizing the Funding for and Creation of a Single Jail Lieutenant
Position in the Barron County Jail**

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1 **WHEREAS**, attached to this Resolution is a Position Paper drafted by Jail Captain
2 Tim Evenson which provides a detail explanation for this request; and
3

4 **WHEREAS**, also attached to this resolution is a Wage Projection spreadsheet
5 which details the potential costing for the creation of this position; and
6

7 **WHEREAS**, since 2020 the State Jail Inspector has been recommending the
8 creation of a jail first line supervisor, i.e. Lieutenant Position; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, the State Jail Inspector has also been recommending this position as
11 part of an overall Succession Plan, for the Barron County Jail; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, the Law Enforcement Committee discussed this position twice on
14 Thursday, March 19th, 2026 and again on Thursday April 16th; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, the minutes for the March 19th meeting state, in part, "The committee
17 is in favor of continuing the process of creating this position; and
18

19 **WHEREAS**, as part of their discussion the Committee was made aware this is not
20 the creation of an additional FTE but rather the creation of a new position to be placed on
21 the Barron County Pay Plan; and
22

23 **WHEREAS**, on April 16th, the Committee voted in favor to recommend to the
24 Executive Committee and County Board this position be created with Supervisors, Wenzel,
25 P. Anderson, Schneider, Olson and Turcott voting in favor and no Supervisors voting
26 against.
27

28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that with passage of this resolution
29 the Barron County Board of Supervisors does hereby create the position of one Jail
30 Lieutenant, to be properly placed within the Barron County Pay Plan; and
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32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that with passage of this resolution the Barron
33 County Board of Supervisors does hereby amend the 2026 Budget to reflect the additional
34 payroll and personnel costs to fund this position; and
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36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that with passage of this Resolution the County
37 Finance Director/County Auditor is authorized to amend the 2026 Budget so as to
38 effectuate the intent of this resolution; and
39

40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that publication of this resolution may occur
41 through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 -

**Resolution Authorizing the Funding for and Creation of a Single Jail Lieutenant
Position in the Barron County Jail**

OFFERED THIS 18th day of May, 2026.

<p>Number of readings required: One <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two ()</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority () 2/3 Entire Board (20) (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted () General Fund (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Grant () Contingency () Other () Details</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ 10,000.00 (approx.) - Future years total amount: \$ 20,000.00 (approx.) - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ -0- - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ 20,000.00 (approx..)</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department</p> <p>_____ Michelle Drury, County Auditor/Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by:</p> <p>_____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Peter Olson, Law Enforcement Committee Chair</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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Barron County Sheriff's Department

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SHERIFF
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Jail Staffing Restructuring Recommendation

Recommendation

The following staffing adjustments are recommended to improve supervision, operational efficiency, and coordination of inmate services within the Barron County Jail. This proposal includes the reallocation of one existing utility position and combining those responsibilities with the current Jail Programs Coordinator position. This change would allow for the creation of a Lieutenant position while reorganizing the remaining inmate service duties into an Inmate Services Unit.

This restructuring maintains current overall staffing levels while improving supervisory coverage and operational coordination within the jail. The Inmate Services Unit would be responsible for coordinating inmate programs, court scheduling, and professional visitation within the facility.

Purpose

The purpose of this recommendation is to improve operational efficiency, strengthen supervision, and enhance coordination of inmate services while maintaining a safe environment for staff and inmates. These adjustments focus on better utilizing existing personnel and improving the jail's ability to manage daily operations and future initiatives.

Current Staffing Model

The jail currently maintains a minimum staffing level of four Corrections Officers and one Sergeant/Officer-in-Charge (OIC) on duty at all times, for a total of five staff members per shift.

This staffing level ensures that multiple officers are available to respond to emergencies, disturbances, or medical incidents that may occur within the facility. Maintaining this staffing model remains essential for safe jail operations and is not affected by the proposed restructuring.

In addition to these minimum staffing levels, the jail currently assigns two utility staff members during weekday daytime hours, typically between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. These positions assist with inmate movement and operational tasks that occur during the jail's busiest time of day, including court appearances, attorney visits, probation visits, fingerprinting, DNA collection, and other inmate service functions.

The Jail Programs Coordinator is also assigned to weekday daytime hours to coordinate jail programming and oversee inmate educational, treatment, and rehabilitative programs offered within the facility.

These three daytime positions currently provide the primary support for inmate programs, court scheduling, and professional visitation that occur during normal weekday business hours.

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Proposed Lieutenant Position

For several years, the state jail inspector has recommended in the annual jail inspection report that the department consider adding a first-line supervisory position due to the size and operational complexity of the jail. Implementing this recommendation would align the facility more closely with supervisory structures commonly used in similarly sized county jail operations.

The proposed Lieutenant position would assist the Jail Captain with day-to-day operational oversight, staff coordination, and implementation of new policies or operational improvements.

This position would also provide administrative leadership when the Jail Captain is unavailable and establish a clear line of succession for jail leadership. In the event the Jail Captain position becomes vacant or unavailable, the Lieutenant would be prepared to assume those responsibilities and maintain continuity of operations.

Historically, the Patrol Captain previously served as the Jail Captain and was able to assist with jail administration when needed. After that retirement, administrative coverage shifted to the most senior jail sergeants. Due to recent turnover and retirements, the overall level of supervisory experience within the jail has been reduced, limiting the ability to rely on existing supervisory staff to consistently assist with administrative coverage.

To establish this position while maintaining responsible staffing levels, it is recommended that one of the two existing utility positions be eliminated and reallocated to create the Lieutenant role. This change represents a restructuring of existing staff resources rather than the addition of a new position.

Due to staff turnover over the past several years, the jail currently has a number of newer corrections officers and recently promoted sergeants. While these staff members are developing well in their roles, additional leadership and mentoring would be beneficial to help guide less experienced staff and supervisors. Establishing a Lieutenant position would provide an additional level of leadership within the jail to assist with training, mentoring, and operational guidance for both corrections officers and sergeants.

This position would strengthen supervisory support, improve communication across shifts, and provide leadership and mentoring to newer corrections officers and recently promoted sergeants. It would also help ensure continuity of operations and support the development of future leadership within the jail division. The Lieutenant could be assigned a schedule that overlaps or flexes with the Jail Captain's hours to improve operational coverage.

In addition, increased staff turnover in recent years has resulted in a more frequent and time-consuming hiring process within the jail division. The Jail Captain is responsible for reviewing applications, conducting interviews, and coordinating background investigations for new corrections officers. A Lieutenant position would assist the Jail Captain with the hiring process by helping review applications, participate in interviews, and conduct background investigations.

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This shared responsibility would allow either the Jail Captain or the Lieutenant to remain more available to oversee daily jail operations while still ensuring the hiring process is conducted in a thorough and timely manner.

Inmate Services Unit

Currently, two staff members are assigned to utility positions during weekday daytime hours to coordinate court appearances, attorney visits, probation visits, fingerprinting, DNA collection, and other inmate service functions. The Jail Programs Coordinator is assigned to weekday daytime hours to coordinate jail programming and oversee inmate educational, treatment, and rehabilitative programs offered within the facility.

Under this proposal, one of those utility positions would remain and be combined operationally with the existing programming role to form an Inmate Services Unit.

This unit would consist of two positions that work collaboratively to coordinate inmate programs, court scheduling, and professional visitation within the facility.

- **Jail Programs Coordinator**

Responsible for coordinating and overseeing inmate educational, treatment, and rehabilitative programs offered within the facility. This position works with program providers, schedules program activities, and assists with inmate movement and supervision related to programming.

- **Inmate Services Coordinator**

Responsible for coordinating court appearances (both in-person and video), scheduling attorney visits, probation and agent visits, fingerprinting, DNA collection, and other professional services requiring inmate movement within the jail.

Both positions would work closely together and be cross-trained to assist each other when operational needs require. Each position would also be capable of covering the primary responsibilities of the other in the event one staff member is unavailable due to leave, training, or other absences. At least one of these two positions would always be scheduled to work to ensure continuity of inmate services.

During periods of increased activity or in the event of a vacancy, the Lieutenant position could also assist with coverage and coordination of these functions.

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Scheduling

Jail programs, court appearances, and professional visits primarily occur Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. During this time, the courts are in session and attorney and probation visits are scheduled within the facility.

Scheduling these activities during the same timeframe allows the Jail Programs Coordinator and Inmate Services Coordinator to assist with inmate movement, supervision, and coordination of services. Aligning these activities with the period of highest staffing levels helps ensure safe and efficient jail operations.

Conclusion

The overall financial impact of this proposal is limited, as it represents a restructuring of existing duties rather than an expansion of staffing. The Lieutenant position would be created through the reallocation of one existing utility position and would involve a modest increase in compensation associated with the added supervisory responsibilities.

Overall, the proposed structure improves supervisory coverage, strengthens communication between shifts, and enhances coordination of inmate services while maintaining current staffing levels.

By better organizing existing resources and strengthening leadership within the jail, the department can improve operational efficiency, maintain safe staffing practices, and continue providing effective service to the courts and community without significant additional cost to taxpayers.



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Information

1 message

Tim Evenson <tim.evenson@co.barron.wi.us>
To: Jeff French <jeff.french@co.barron.wi.us>

Thu, Apr 16, 2026 at 12:59 PM

Hi Jeff,

I looked back in our jail inspection summaries, and the jail inspector has been recommending a jail first line supervisor (Lt. position.) in every inspection since 2020. The paragraph below is what the inspection letters state. If you believe this would be a benefit, I believe he would draft a letter of support for this position if you wanted and he can be available for any necessary meetings.

"Although no deficiencies were noted, it is recommended that the facility consider the addition of an additional first-line supervisor position. The addition of this role would enhance staff oversight, improve shift coverage, and strengthen the chain of command, particularly during peak operational periods. Increased supervisory presence can further support staff development, reduce risk, and help maintain high operational standards."

Thanks again for your help and support.

Tim

**Timothy Evenson**

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2026 WAGE PROJECTIONS

Please enter the amounts shown below on the budget worksheets; adjustments to wages must be approved by the County Administrator/Finance Director prior to making any changes. Notify Payroll of any approved staffing or account distribution changes. (Based on personnel costs known at this time. 0% COLA increase & 7/4/26 Pay Plan Step Increases)

OFFICE: SHERIFF-JAIL DIVISION
 CCT. NO: 52710

NAME	JOB TITLE	DATE HIRE	GRADE STEP	INS CODE	RET. CODE	WC CODE	2026 RATE	HRS	ANNUAL WAGE	FICA	EMPR RETIRE	HEALTH/ LIFE INS	WKRS COMP	MEDI-CARE	TOTAL	Fringe Rate	Annual Fringe R
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			512/9	2	1	7720	43.59	1032.00	44,984.88	2,789.06	3,238.91	14,906.67	962.68	652.28	67,534.48	\$	65.44
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LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 16, 2026 – 8:15 A.M.

Barron County Justice Center, Emergency Operations Center
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AGENDA

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Public Notification
3. Public Comment
4. Approve the Agenda
5. Approve Meeting Minutes - March 19, 2026
6. Review of Voucher Edit Lists (Information Only)
7. Jail Organizational Restructuring Plan
8. Discussion for Options to Open Records Requests
9. Request to Open County Highway AA (near Chetek) to ATV/UTV Traffic
10. Jail Sally Port Update
11. Updates:
 - a. Emergency Response Team
 - b. Patrol
 - c. Jail
 - d. Dispatch
 - e. Emergency Management
12. Future Agenda Items
 - a. Committee Elections of Chair, Vice Chair & Executive Rep.
13. Adjourn

To ensure a quorum, please email or call the County Clerk's Office at 715-537-6200 and advise if you will be attending this meeting. Thank you.

Any person who has a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act and requires the meeting or materials at the meeting to be in an accessible format must contact the County Clerk's office at 715-537-6200 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting so that arrangements may be made to accommodate your request.

I, Jessica Hodek, have complied with the open meeting Public Notification Laws. Meeting notices are posted on the electronic meeting notice boards on the first and second floor of the Government Center and the main floor of the Justice Center. I have verified the proper posting of the meeting as specified in the notice.

LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 19, 2026 8:00 AM Meeting Minutes

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

Members Present: Patti Anderson (Departed at 9:00AM), Jamic McCready, Craig Turcott and Stacey Wenzel.

Members Appearing Virtually: Pete Olson.

Members Absent: Pete Schneider.

Staff Present: County Administrator Jeff French, Sheriff Jodi Kummet, Chief Deputy Jason Hagen, Captain Darren Hodek, Captain Tim Evenson, Emergency Services Director Mike Judy and County Clerk Jessica Hodck.

Staff Appearing Virtually: None.

Others Present: None.

Call to Order by Vice Chairman Turcott at 8:15 a.m.

Public Notification – County Clerk Hodek stated the County’s compliance with open meeting laws.

Public Comment – None.

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

Approve October 16, 2025, Meeting Minutes - Motion: (McCready/Wenzel) to approve minutes as presented. Carried.

Review Voucher Edit Lists - Edit lists were reviewed.

Discussion for Potential Leadership Restructure - Captain Evenson discussed the need for a succession plan in the Jail. Discussion. Administrator French reviewed the County’s procedure for creating a new position. Chief Deputy Hagen noted this position would be budget neutral for the 2027 Sheriff Department’s budget. Captain Evenson will provide a job description. **The committee is in favor of continuing the process of creating this position.**

2025 Sheriff’s Department Annual Report - Discussion. No action.

2025 Emergency Management Annual Report - Discussion. No action.

Jail Sally Port - Waiting on door hardware but everything else is completed within the expected timelines. Discussion.

Updates

1. **ERT** - No calls this year. Down several members.
2. **Patrol** - New bodycams and radios installed with positive feedback.
3. **Jail** - Bodycams in use with positive feedback. Three open positions. Sergeant position filled internally with promoting Sager.
4. **Dispatch** - Two resignations and one upcoming leave.
5. **Emergency Management** - Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Future Agenda Items

1. Jail Organizational Restructuring Plan - Potential New Position
2. Request to Open County AA (Near Chetek) to ATV/UTV Traffic

Next meeting date: Thursday, April 16, 2026, 8:15 a.m.

Adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:01a.m.

Meeting minutes posted in draft form. Reviewed and approved on 03/19/2026 by Craig Turcott. Minutes not official until approved at the next committee meeting.

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 -

Resolution Supporting Assembly Bill 1033 - Regulation of Wakesurfing

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1
2 **WHEREAS**, the Barron County Extension/Land Conservation Committee met on
3 Tuesday April 7, 2026; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, Pat Brown, Barron County Lakeshore Technician, provided
6 information to the Committee regarding this Bill and spoke in favor of a resolution in
7 support of AB1033; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, County Administrator French spoke with Wisconsin Counties
10 Association Staff on March 12, 2026 and WCA Staff indicated their support for AB1033;
11 and
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13 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Counties Association's Annual Meeting is September
14 20-22, 2026 at the Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, 2025 Assembly Bill 1033, February 9, 2026 – Introduced by
17 Representative Brooks, co-sponsored by Senator Feyen was referred to Committee on State
18 Affairs; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, this legislation is an act to regulate wakesurfing. The bill defines
21 “wakesurfing” as surfing a motorboat’s wake, regardless of whether the person is being
22 pulled by a tow rope attached to the motorboat that is producing the wake, or operating a
23 motorboat in a manner that creates a wake that is, or is intended to be, surfed by another
24 person”; and
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26 **WHEREAS**, AB1033 is a legislative mechanism to begin controlling wakesurfing
27 so as to preserve Wisconsin’s inland lakes and to reduce shoreline erosion as well as
28 providing for boater safety measures; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, the text of AB1033 is attached to this Resolution for reference; and
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32 **WHEREAS**, Supervisor Kusilek, made the motion “to approve support of county
33 resolution for AB-1033”, seconded by Supervisor Gores to recommend the drafting of this
34 Resolution with LCC/Extension members Kusilek, Gores, Cook, Langman, Huth, voting
35 in favor and no members voting against.
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37 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that with passage of this Resolution
38 the Barron County Board of Supervisors would support the passage of 2025 Assembly Bill
39 1033; and
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41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Barron County Board of Supervisors further
42 supports:

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 -

Resolution Supporting Assembly Bill 1033 - Regulation of Wakesurfing

43 A: This Resolution to be forwarded to the Wisconsin Counties Association for
44 inclusion with the Resolutions Packet for the 2026 WCA Annual Convention.

45 B: The right for Towns, Cities and Villages to enact and enforce a local
46 ordinance more restrictive than AB 1033.

47 C: That enforcement efforts correlating to the spirit and intent of AB1033 be
48 undertaken by the Wisconsin DNR and local Sheriff's Departments.

49 D: Three Hundred (300) foot shoreline setback.

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51 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be distributed to our Local
52 State Assembly persons, State Senator and Governor Tony Evers; and

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54 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that publication of this resolution may occur
55 through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 -

Resolution Supporting Assembly Bill 1033 - Regulation of Wakesurfing

OFFERED THIS 18th day of May 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: Not Applicable</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ -0- - Future years total amount: \$ -0- - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ -0- - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ -0-</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department</p> <p>_____ Michelle Drury, Finance Director/County Auditor</p> <p>Approved as to form by:</p> <p>_____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Randall Cook Sr. LCC/Extension Chair</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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2025 ASSEMBLY BILL 1033

February 9, 2026 - Introduced by Representative BROOKS, cosponsored by Senator FEYEN. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 30.69 (1) (b); *to amend* 30.69 (1) (a) (intro.),
2 30.69 (3) (d) and 30.74 (1) (a); *to create* 30.01 (1ag), 30.01 (1ah), 30.01 (6r) and
3 30.69 (3) (cm) of the statutes; **relating to:** the regulation of wakesurfing and
4 providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill regulates wakesurfing. The bill defines “wakesurfing” as surfing a motorboat’s wake, regardless of whether the person is being pulled by a tow rope attached to the motorboat that is producing the wake, or operating a motorboat in a manner that creates a wake that is, or is intended to be, surfed by another person.

Under current law, various regulations apply to water skiing, aquaplaning, or a similar activity, and under current law, wakesurfing likely falls under “aquaplaning” or a “similar activity.” The bill explicitly provides that aquaplaning includes wakesurfing and thereby applies the same safety regulations that apply to water skiing and aquaplaning to wakesurfing. These regulations include requiring an observer or a wide-angle mirror on the motorboat, restricting wakesurfing to between sunrise and sunset, prohibiting intoxicated wakesurfing, requiring a motorboat used for wakesurfing to stay more than 100 feet away from any occupied anchored boat, personal watercraft, or marked swimming area or public boat

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landing, and prohibiting a person engaged in wakesurfing from being within 100 feet, or allowing a tow rope to be within 100 feet, of a personal watercraft.

The bill generally prohibits a person from engaging in wakesurfing unless all of the following apply:

1. The motorboat is operated farther than 200 feet from a shoreline or dock, pier, boathouse, or other structure located completely or partly on the water.

2. The motorboat is operated farther than 200 feet from any person in the water or any occupied vessel.

3. Any person surfing on or across the wake of the motorboat or being towed on a board is wearing a personal flotation device prescribed by federal regulations.

The wakesurfing restrictions under the bill and the current law restrictions that the bill explicitly applies to wakesurfing do not apply to a wakesurfing tournament, competition, exhibition, or trial that is authorized by the Department of Natural Resources or a municipality and where adequate lighting is provided.

The bill applies the same penalties to wakesurfing that apply to water skiing violations under current law.

Current law requires DNR to establish a program of comprehensive courses on boating safety and operation and to issue certificates to persons 10 years of age or older successfully completing such courses. Current law requires DNR to prescribe the course content and the form of the certificate, but the bill adds an exception that the course must include education on wakesurfing and the proper use of and operation of motorboats used in wakesurfing.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** 30.01 (1ag) of the statutes is created to read:

2 30.01 (1ag) "Aquaplane" includes the board upon which a person rides while
3 wakesurfing.

4 **SECTION 2.** 30.01 (1ah) of the statutes is created to read:

5 30.01 (1ah) "Aquaplaning" includes wakesurfing.

6 **SECTION 3.** 30.01 (6r) of the statutes is created to read:

7 30.01 (6r) "Wakesurfing" means the activity of any of the following:

8 (a) Surfing a motorboat's wake, regardless of whether the person is being
9 pulled by a tow rope attached to the motorboat that is producing the wake.

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1 (b) Operating a motorboat in a manner that creates a wake that is, or is
2 intended to be, surfed by a person.

3 **SECTION 4.** 30.69 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 30.69 (1) (a) (intro.) Except as provided in ~~par. (b) sub. (3m)~~, no person may
5 operate a motorboat towing a person on water skis, aquaplane, or similar device
6 unless one of the following applies:

7 **SECTION 5.** 30.69 (1) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 30.69 (3m) and
8 amended to read:

9 30.69 (3m) COMPETITION EXCEPTION. Paragraphs Subsections (1) (a), (ag),
10 and (am) and (3) (cm) do not apply to duly authorized water ski or wakesurfing
11 tournaments, competitions, exhibitions, or trials therefor, where adequate lighting
12 is provided.

13 **SECTION 6.** 30.69 (3) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:

14 30.69 (3) (cm) No person may engage in wakesurfing unless all of the
15 following apply:

16 1. The motorboat used in wakesurfing is operated farther than 200 feet from
17 a shoreline or a dock, pier, boathouse, or other structure located completely or partly
18 on the body of water.

19 2. The motorboat used in wakesurfing is operated farther than 200 feet from
20 any person in the water or any occupied vessel.

21 3. The person surfing on or across the wake of the motorboat or being towed
22 on a board is wearing a personal flotation device prescribed by federal regulations.

23 **SECTION 7.** 30.69 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 30.69 (3) (d) Paragraphs (a) to ~~(e)~~ (cm) do not apply to pickup or drop areas

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1 that are marked with regulatory markers and that are open to operators of personal
2 watercraft and to persons and motorboats engaged in water skiing, wakesurfing, or
3 similar activity.

4 **SECTION 8.** 30.74 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 30.74 (1) (a) The department shall establish a program of comprehensive
6 courses on boating safety and operation. These courses shall be offered in
7 cooperation with schools, including tribal schools, as defined in s. 115.001 (15m),
8 private clubs and organizations, and may be offered by the department in areas
9 where requested and where other sponsorship is unavailable. The department
10 shall issue certificates to persons 10 years of age or older successfully completing
11 such courses. The department shall prescribe the course content and the form of
12 the certificate, except that the course shall include education on wakesurfing and
13 the proper use of and operation of motorboats used in wakesurfing.

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(END)

EXTENSION-LCC COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Room 2151

Members present: Kirsten Huth, Jim Gores, Randy Cook, Fran Langman, and Audrey Kusilek. Staff present: Tyler Gruetzmacher, Justin Everson, Pat Brown, Dave Gifford, Jeff French, Lori Baltrusis, Matt Bolen and Becky Melton.

Cook called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and Melton confirmed proper posting of the meeting. No public comment was received.

Motion: (Kusilek/Gores) to approve the agenda; carried. **Motion: (Kusilek/Gores)** to approve the minutes of February 2, 2026 meeting; carried.

Announcements: LCC Training in Hayward June 10th and WCA Tour- Clark County June 24th. Edit list: no questions.

Item #5, Item #6, Item #7, Item #8, Item #9 and Item #12. County Conservationist Tyler Gruetzmacher provided an overview of the 2026 SWCD Work Plans, emphasizing strategic goals within the Farmland Preservation and Headland Buffer programs. His report covered a broad spectrum of conservation initiatives, including soil nutrition, the Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program, cover crop implementation, manure storage closures and public owned lakeshore evaluations.

In financial updates, Gruetzmacher detailed the state grant cycle, outlining the 2027 application process while confirming the department's receipt of \$163,876.00 SWCD state funding for 2025. Discussion then shifted to groundwater management, where Gruetzmacher reviewed Chippewa County's testing protocols and nutrient management practices. Finally, Gruetzmacher reviewed the Statewide NR151 Analysis led by the DNR, which is evaluating compliance in agricultural performance standard adoption to guide future runoff management policy.

Item #10. Pat Brown provided an update on the recent Barron County Lakes Coalition meeting, which served as a collaborative forum for lake associations, lake districts, and county representatives. The discussion focused on smaller lake struggles, volunteers and invasive species management. Additionally, Brown noted the progress of the upcoming Native Plant Sale.

Item # 11. Lake Shore Technician Pat Brown presented an overview of Wisconsin Assembly Bill 1033, which addresses the regulation of wake-enhanced boating. Brown detailed the bill's potential implications for lake health as well as its impact on regional recreation. Following a period of committee discussion on the balance between statewide standards and local protection, the committee directed that an action item be created to draft a formal resolution in support of the bill. **Motion: (Kusilek/Gores)** to approve support of county resolution for AB-1033; carried.

Item #13. Staff Reports –

UWEX – Baltrusis introduced Matt Bolen, Nutrient & Pest Management (NPM) Outreach Specialist, who provided the committee with an overview of his role and the technical support he will offer to regional producers. Following the introduction, Baltrusis presented the Quarterly Departmental Highlights, notably celebrating the successful addition of the Littlest Learners Child Care Center at the UW EC-BC Campus.

NRCS – No update

FSA – No update.

Executive Committee – French gave an update on the most recent agenda items.

Fair Board – No update.

Next meeting date: May 5, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

Future agenda items:

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

Motion: (Kusilek) Cook declared the meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.; carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Melton
Administrative Secretary, Land Services

Water skiing doesn't destroy pristine lakes, but...

WAKESURFING? That's a whole new story!

The bow comes up and the stern goes down to increase the wake, so it's hard to see ahead.

3 to 4 foot high wakes are created so people can wakesurf, without a rope, like surfing in the ocean.

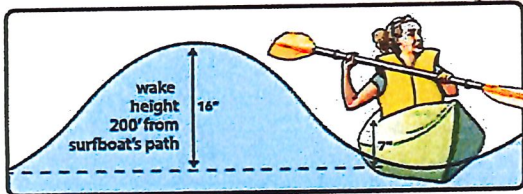
Algae blooms are fueled by nutrients freed from disturbed sediment. Some can kill fish and pets, and make people sick.

Fishermen have been knocked over, pontoons drenched, and small craft capsized by the massive wakes.

If fishermen, pleasure boaters, paddlers, and others can't enjoy our lakes, then tourism, property values and business income will plummet.

Loon nests are just inches above water in calm areas. Big wakes can destroy eggs.

Is the boating industry's 200-foot from shore rule enough?



- 16" = Height of wake 200' from wakesurf boat's path (per industry)
- 7" = Typical kayak freeboard
- 10" = Typical canoe freeboard
- 12" = Typical small fishing boat freeboard
- 9" = Height of waves, 25 mph wind, 30 minutes, 1 mile wide lake

Sediment is stirred up and plants are damaged 20 feet deep by the powerful motor and deep downward angled propeller.

Little fish live among the plants. Fewer plants means fewer little fish for big game fish to eat.

Loons, otter and many fish can't see prey in murky water.

Ballast tanks don't drain completely and can bring invasives from other lakes.

Invasive plants spread easily in damaged areas.

Spiny waterfleas can upset the entire ecosystem, resulting in fewer game fish and murky water.

As the wake enters shallow water, plants are damaged, sediment is churned, and fish eggs can be destroyed.

When the big wake crashes on shore it can cause erosion and damage docks and moored boats.

How do they make those huge wakes?

- Add ballast water, up to 5000 pounds (600 gallons)
- Operate at speeds that bring the bow up and stern down
- Use wake enhancing fins
- The wake is 6 to 12 times more powerful than ski boat wakes!

For More Information See: LastWildernessAlliance.org
Report dangerous boating at DNR's anonymous 24/7 hotline: 1-800-TIP-WDNR

Design, research: Carol Phillips • Layout: arteffects4u@gmail.com • Illustration: www.charlesfloyddesignandillustration.com

“Wakesurfing? That’s a Whole New Story” (Additional Details and Sources for Infographic)

How is wakesurfing different from water skiing?

- Water ski boats are designed and operated to make the smallest wake possible, to provide a smooth ski.
- Surf boats are designed and operated to make the largest wake possible, so someone can surf, like in the ocean.
- Skiers use a long rope and go ~25 mph. Surfers use rope only to start, then surf ~15 ft behind the boat at ~11 mph.

How big are the wakes? They can be 3 to 4 feet high or more where the surfer is [1]. As the wake moves toward shore it breaks, losing roughly half of its height and energy [2]. But because it started out so big, even after traveling 200’ toward shore the wake is still 16” high, vs 7” for the same boat operated in cruise/ski mode, based on the study paid for by the boating industry [2]. That study also shows that only the most exposed shores of the largest lakes experience wind waves as big as 16” waves from surfing 200’ away. A shore that overlooks 2 miles of open water (2-mile “fetch”) would have 16” waves only if the wind was at least 30 mph for 45 minutes, an extremely rare occurrence [3]. Most lakes never see such waves, but surf wakes impact even the most sheltered shores. The underwater energy in the surf wake moving toward shore also extends deeper, so it’s not only the shoreline being damaged; lakebed sediment and vegetation are churned and damaged. Fish and wildlife that nest in sheltered areas are suddenly exposed to powerful wave energy. Loon eggs can be toppled or chilled [11] and fish eggs are tossed or smothered with silt.

What about the safety of other boaters? Other boaters are blindsided by huge waves, still over a foot high from a surfboat that never came within a football field of them (300 ft) [2]. Fishermen are particularly vulnerable; they are often standing to cast, facing shore, anchored, unaware that a huge wake is about to hit the side of their boat. Even people in large boats who see the wake coming in time to turn into it have been tossed, injured, and soaked, and their boats damaged. Waves lose very little energy as they travel over deep water. Surfboat operators are often unaware that their wakes are still dangerous for others two football fields away; by the time the wake hits them the surf boat is far away. Unfortunately, the boating industry’s “Wake Responsibly” campaign is silent about protecting others [4].

How do they make that huge wake?

- While surfing, the boat maintains “transition speed”, that inefficient bow-high plowing speed not quite “on plane”. This makes a much bigger wake than going faster, like a planing cruiser or ski boat.
- Surfboats have ballast tanks that fill with about 2000 to 5000 pounds or more of lake water to force the boat deeper in the water to further increase the wake. That’s like putting a car on top of the boat.
- Wedges and fins can be deployed to further increase and shape the wake.

Why does the propeller wash extend so deep? The propeller is angled about 30 degrees below horizontal (bow-high boat angle plus propeller shaft angle). A powerful 350-600 hp motor is used. The bow and stern waves also extend very deep as the heavy boat pushes water aside, then the water rebounds behind the boat. The impact is over 25’ deep, far deeper than for other activities on inland lakes [5]. Sediment and pollutants like phosphorus and mercury that remained harmlessly entombed in deep sediment for decades can be reintroduced into the water and food web. [10]

Does the bow-high position impair forward visibility? Check out photos and videos, even on manufacturers’ websites.

How do ballast systems spread invasive species? Ballast systems don’t drain completely, and several gallons of lake water can remain in the tanks, piping, pumps, etc. When ballast is filled and emptied in a different lake, that residual water and any invasives (zebra mussel larvae, spiny waterflea, bits of invasive plants, etc.) are transferred. Some invasives can survive many days because closed ballast systems don’t dry out [6]. They are often inaccessible, under the boat’s deck, so they cannot be inspected and are difficult and expensive to decontaminate, requiring lots of hot water and a trained operator. See a typical ballast system [7]. Manufacturers know they cannot be fully drained as evidenced by the fact that the owners’ manuals say to add several gallons of antifreeze in winter to prevent the residual water from freezing and causing damage [8]. Failure to empty all ballast water when leaving a lake violates state law [9].

[1] Per this video sponsored by Malibu, the wakes, where surfing, are 2’-5” to 4’-5” <https://www.guinnpartners.com/boat-testing/>

[2] Page iv and Table 7 of the 2015 study by Goudey and Girod, paid for by the Water Sports Industry Association, on their website. Data is for their deeper lake. For their shallow lake data, the boat was in water only 8’-10’ deep (p 2, 4) and shows interactions with the lakebed under the boat (p 18) and much greater friction with the lakebed as the wake moves toward shore (p lii, 14, 18 and 25). Surfers say they only surf in deeper water. https://www.wsia.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/WSIA_draft_report_Rev_II.pdf

[3] Fig 28 of [2] (2 typos: “1.2 s” is “1.25 ft” and “50 ft” is “1.50 ft” per rev. VDOT). Madison airport reports wind speeds hourly, more in storms. Only 4 measurements over 25 mph in all of 2023, only 1 over 30 mph, wunderground/history (gusts are less than 20 sec).

[4] See videos and posters at WSIA.net and WakeResponsibly.com

[5] See p 10 at <https://nlmddotorg.files.wordpress.com/2022/07/nlmd-phase-2-study-report-july-20-2022-with-appendices.pdf> and <https://conservancy.umn.edu/items/6a47c506-6be5-4c8a-9a96-dfea38f23b2f>

[6] See p 5 at <https://lmcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Residual-water-in-ballast-bags-study-WI.pdf>

[7] See p 4-7 at <https://nautique.blob.core.windows.net/boat-manuals/2023/2023-G-Series-Manual.pdf>

[8] Various manuals such as p 374 at https://www.mastercraft.com/media/aizbwk5r/mastercraft_my2022_ownersmanual.pdf

[9] See Wisconsin Statutes NR 19.055 and NR 40.

[10] See [5], and https://www.warrenct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif3991/f/uploads/lake_waramaug_final_report.pdf

[11] <https://maineaudubon.org/projects/loons/your-loon-questions-answered/>

Many more sources can be found at <https://mymlsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Fisheries-Report-37-Wake-Boat-Study-Official-Version-Released-on-7.28.2023.pdf>

STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION

Resolution No. 14 - 24

RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO SET STANDARDS FOR WAKESURFING AND WAKEBOARDING AS PART OF 2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 656 - LYNDA SCHWEIKERT

Passage of this resolution will formally encourage the Wisconsin Legislature to set certain standards regarding wakesurfing and wakeboarding in Wisconsin. Currently the Legislature is considering 2023 Assembly Bill 656, which was drafted to set some standards regarding wakesurfing and wakeboarding in Wisconsin. This resolution also requests that the Legislature give local governmental units the ability to set more restrictive standards than what are currently being proposed as part of 2023 AB 656. A copy of the bill is attached. Also attached is the Legislature's direction to the University System to do a study of wakesurfing and wakeboarding.

Resolution No. 14 - 24

RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO SET STANDARDS FOR WAKESURFING AND WAKEBOARDING AS PART OF 2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 656 - LYNDA SCHWEIKERT

WHEREAS, the lakes of Chippewa County, Wisconsin are integral to the recreational base of the economy in Chippewa County; and

WHEREAS, 2023 Assembly Bill 656 is currently being proposed in the Wisconsin Legislature to regulate wakesurfing and wakeboarding; and

WHEREAS, 2023 AB 656 defines wakesurfing as surfing a motorboat's wake, regardless of whether the person is being pulled by a tow rope attached to the motorboat that is producing the wake or operating a motorboat in a manner that creates a wake that is, or is intended to be, surfed by another person; and

WHEREAS, 2023 AB 656 bill defines wakeboarding as being towed on a board with or without foot bindings by a motorboat across the vessel's wake or operating a motorboat in a manner that creates a wake while towing a person on a board with or without foot bindings; and

WHEREAS, under current law, various regulations apply to water skiing, aquaplaning, or similar activity, and under current law, wakesurfing and wakeboarding likely fall under aquaplaning or similar activity; and

WHEREAS, 2023 AB 656 explicitly provides that aquaplaning includes wakesurfing and wakeboarding, and thereby applies the same safety regulations that apply to water skiing and aquaplaning to wakesurfing and wakeboarding; and

WHEREAS, this proposed legislation, as currently written, fails to set minimum standards for the protection of private property, public safety and enjoyment, and aquatic environments; and

WHEREAS, 2023 AB 656 also fails to set standards related to wake depth that would protect water quality in lakes from scouring caused by enhanced wakes; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's local governments should have some control to set their own standards beyond the state minimums being proposed by 2023 AB 656 such as the following:

1. Requiring that wakesurfing and wakeboarding operation occur at least 600 feet from the shore to prohibit enhanced wake creation in waters.
2. Prohibiting wakesurfing and wakeboarding in waters shallower than at least 20 feet in depth.
3. Requiring that wakesurfing and wakeboarding operation only occur on lakes with a minimum acreage of 500 acres and at least 50 acres of contiguous minimum depth of 20 feet.
4. Requiring that wakesurfing and wakeboarding only occur at a minimum distance of 300' from other watercraft.

WHEREAS, Chippewa County understands that boats can operate as normal watercraft without the enhanced wakes, and that these increased standards would only apply to watercrafts during enhanced wake operation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors does hereby request that the Wisconsin Legislature engage in meaningful discussions around 2023 AB 656 to pass standards for wakesurfing and wakeboarding that balance the right of everyone to recreate on waters of the State of Wisconsin by doing the follows:

1. Requiring that wakesurfing and wakeboarding operation occur at least 600 feet from the shore to prohibit enhanced wake creation in waters.
2. Prohibiting wakesurfing and wakeboarding in waters shallower than at least 20 feet in depth.

3. Requiring that wakesurfing and wakeboarding operation only occur on lakes with a minimum acreage of 500 acres and at least 50 acres of contiguous minimum depth of 20 feet.

4. Requiring that wakesurfing and wakeboarding only occur at a minimum distance of 300' from other watercraft.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Wisconsin Legislature allow local governments the ability to set standards that are more restrictive than those being proposed in 2023 AB 656, if necessary to protect local interests; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that County Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Representative Rob Summerfield, State Representative Karen Hurd, State Senator Jesse James, the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Forwarded to the County Board by the Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to Chippewa County by passage of this resolution.

05/14/2024 County Board

RESULT: APPROVED [13 TO 7]

MOVER: Charles Bomar, District 12

SECONDER: Brian Flynn, District 18

AYES: Hull, Flater, Guthman, Gehring, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Lotts, Bomar, Rohmeyer, Flynn, Ives

NAYS: Mueller, Shoebridge, Seidlitz, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe

ABSENT: Matthew Peterson

BARRON COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2026 –

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE, (Re: Scott A & Brenda K
Schoenborn Joint Revocable Trust),
COUNTY OF BARRON, WISCONSIN**

The Barron County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows

1
2 **WHEREAS, Scott A & Brenda K Schoenborn Joint Revocable Trust**, owners,
3 filed a Petition to rezone certain property in Barron County;
4

5 **WHEREAS**, the Zoning Map of Barron County, Wisconsin as specified in Section
6 17.26 of the Barron County Land Use Ordinance shall be amended to change the zoning
7 classification of the property in the County of Barron, Wisconsin, depicted in the attached
8 map, incorporated herein by reference, and described hereafter from:
9

10 **_____ Agricultural-2 _____ to _____ Agricultural-1 _____**
11

12 **LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:**

13 Rezone that prt NE-NW Ex Hwy Row in MIS 9/500 ex 495' x 176' to remain Ag-2,
14 consisting of 37.69 acres, located in Section 22, T33N, R12W, Town of Stanfold;
15

16 **WHEREAS**, this Amendment was approved by the Zoning Committee on May 6,
17 2026, on a vote of 3:0, with Jenkins, Cook and Kusilek all voting in favor and 0 against.
18

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, that this Ordinance shall be effective
20 upon its adoption and publication and that publication of this ordinance may occur through
21 posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
22

BARRON COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2026 -

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE, (Re: Scott A & Brenda K
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COUNTY OF BARRON, WISCONSIN**

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OFFERED THIS 18th day of May, 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 <u>N/A</u></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, Administrator</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Audrey Kusilek, Committee Chair</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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**BARRON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE
BARRON, WISCONSIN
ACTION AND REPORT**

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having heard the testimony and considered the evidence presented, the Zoning Committee determines the facts of this case to be:

Filing Date: March 31, 2026

File # 042-2200-08-000

Hearing Date: May 6, 2026

Petitioner: **Scott & Brenda Schoenborn**

Owner: Scott A. & Brenda K Schoenborn Joint Revocable Trust, 725 25 ½ Ave., Cumberland, WI 54829
(Name and Address)

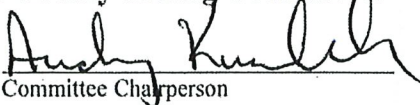
1. The petitioner is the owner/lessee/mortgagee of the following described property, which is the subject of the petition to rezone the following: prt NE-NW Ex Hwy Row in MIS 9/500 ex 495' x 176' to remain Ag-2, consisting of 37.69 acres, located in Section 22, T33N, R12W, Town of Stanfold, Barron County, Wisconsin.
2. The petitioner requests to rezone from the Agricultural-2 district to the Agricultural-1 district.
3. The present use of the property is: vacant land.
4. Petitioner purpose of the rezoning request is: to create 25 acre Ag-1 parcel to allow for sale of land zoned Ag-1.
5. Per Section 17.81(3)(a) of the Land Use Ordinance, the committee finds that:

Based on the following findings of fact, the Committee Recommends the **APPROVAL** of the petition to rezone:

- 1.) Meets the requirements of Section 17.81 (3)(a) of the Barron County Land Use Ordinance.
- 2.) Agricultural-1 would be consistent with neighboring agricultural use.
- 3.) Consistent with the Farmland Preservation Plan.

Is the Committee's decision consistent with the County Plan? Yes X No

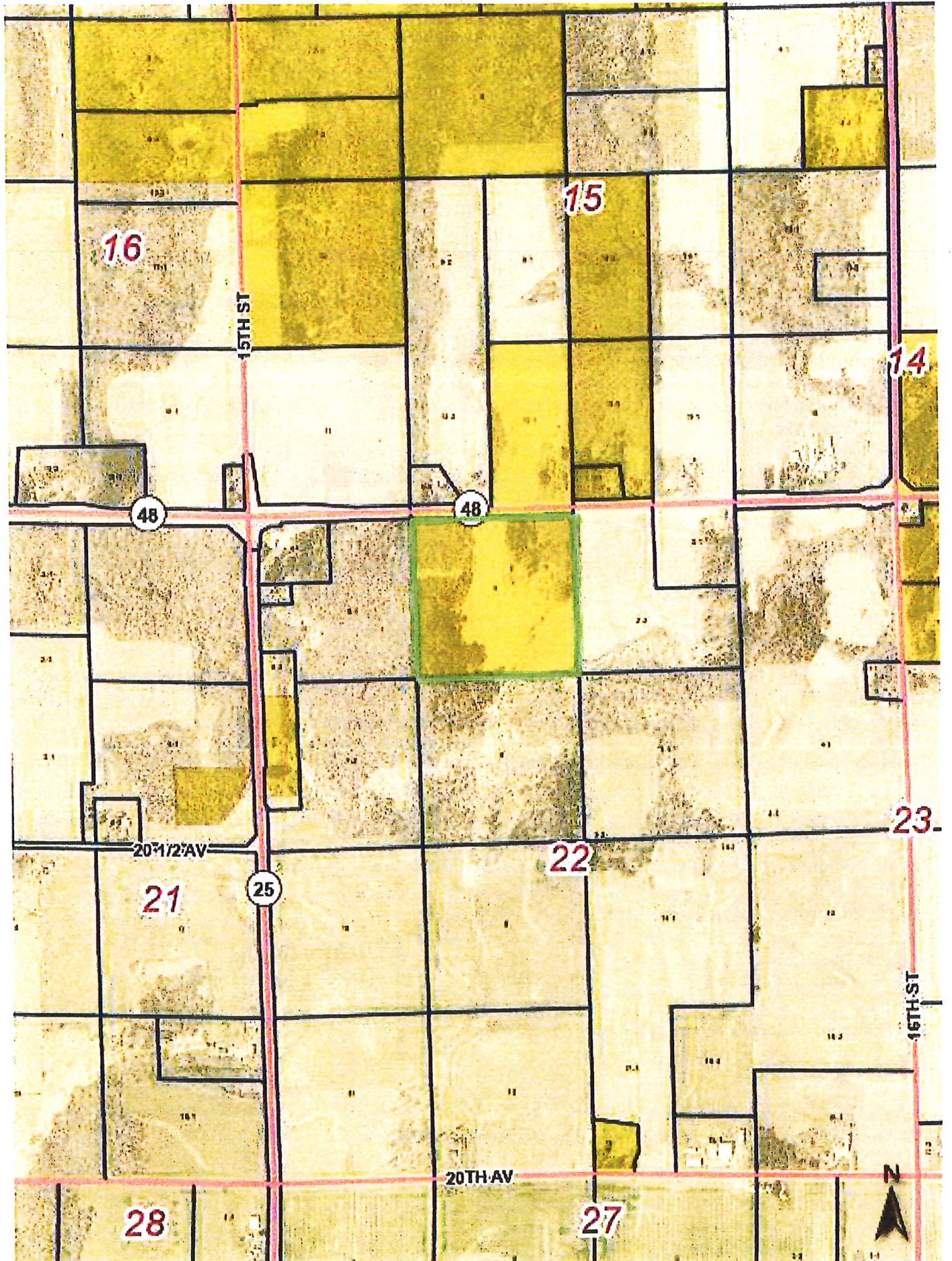
Barron County Zoning Committee:

Signed: 
Committee Chairperson

Attest: 
Becky Melton, Committee Secretary

Dated: 5/6/26

(Signed by Committee Chairperson _____ on _____.)
Committee action is not final until approved by County Board Resolution.





285'

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BARRON COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2026 –

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE, (Re: Jason M & Kelly J Olson),
COUNTY OF BARRON, WISCONSIN**

The Barron County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows

1
2 **WHEREAS, Jason M & Kelly J Olson**, owners, filed a Petition to rezone certain
3 property in Barron County;
4

5 **WHEREAS**, the Zoning Map of Barron County, Wisconsin as specified in Section
6 17.26 of the Barron County Land Use Ordinance shall be amended to change the zoning
7 classification of the property in the County of Barron, Wisconsin, depicted in the attached
8 map, incorporated herein by reference, and described hereafter from:
9

10 ___ **Agricultural- 1** ___ to ___ **Recreational Residential** ___

11
12 **LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:**

13 Rezone that prt SW-NE shown as Lots 1, 2 & 3, CSM #7464, and also Lot 13 Ex RDWY
14 desc in DOC 332798 Assessor's Plat #4 & prt SE-NE shown as outlot 1 CSM #7454
15 consisting of 19.881 acres, all located in Section 28, T33N, R10W, Town of Chetek;
16

17 **WHEREAS**, this Amendment was approved by the Zoning Committee on May 6,
18 2026, on a vote of 4:0, with Jenkins, Cook, Bartlett and Kusilek all voting in favor and 0
19 against.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, that this Ordinance shall be effective
21 upon its adoption and publication and that publication of this ordinance may occur through
22 posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
23

BARRON COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2026 -

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE, (Re: Jay M & Kelly J Olson),
COUNTY OF BARRON, WISCONSIN**

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OFFERED THIS 18th day of May, 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 <u>N/A</u></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, Administrator</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Audrey Kusilek, Committee Chair</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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**BARRON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE
BARRON, WISCONSIN
ACTION AND REPORT**

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having heard the testimony and considered the evidence presented, the Zoning Committee determines the facts of this case to be:

Filing Date: March 4, 2026

File # **012-2800-040-030, 012-2800-04-010,
012-2800-04-020 and 012-4066-27-000**

Hearing Date: May 6, 2026

Agent: **Jason M & Kelly J Olson**

Owner: Jason & Kelly Olson– 2950 12 ¾ Ave., Chetek, WI 54728
(Name and Address)

1. The applicant is the owner/lessee/mortgagee of the following described property, which is the subject of the petition to rezone the following: prt SW-NE shown as Lots 1, 2 & 3, CSM #7464, and also Lot 13 Ex RDWY desc in DOC 332798 Assessor's Plat #4 & prt SE-NE shown as outlot 1 CSM #7454 consisting of 19.881 acres, all located in Section 28, T33N, R10W, Town of Chetek, Barron County, Wisconsin.
2. The present use of the property is: vacant land.
3. The petitioner requests to rezone from the Agrcultural-1 district to Recreational Residential district.
4. Petitioner purpose of the rezoning request is: Property is not able to be irrigated and has very sandy soil. Better use of the property is for future home.
5. Section 17.81(3)(b)1 of the Ordinance whereas a petition for rezoning an area zoned for exclusive agricultural use (A-1) may be approved only if it is determined that:

- | | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| a. The land is better suited for a use not allowed in the farmland preservation zoning district. | a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. The rezoning is consistent with any applicable comprehensive plan. | b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. The rezoning is substantially consistent with the county certified farmland preservation plan. | c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. The rezoning will not substantially impair or limit current or future agricultural use of surrounding parcels of land that are zoned for or legally restricted to agriculturally use. | d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Based on the above findings of fact, the Committee Recommends the **APPROVAL** of the petition to rezone out of the Exclusive Agricultural Zoning District.

Is the Committee's decision consistent with the County Plan? Yes X No _____

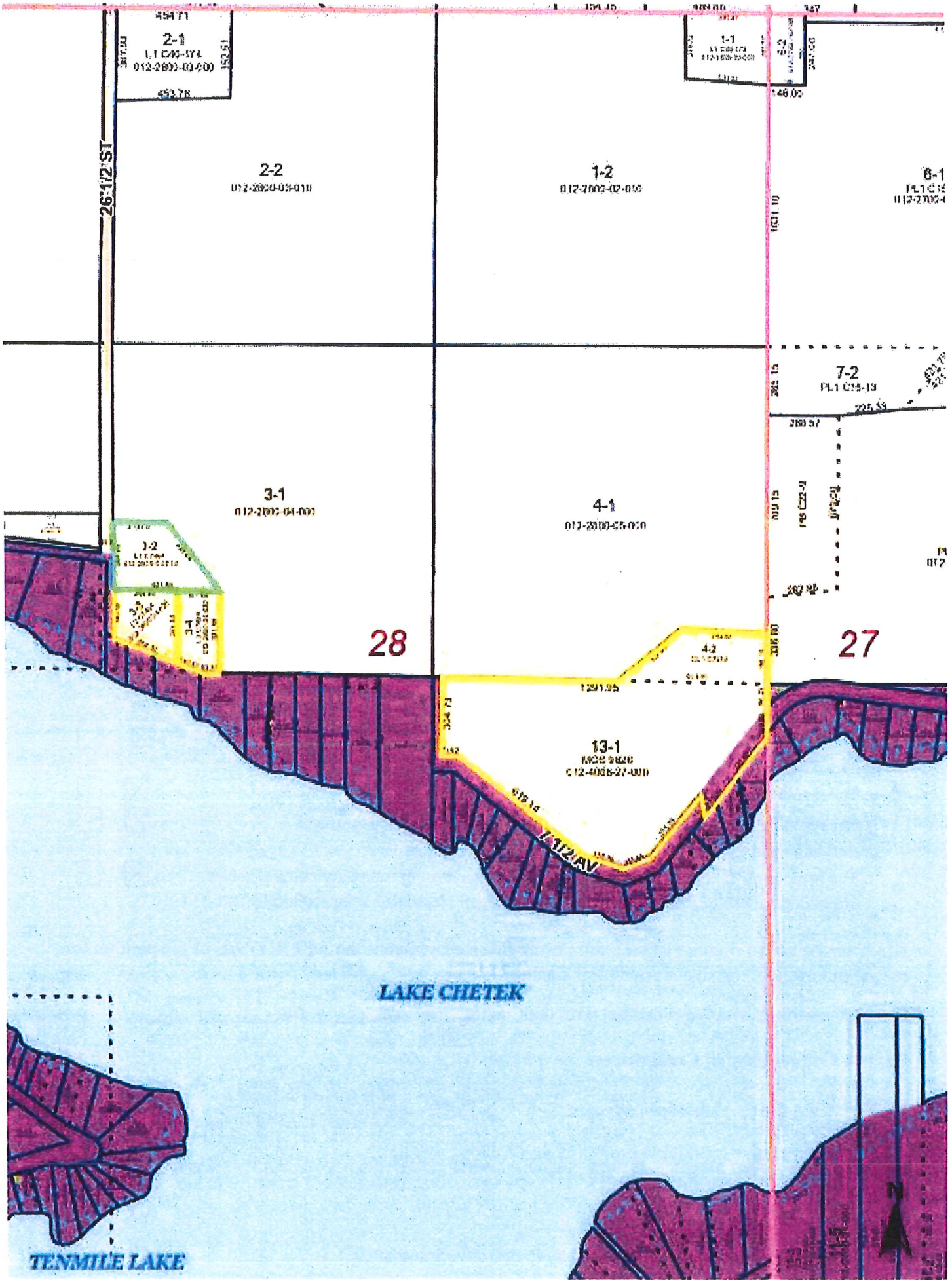
Barron County Zoning Committee:

Signed: Audrey Kunkel
Committee Chairperson

Attest: Becky Melton
Becky Melton, Committee Secretary

Dated: 5/16/26

(Signed by Committee Chairperson _____ on _____.)
Committee action is not final until approved by County Board Resolution.



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BARRON COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2026 –

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE, (Re: Town of Maple Grove),
COUNTY OF BARRON, WISCONSIN**

The Barron County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows

1
2 **WHEREAS,** **Town of Maple Grove**, owner, filed a Petition to rezone certain
3 property in Barron County;

4
5 **WHEREAS,** the Zoning Map of Barron County, Wisconsin as specified in Section
6 17.26 of the Barron County Land Use Ordinance shall be amended to change the zoning
7 classification of the property in the County of Barron, Wisconsin, depicted in the attached
8 map, incorporated herein by reference, and described hereafter from:

9
10 ___ **Unincorporated Village** ___ to ___ **Agricultural-2** ___

11
12 **LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:**

13 Rezone that prt SW-NW shown as LOTS 2, 3 &4 CSM #5782 and LOTS 5, 6 & 7 CSM
14 #5783, consisting of 12.65 acres, all located in Section 28, T33N, R12W, Town of Maple
15 Grove;

16
17 **WHEREAS,** this Amendment was approved by the Zoning Committee on May 6,
18 2026, on a vote of 3:0, with Jenkins, Cook and Bartlett all voting in favor and 0 against.

19
20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED,** that this Ordinance shall be effective
21 upon its adoption and publication and that publication of this ordinance may occur through
22 posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
23

BARRON COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2026 -

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE, (Re: Town of Maple Grove),
COUNTY OF BARRON, WISCONSIN**

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**BARRON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE
BARRON, WISCONSIN
ACTION AND REPORT**

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having heard the testimony and considered the evidence presented, the Zoning Committee determines the facts of this case to be:

Filing Date: February 16, 2026

File # **028-2800-34-010, 028-2800-34-020, 02-2800-34-030
028-2800-34-040, 028-2800-34-050, 028-2800-34-060**

Hearing Date: May 6, 2026

Petitioner: **Town of Maple Grove**

Owner: Township of Maple Grove, 1448 7 ½ Ave., Hillsdale, WI 54733
(Name and Address)

1. The petitioner is the owner/lessee/mortgagee of the following described property, which is the subject of the petition to rezone the following: prt SW-NW shown as LOTS 2, 3 & 4 CSM #5782 and LOTS 5, 6 & 7 CSM #5783, consisting of 12.65 acres, all located in Section 28, T33N, R12W, Town of Maple Grove, Barron County, Wisconsin.
2. The petitioner requests to rezone from the Unincorporated Village to the Agricultural-2 district.
3. The present use of the property is: vacant land.
4. Petitioner purpose of the rezoning request is: to combine 6 parcels to make one lot totaling 12.65 acres.
5. Per Section 17.81(3)(a) of the Land Use Ordinance, the committee finds that:

Based on the following findings of fact, the Committee Recommends the APPROVAL of the petition to rezone:

- 1.) Meets the requirements of Section 17.81 (3)(a) of the Barron County Land Use Ordinance.
- 2.) Agricultural 2 would be consistent with neighboring agricultural use.

Is the Committee's decision consistent with the County Plan? Yes X No _____

Barron County Zoning Committee:

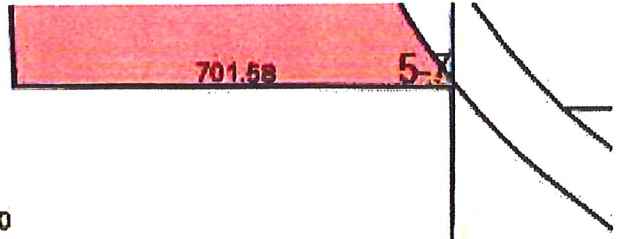
Signed: Audrey Kunkler
Committee Chairperson

Attest: Becky Melton
Becky Melton, Committee Secretary

Dated: 5/6/26

(Signed by Committee Chairperson _____ on _____.)
Committee action is not final until approved by County Board Resolution.

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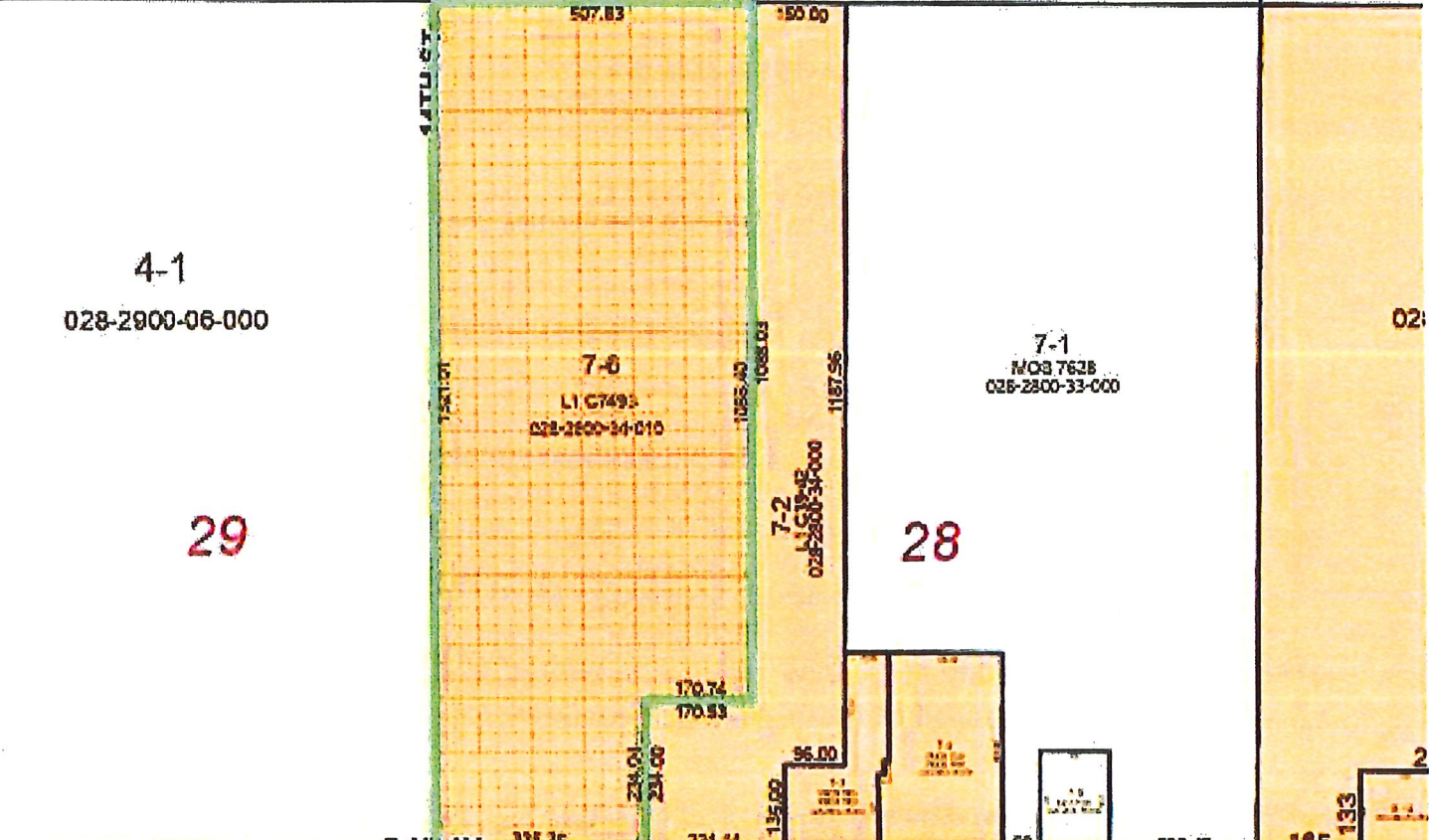
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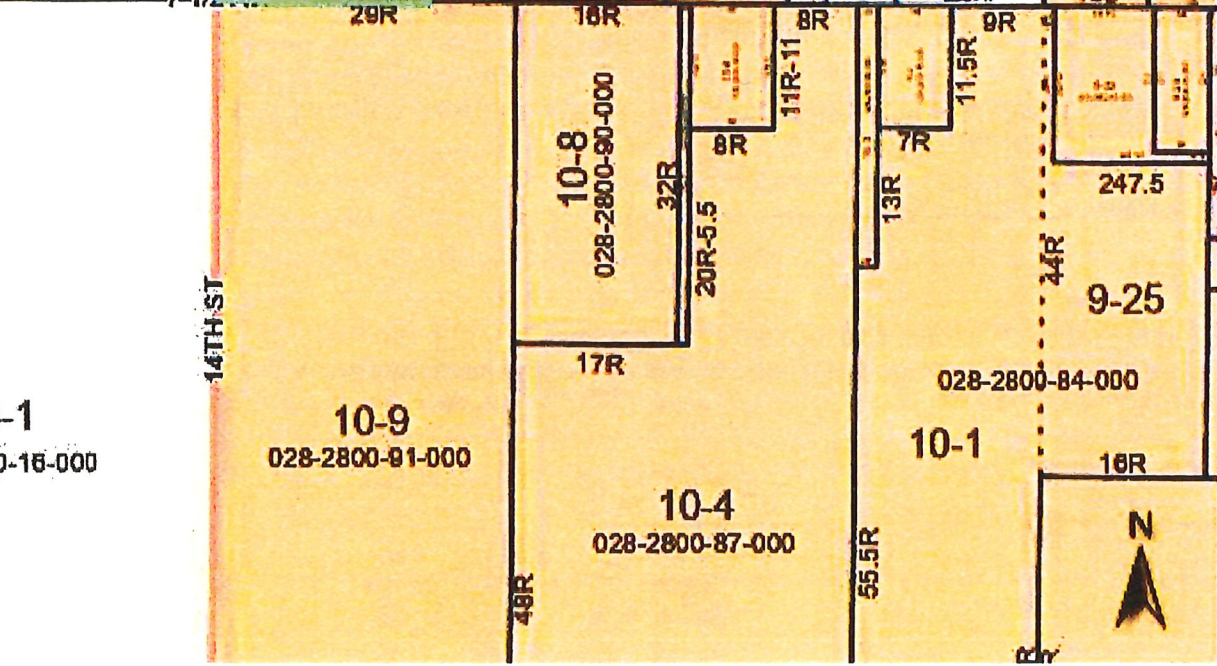
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BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 -

Resolution Supporting Assembly Bill 1033 - Regulation of Wakesurfing

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1
2 **WHEREAS**, the Barron County Extension/Land Conservation Committee met on
3 Tuesday April 7, 2026; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, Pat Brown, Barron County Lakeshore Technician, provided
6 information to the Committee regarding this Bill and spoke in favor of a resolution in
7 support of AB1033; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, County Administrator French spoke with Wisconsin Counties
10 Association Staff on March 12, 2026 and WCA Staff indicated their support for AB1033;
11 and
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13 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Counties Association’s Annual Meeting is September
14 20-22, 2026 at the Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells; and
15

16 **WHEREAS**, 2025 Assembly Bill 1033, February 9, 2026 -- Introduced by
17 Representative Brooks, co-sponsored by Senator Feyen was referred to Committee on State
18 Affairs; and
19

20 **WHEREAS**, this legislation is an act to regulate wakesurfing. The bill defines
21 “wakesurfing” as surfing a motorboat’s wake, regardless of whether the person is being
22 pulled by a tow rope attached to the motorboat that is producing the wake, or operating a
23 motorboat in a manner that creates a wake that is, or is intended to be, surfed by another
24 person”; and
25

26 **WHEREAS**, AB1033 is a legislative mechanism to begin controlling wakesurfing
27 so as to preserve Wisconsin’s inland lakes and to reduce shoreline erosion as well as
28 providing for boater safety measures; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, the text of AB1033 is attached to this Resolution for reference; and
31

32 **WHEREAS**, Supervisor Kusilek, made the motion “to approve support of county
33 resolution for AB-1033”, seconded by Supervisor Gores to recommend the drafting of this
34 Resolution with LCC/Extension members Kusilek, Gores, Cook, Langman, Huth, voting
35 in favor and no members voting against.
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37 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that with passage of this Resolution
38 the Barron County Board of Supervisors would support the passage of 2025 Assembly Bill
39 1033; and
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41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Barron County Board of Supervisors further
42 supports:

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 -

Resolution Supporting Assembly Bill 1033 - Regulation of Wakesurfing

43 A: This Resolution to be forwarded to the Wisconsin Counties Association for
44 inclusion with the Resolutions Packet for the 2026 WCA Annual Convention.

45 B: The right for Towns, Cities and Villages to enact and enforce a local
46 ordinance more restrictive than AB 1033.

47 C: That enforcement efforts correlating to the spirit and intent of AB1033 be
48 undertaken by the Wisconsin DNR and local Sheriff's Departments.

49 D: Three Hundred (300) foot shoreline setback.

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51 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be distributed to our Local
52 State Assembly persons, State Senator and Governor Tony Evers; and

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54 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that publication of this resolution may occur
55 through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 -

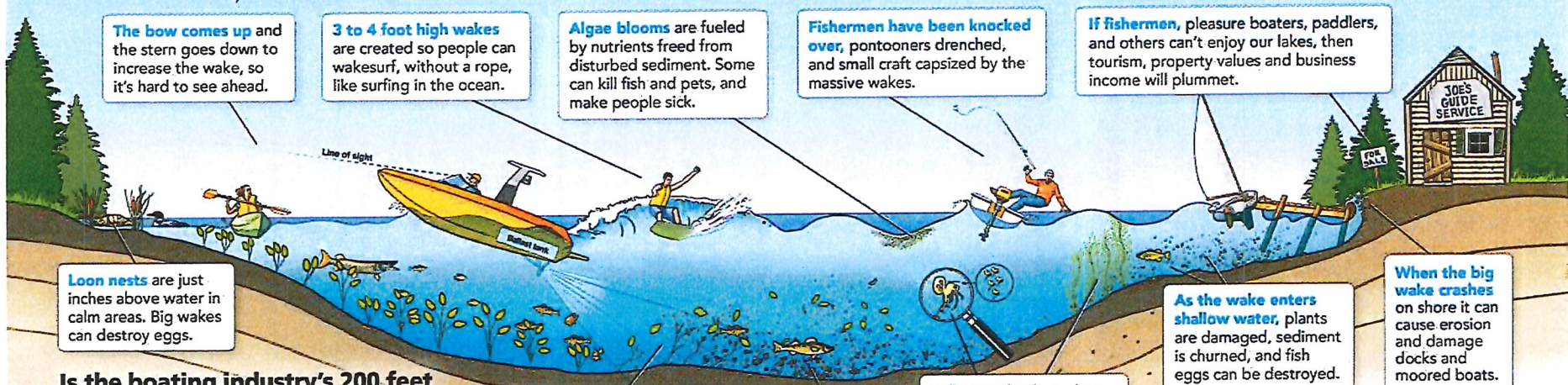
Resolution Supporting Assembly Bill 1033 - Regulation of Wakesurfing

OFFERED THIS 18th day of May 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: Not Applicable</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ -0- - Future years total amount: \$ -0- - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ -0- - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ -0-</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department</p> <p>_____ Michelle Drury, Finance Director/County Auditor</p> <p>Approved as to form by:</p> <p>_____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Randall Cook Sr. LCC/Extension Chair</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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Water skiing doesn't destroy pristine lakes, but...

WAKESURFING? That's a whole new story!



The bow comes up and the stern goes down to increase the wake, so it's hard to see ahead.

3 to 4 foot high wakes are created so people can wakesurf, without a rope, like surfing in the ocean.

Algae blooms are fueled by nutrients freed from disturbed sediment. Some can kill fish and pets, and make people sick.

Fishermen have been knocked over, pontooners drenched, and small craft capsized by the massive wakes.

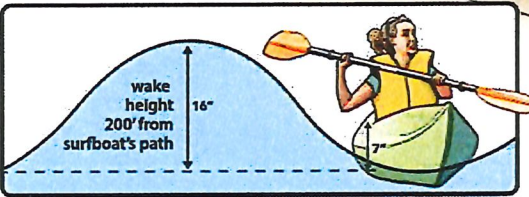
If fishermen, pleasure boaters, paddlers, and others can't enjoy our lakes, then tourism, property values and business income will plummet.

Loon nests are just inches above water in calm areas. Big wakes can destroy eggs.

As the wake enters shallow water, plants are damaged, sediment is churned, and fish eggs can be destroyed.

When the big wake crashes on shore it can cause erosion and damage docks and moored boats.

Is the boating industry's 200 feet from shore rule enough?



- 16" = Height of wake 200' from wakesurf boat's path (per industry)
- 7" = Typical kayak freeboard
- 10" = Typical canoe freeboard
- 12" = Typical small fishing boat freeboard
- 9" = Height of waves, 25 mph wind, 30 minutes, 1 mile wide lake

Sediment is stirred up and plants are damaged 20 feet deep by the powerful motor and deep downward angled propeller.

Little fish live among the plants. Fewer plants means fewer little fish for big game fish to eat.

Loons, otter and many fish can't see prey in murky water.

Ballast tanks don't drain completely and can bring invasives from other lakes.

Invasive plants spread easily in damaged areas.

Spiny waterfleas can upset the entire ecosystem, resulting in fewer game fish and murky water.

How do they make those huge wakes?

- Add ballast water, up to 5000 pounds (600 gallons)
- Operate at speeds that bring the bow up and stern down
- Use wake enhancing fins
- The wake is 6 to 12 times more powerful than ski boat wakes!

For More Information See: LastWildernessAlliance.org
Report dangerous boating at DNR's anonymous 24/7 hotline: 1-800-TIP-WDNR

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BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 4

Resolution to Support Wisconsin Establishing a Membership With the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) to Cover the Cost of Membership for all State, Local, Tribal and Territorial (SLTT) Organizations

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1 **WHEREAS**, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC)
2 provides vital cybersecurity services, including 24/7 threat monitoring and incident
3 response, to more than 18,000 state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) government
4 organizations supporting our nation's critical infrastructure including public hospitals,
5 public utilities, K-12 schools and law enforcement; and
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7 **WHEREAS**, local governments, especially in rural and under-resourced areas,
8 have relied heavily on MS-ISAC's services; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, without MS-ISAC services, government organizations are
11 increasingly vulnerable to cyber-attacks by foreign adversaries; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, recent federal funding cuts to MS-ISAC have significantly weakened
14 the nation's defense against cyber threats; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, this resolutions was recommended for approval by the Executive
17 Committee at the January 7, 2026 meeting on a vote of 9 - 0 with Cook, Okey, Bartlett,
18 Kusilek, Olson, Thmpson, Rogers, Wenzel and P. Anderson voting in favor and no
19 members voting in opposition.
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21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Barron County Board of
22 Supervisors that it supports Wisconsin establishing a membership with the Multi-State
23 Informatin Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) to cover the cost of membership for
24 all state, local, tribal and territorial (SLTT) organizations; and
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26 **BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that the Barron County Clerk is hereby authorized
27 to send a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, all Wisconsin
28 Counties and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration; and
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30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that publication of this resolution may occur
31 through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
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BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 4

Resolution to Support Wisconsin Establishing a Membership With the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) to Cover the Cost of Membership for all State, Local, Tribal and Territorial (SLTT) Organizations

OFFERED THIS 12th day of January, 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: \$ 0 - Future years total amount: \$ 0 - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ 0 - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ 0</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department</p> <p>_____ Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by:</p> <p>_____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</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> <p>Board Action: Adopted (X) Failed () Tabled ()</p> <p>Motion: (Ploetz/Olson) to approve. Carried with 24 Yes and 5 Absent (Gores, Langman, Mosentine, Rogers & Schradle).</p>
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BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 11

Resolution in Support of Sustainable Transportation Funding

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1 **WHEREAS**, local units of government in Wisconsin own and maintain
2 approximately 90% of the public road miles in the state, including county highways, town
3 roads, and city and village streets; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin’s economy—rooted in agriculture, manufacturing, and
6 tourism—relies on a safe, reliable, and well-maintained transportation network; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, local governments greatly appreciate the one-time infusions of
9 General Purpose Revenue, primarily sales and income taxes, and other revenue provided
10 in recent state budgets, which have enabled the initiation and continuation of the successful
11 and popular Local Roads Improvement Program Supplemental (LRIP-S) and Agricultural
12 Roads Improvement Program (ARIP); and
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14 **WHEREAS**, despite modest increases from the state over the years, transportation
15 aids to local governments remain insufficient to keep pace with inflation and rising
16 construction costs, leaving many communities funded below 2000 levels in real dollars;
17 and
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19 **WHEREAS**, local governments throughout Wisconsin continue to struggle to
20 perform even routine maintenance, pavement preservation, and safety improvements,
21 resulting in deteriorating roads and bridges; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, the inaugural inventory and assessment of small bridges between 6
24 to 20 feet found about 10% of the nearly 17,000 structures to be in poor or severe condition;
25 and
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27 **WHEREAS**, levy limits and other fiscal constraints prevent local governments
28 from independently filling the funding gap created by inadequate state transportation aids;
29 and
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31 **WHEREAS**, absent sustainable state funding, many communities have been forced
32 to address their shortfalls by significantly increasing borrowing, deferring essential
33 projects, or imposing local vehicle registration (“wheel”) taxes; and
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35 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin motorists currently pay among the lowest transportation
36 user fees in the Midwest, while neighboring states and dozens of others nationwide have
37 enacted long-term revenue measures to keep their transportation systems competitive; and
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39 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin is increasingly relying on General Purpose Revenues to
40 make needed investments, potentially pitting transportation against other vital services,
41 such as education; and
42

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 11

Resolution in Support of Sustainable Transportation Funding

43 **WHEREAS**, continued lack of growing, dedicated, and predictable revenue places
44 Wisconsin at a growing economic disadvantage by threatening the efficiency of freight
45 movement, the safety of travelers, and the attractiveness of our state to businesses and
46 residents; and

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48 **WHEREAS**, both Wisconsin’s aging Interstate highway system—largely
49 constructed in the 1950s and 1960s—and our extensive network of state and local roads
50 require predictable, adequate, and sustainable funding to meet current and future needs;

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52 **WHEREAS**, this resolution was recommended for approval by the Executive
53 Committee on February 4, 2026 on a vote of 9 to 0 with Anderson, Bartlett, Cook, Kusilek,
54 Okey, Olson, Rogers, Thompson & Wenzel voting in favor and none voting in opposition;
55 and

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57 **WHEREAS**, this resolution was recommended for approval by the Highway
58 Committee on February 5, 2026 on a vote of 5 - 0 with Effertz, Jenkins, Mosentine, Olson
59 and Thompson voting in favor and no members voting in opposition.

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61 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Barron County Board of
62 Supervisors strongly urges the Governor of Wisconsin and the State Legislature to enact a
63 comprehensive, sustainable transportation funding solution that:

- 64 1. Provides adequate and reliable revenue growth for the efficient long-term planning
65 and execution of state and local transportation programs;
66 2. Includes responsible and prudent use of General Purpose Revenue and bonding;
67 3. Adjusts any new and existing transportation user fees and other revenue
68 mechanisms to sustain purchasing power in order to maintain and improve
69 Wisconsin’s transportation infrastructure; and
70 4. Ensures transportation continues to deliver for Wisconsin by adequately funding
71 reconstruction, preservation, and safety investments on the state and local systems.

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73 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the clerk is hereby directed to transmit a
74 copy of this resolution to the Governor’s office, all members of the Wisconsin State Senate
75 and Assembly representing districts within Barron County, and the Wisconsin Counties
76 Association.

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78 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that publication of this resolution may occur
79 through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

80

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 11

Resolution in Support of Sustainable Transportation Funding

OFFERED THIS 16th day of February, 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: \$ 0 - Future years total amount: \$ 0 - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ 0 - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ 0</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department</p> <p>_____ Michelle Drury, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by:</p> <p>_____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Louie Okey, Executive Committee Chair</p> <p>_____ Marv Thompson, Highway Committee Chair</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted (X) Failed () Tabled ()</p> <p>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.)</p>
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Internal Management Memorandum
Unaudited Draft for Discussion Purposes Only

<u>Expenditures in Total for all Funds</u>								Five Year Average
			<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022-2026</u>
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Capital Outlay	G.	57	770,464	1,111,297	777,097	1,256,974	3,075,819	1,398,330
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2026 versus 2025			(311,490)	-1.56%				
2026 versus Five Year Average			164,194	0.84%				

Brief explanations to expenditure variances from prior year

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C. Public Works (Highway)	244,257	Winter maintenance costs up per weather
D. Health & Human Serv	(123,622)	DHHS decreases in placements, CSP & CCS
E. Culture, Recreation, Education	(41,551)	2025 included large ATV trail project
F. Conservation & Development	(1,988)	Less expense for WTE employee health insurance
G. Capital Outlay	(340,833)	2025 included CDBG & Hwy - 2026 Sallyport & more CICOP
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BARRON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025**

CURRENTLY KNOWN FACTS

Barron County began collecting the ½ cent sales tax in 1986 with a total collection of \$517,493. In 2025, this amount has grown to a record annual figure of \$6,368,645. This equates to an increase of \$5,851,152 or over twelve times the first year's collections. During the 40 year period since 1986, average annual increases have been approximately \$146,279. This translates into a yearly percentage increase of approximately 3%.

Annually, 33% of sales tax fund balance in excess of budget is utilized in the subsequent budget year. For the year ended December 31, 2025, the County used sales tax revenue as a direct reduction in the general operating property tax levy in the amount of \$6,720,000.

- Comparative Unemployment Rates:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Barron Cty</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>National</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Barron Cty</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>National</u>
2025	4.0%	3.2%	4.3%	2020	6.1%	6.3%	8.1%
2024	3.4%	3.0%	4.1%	2019	3.0%	3.5%	3.7%
2023	3.4%	3.2%	3.6%	2018	3.3%	3.0%	3.9%
2022	3.3%	3.0%	3.5%	2017	3.6%	3.3%	4.4%
2021	2.2%	3.1%	3.9%	2016	4.5%	3.7%	4.7%

- Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics & Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (County)
- Comparative Values of Building Permits as Issued by the Barron County Zoning Department:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$59,834,566	2021	\$54,611,693	2017	\$33,541,753
2024	\$76,047,492	2020	\$29,994,620	2016	\$29,118,477
2023	\$80,879,532	2019	\$32,906,304	2015	\$60,872,544
2022	\$59,348,550	2018	\$37,608,189	2014	\$20,911,494

- Data on Barron County Foreclosure *Filings* is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Filings</u>
2025	51	2021	11	2017	80
2024	57	2020	30	2016	81
2023	56	2019	87	2015	80
2022	49	2018	84	2014	88

BARRON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025**

- Levy limit rates are based on \$1,000/valuation. Comparative data is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Debt</u>	<u>Library</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Debt</u>	<u>Library</u>
2025	\$ 2.86	\$.29	\$.14	2020	\$4.23	\$.61	\$.21
2024	\$ 3.10	\$.31	\$.15	2019	\$ 4.29	\$.64	\$.19
2023	\$ 3.49	\$.28	\$.16	2018	\$ 4.40	\$.66	\$.19
2022	\$ 3.93	\$.53	\$.18	2017	\$ 4.48	\$.57	\$.19
2021	\$ 4.14	\$.56	\$.18	2016	\$ 4.42	\$.63	\$.19

- Current Net New Construction rules allow the annual levy limit ceiling increase to be equal to zero, or Net New Construction, whichever is greater. Comparative Net New Construction data is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
2025/2026	1.66%	2022/2023	1.226%	2019/2020	1.198%
2024/2025	1.550%	2021/2022	1.119%	2018/2019	1.255%
2023/2024	1.311%	2020/2021	.932%	2017/2018	1.491%

- Total maximum and actual tax levy based on current laws are:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Actual</u>
2026	\$22,703,569	\$22,703,569	2021	\$ 22,629,074	\$ 22,199,961
2025	\$22,022,702	\$ 22,022,702	2020	\$ 22,662,099	\$ 21,955,284
2024	\$21,871,979	\$ 21,867,534	2019	\$ 22,255,124	\$ 21,315,394
2023	\$21,167,126	\$ 21,164,743	2018	\$ 22,087,857	\$ 20,916,813
2022	\$ 22,228,979	\$ 21,817,601	2017	\$ 21,247,314	\$ 20,210,095

To address economic impacts of the pandemic, the Biden Administration launched the American Rescue Plan Act in 2021, allocating \$350 billion in funding to state, local, territorial and tribal governments. Barron County's piece of the pie totals just under \$8.8 million. Per the guidelines, Barron County is focusing these funds to be used for government services under the Lost Revenue Replacement rules, which frees up tax levy to be used for various County projects. To date, the following projects have been encumbered:

• IT equipment	\$ 215,163
• Attorney Fee / Financial Advisor Fees	\$ 7,318
• County Highway Maps	\$ 6,723
• County ATV/Snow Trail Maps	\$ 8,143
• Highway Speed Signs for Tourist Areas	\$ 10,000
• Well Testing	\$ 8,000

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• Barron County Housing Authority Rehabilitation	\$ 3,500,000
• PPE	\$ 23,096
• Auditorium Seating	\$ 47,164
• Snowmobile/ATV Bridge Rehab & Light-Weight Grooming Equip	\$ 482,320
• Hwy T Vermillion Creek Bridge Rehab	\$ 293,926
• Fiber to Communications Towers	\$ 672,000
• Owen Anderson Rifle Range Improvements	\$ 25,000
• JC Stanley Security Upgrades	\$ 80,975
• WPPA Wage Increases 2024-2025	\$ 300,000
• Straw Pit Rifle Range Improvements	\$ 25,000
• Aging Kitchen Engineering/Design	\$ 2,145,338
• UWEC-BC Water Line Design	\$ 86,600
• Government Center Boilers	\$ 150,000
• DHHS Software	\$ 1,000,896
• UWEC-BC Roofs – Student Center / Gymnasium	\$ 267,390
• Sally Port IT Improvements	\$ 50,000
• Kayak Launch & Dock – Red Cedar River	\$ 12,563

The Barron County Housing Authority has 70 multi-family housing units scattered across Barron County that were constructed in 1978. Housing Authority Staff, along with the County Board of Supervisors, would like to rehabilitate these properties through the use of a combination of low income housing tax credits, grants, loans, and American Rescue Plan dollars. Housing Authority staff has been working with Tom Landgraf Consulting to apply for the tax credits and bring the project to fruition. Barron County has committed \$3.5 million of American Rescue Plan dollars to the rehab. Construction has started in 2025 with project completion expected in 2026.

To lend financial stability to the project, The Executive Committee approved an Escrow Agreement with Sterling Bank in October, 2024 for the remaining ARPA balance of \$3,208,576.68. Sterling Bank is providing third party oversight for thoroughness, accuracy and propriety until the funds are expended in 2026.

The main shop of the Barron County Highway facility was built in 1947 with the office being built in 1999. Barron County had been discussing the need for a new Highway Facility since 2008. In August of 2019, the County Board approved Resolution 2019-22 to officially begin the process of designing a new Highway Facility. In December of 2020, Resolution 2020-32 awarded the sale of \$25,120,000 GO debt to Baird, Red Bank, New Jersey at a true interest cost of \$1.53% over 20 years. With financing firmly in place, Resolution 2020-33 was passed authorizing the rebuilding of the Barron County Highway Facility with the official ground breaking ceremony occurring on May 3, 2021.

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The final facility includes a 167,000+ square foot maintenance building with equipment storage and offices, an unheated storage building, county vehicle storage building, two wash bays, and modifications to existing structures.

Through the construction process, there were several bumps along the way. Issues with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) caused delays in permitting which snowballed into added costs. Poor soils at the building site requiring correction added to the bill, along with various budgeting issues, which created a \$4.6 million project deficit in 2022. On November 2, 2022 at a special meeting of the County Board of Supervisors, it was decided to restrict \$4.6 million of unrestricted fund balance in the Barron County Highway Internal Service Fund for the purpose of covering the estimated deficit so the project could be completed. Also approved was a Financial Oversight Committee consisting of selected County Board Supervisors and staff for the remainder of the project.

The facility construction was completed in 2025. The project came in under budget and \$272,392 was returned to the highway fund.

Since County Staff took over the management of the Barron County Waste to Energy Plant in 2017, several substantial repairs and upgrades have been completed. To remain in compliance of the air permit, it was time to address the installation of a new Acid Gas Removal System. With the estimated cost of \$4.4 million, a GO Debt State Trust Fund loan in the amount of \$4 million was obtained in 2022 to fund the project, along with an advance from the General Fund of \$390,000. The new system will provide various efficiencies and increase the daily burn capacity from 100 tons/day to 150 tons/day. The project was completed in 2025.

The County is working with Ehlers to pursue a bond to consolidate the two trust fund loans for the Waste to Energy Plant in 2026. A contract has been signed with DA Davidson and a bond issue will occur if the required rate and savings parameters are met.

In 2024, Waste to Energy management staff identified a new revenue stream that would support the purchase a material handler and shredder. In addition to the specific revenue stream, it also provides additional opportunities to shred and incinerate other types of waste. Resolutions 2024-30 and 2024-32 approved the purchase and State Trust Fund Loan in the amount of \$1.5 million over 10 years.

In 2023, the Sheriff was interested in expanding and improving the existing Sally Port at the Barron County Justice Center. Since then, design commenced with the County Board approving the expansion with Resolution 2024-40 at a total cost of \$2,876,370. Since then, bids have been obtained, which came in below budget, and a bonding has been completed to

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fund the project. The project experienced delays with secure doors, but construction is expected to be completed in May 2026. The project will be well under budget.

The analog communications system formerly in service by the Barron County Sheriff's Department had met its useful life. Resolution 2024-2 approved \$1,500,000 of unassigned fund balance for the project, with any grant funds obtained, to offset the cost. In October, 2024, the County Board approved a Sterling Bank Note to replenish unassigned fund balance as no grants were awarded. The project was completed in early 2025 with the project coming in under budget by \$103,000.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Barron County's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Barron County Finance Director, 335 East Monroe Avenue, Room 2510, Barron, WI 54812.

ADRC of Barron & Rusk Counties: 2025 Tax Savings Report

Barron County Impact

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) serves as the "cost-avoidance engine" of our local public health system. We maximize taxpayer dollars by acting as a strategic, unbiased resource hub—keeping residents out of expensive, government-funded institutions and preventing costly medical emergencies.

According to State of Wisconsin data, every \$1 invested in an ADRC yields approximately \$3.88 in savings. Below are the six primary areas where the ADRC delivered a high return on investment for Barron County in 2025.

1. Diversion from Medicaid-Funded Care

Long-term care via Medicaid is the single largest health-sector expense for taxpayers. Through "Options Counseling," the ADRC helps families identify private-pay solutions and community supports before they exhaust their assets and turn to public benefits.

- Individuals utilizing ADRC services are 89% more likely to use private resources for their care rather than enrolling in Medicaid.
- Our Information & Assistance (I&A) Specialists had 1,741 I&A contacts and 743 Options Counseling contacts with Barron County customers.

* 2. Delaying Nursing Home Entry *

With nursing home care in Barron County averaging \$10,000 per month, and 75% of residents relying on Medicaid, the fiscal impact of ADRCs is important. The ADRC connects residents with "wraparound" community services—such as Meals on Wheels, home modifications, respite, and transportation—to maintain independence.

- In Barron County, preventing just 35 people from entering a nursing home for one year saves enough taxpayer money to cover the entire combined Aging and ADRC budgets.
 - Aging Budget (\$2,286,901): Equal to the cost of 19 nursing home residents.
 - ADRC Budget (\$1,925,198): Equal to the cost of 16 nursing home residents.
- We served 539 Meals on Wheels customers and 241 transportation customers, providing necessary services for aging in place.

3. Reducing Hospital Readmissions & ER Visits

ADRCs manage critical "care transitions." By ensuring residents have home support and medication clarity after a hospital discharge, we prevent the "revolving door" of emergency medicine.

- An average hospital readmission costs \$14,400, while an ER visit averages \$530.
- ADRCs nationwide prevent roughly 61 hospital readmissions per 1,000 people served through proactive follow-up care.

4. Benefit Specialists: "Financial Detectives"

Our Benefit Specialists ensure older adults and those with disabilities access federal entitlements (Social Security, Medicare, Veterans benefits) they have earned.

- Economic Boost: When a specialist secures federal benefits, those funds flow directly into the local economy rather than being drawn from state or county tax budgets.
- When Benefit Specialists help customers on Medicaid sign up for Medicare, Medicaid becomes the payer of last resort. Medicare pays first and Medicaid covers only what Medicare won't, which lightens the load for state and local budgets.
- Our Benefit Specialists had 3,346 contacts with Barron County customers.

5. Proactive Preventative Programming

Falls are a leading cause of injury and institutionalization. Preventing just one hip fracture can save the healthcare system between \$30,000 and \$50,000 in immediate surgical and rehab costs.

- The ADRC served 90 Barron County residents through specialized workshops, including Stepping On Falls Prevention.

6. Supporting the "Silent" Health System: Unpaid Family Caregivers

Over 580,000 Wisconsinites provide unpaid care—the literal backbone of our long-term care system. Without these family members, the public system would collapse. The ADRC serves unpaid caregivers every day. Specifically, dementia caregiving needs are on the rise. The ADRC provides:

- Information & Assistance on local resources, funding opportunities like the Wisconsin's Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Program (AFCSP) and the National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP), and local registries
- Services such as support groups and respite programs (Daybreak)
- Caregiver education and trainings for employees at local businesses and family caregivers of all ages
- Dementia Care workshops, education and consultation. The Dementia Care Specialist reached 399 people with 16 educational presentations, 88 people with brain health workshops, 6 people with Savvy Caregiver training, and 135 consultations including 61 memory screens.

Bottom Line: The ADRC doesn't just provide services; it protects the county's fiscal health by empowering residents to remain independent, private-paying, and at home.

2026 Committee / Board Appointments

Commission on Aging (4)

CB 3 - 2 yr / Citizen 2 - 3 yr terms
Kathy Krug - Co Board June 2028 (2nd)
Diane Vaughn - Co Board June 2028 (2nd)
Carsten Ellison - Co Board June 2028 (1st)
Patti Anderson - Co Board June 2028 (3rd)
Cheryl Hakseth - Citizen June 2029 (2nd)
Bob Heil - Citizen June 2027 (1st)
Kelli Rasmussen - Citizen July 2028 (1st)
Carol Knoll - Citizen June 2028 (1st)
Deb Neuheisel - Citizen June 2027 (1st)

Tax Incremental District TID

Scott Bachowski
Carsten Ellison
Dana Heller

ADRC (1)

Shelley Effertz (Barron County) 2028
Sharon Rollins (Barron County) 2028
Vlad Sajka (Barron County) 2028
Bert Skinner (Barron County) 2029
Rob Ludwig (Barron County) 2028
Thomas Hanson (Rusk County) 2030
Kathy Helber (Rusk County) 2027
John Smatlak (Rusk County) 2028

Economic Development Board (3)

3 Year Term (except Co Board)

Kathy Krug
Craig Fowler
Dana Heller

Executive

Appointed by Respective Committee

Louie Okey - County Board Chair
Karolyn Bartlett - County Board Vice Chair
Craig Turcott - County Board 2nd Vice
Peter Olson - Highway Rep.
TBD - Extension/LCC Rep.
TBD - Law Enforcement/EM Rep.
TBD - Property Rep.
TBD - Zoning Rep.
TBD - HHS Board Rep.
TBD - First Alternate
TBD - Second Alternate

Extension/Land Conservation (6)

Fran Langman
Jim Gores
Gary Nelson
Randy Cook
Carsten Ellison
Audrey Kusilek
Kirsten Huth - Citizen Member

Health & Human Services Board

3 Year Term

Karolyn Bartlett January 2029
Diane Vaughn January 2029
Mark Eby January 2027
Scott Bachowski January 2027
Patti Anderson January 2028
Stacey Wenzel January 2027
Nancy Keeler January 2028
Lynn Kolpeck January 2027
Bob Heil January 2027
Mary Matthys January 2029
Toniann Knutson January 2028
Dr. Lindsey Ruppel January 2028
Betty Borgon January 2028

Highway Committee*

* Elected by County Board

Diane Vaughn
Pete Olson
Craig Turcott
Dennis Jenkins
Bradley Wolf

Housing Commission (2)

Staggered 5 year terms

Gary Nelson (expires 2029)
Marge Jost (expires June 2031)
Terri Tyler (expires June 2027)
Carol Moen (expires June 2030)
Doug Edwardson (expires June 2027)

Law Enforcement / Emergency Mgmt. (7)

Craig Turcott
Jamie McCready
Pete Schneider
Patti Anderson
Pete Olson
Stacey Wenzel
Bob Anderson

LEPC (1)

Louie Okey
Jamie McCready (LE / EM Committee Rep)

Property (7)

Mark Eby
Bill Schradle
Carol Moen
Craig Fowler
Dana Heller
Kathy Krug
Karolyn Bartlett

Solid Waste

3 Year Term

Not more than 5 County Board (59.70(2))

Jim Gores (expires May 2029)
Jeff Miller (expires May 2029)
Bill Schradle (expires May 2027)
Fran Langman (expires May 2028)
Lauren Wentz (expires May 2028)
Kevin Jacobson - Citizen (expires May 2027)
Bob Heil - Citizen (expires May 2029)
Steve Johnson - Citizen (expires May 2027)
Dan North - Citizen (expires May 2029)
Louie Okey (Ex-Officio)

Zoning

5 County Board w/ 3 from Zoned Towns

Randall Cook
Dennis Sandmann
Karolyn Bartlett
Dennis Jenkins
Audrey Kusilek

Zoning Board of Adjustment

No Members from Cities or Villages / Not more than 2 from Same Town

3 Year Term

Dan North - Citizen (expires 7/29)
Gary Nelson (expires 7/28)
Carol Moen (expires 7/28)
Amy Kelsey (expires 7/27)
Keith Hardie - Citizen (expires 7/27)
Diane Vaughn (Alternate)

Regional Business Fund

Mark Eby

Workforce Resource

Louie Okey

West Cap

Dennis Jenkins

IFLS

Jamie McCready (2027)
Doug Edwardson (2029)

Travel Northwest WI (formerly ITBEC)

Pete Schneider

Fair Board

Shelley Effertz

Lake Districts

Jim Gores - Lower Turtle & Upper Turtle
Lauren Wentz - Staples Lake
Craig Turcott - Beaver Dam, Kirby & Sand
Bob Anderson - Rice Lake
Craig Fowler - Dummy Lake

Museum Board

Kathy Krug

West Central Land & Water Conservation

Fran Langman

WI West Central Regional Planning

Stacey Wenzel
Louie Okey
Craig Fowler

Veterans Service Committee

One Member from HHS Board

Scott Bachowski
Bill Schradle
Gary Nelson
Bob Anderson - Alternate

Veterans Service Commission

3 Year Term

Larry Johnson (expires Dec 2027)
Donald Jacobson (expires Dec 2026)
Tom Pichelman (expires Dec 2028)

Nortac

Dana Heller
Pete Schneider

Traffic Safety Commission

Bradley Wolf
Louie Okey

Woodland Enhanced Health Services

Audrey Kusilek

Momentum West

Scott Bachowski

PACE

Pete Olson

Library Boards

Scott Bachowski - Chetek
Craig Turcott - Cumberland
Kathy Krug - Cameron
Jamie McCready - Turtle Lake
Gary Nelson - Barron
Jeff Miller - Rice Lake

Land Information Council

Dennis Sandmann

2026 Committee Appointments by Committee

ADRC	Effertz				
Commission on Aging	Krug Heil (2027)	Vaughn Rasmussen (2028)	Ellison Knoll (2028)	P Anderson Neuheisel (2027)	Hakseth (2029)
Community Development (CDBG)	Kusilek	Banks	Krug		
Economic Development	Krug	Fowler	Heller		
Executive**	Okey TBD	Bartlett TBD	Turcott TBD	TBD TBD	TBD
Extension / Land Conservation	Langman Kusilek	Gores Huth (Co. Committee Member)	Nelson	Cook	Ellison
Fair Board	Effertz				
Health & Human Services	Bartlett (2029) Wenzel (2027) Knutson (2028)	Vaughn (2029) Keeler (2028) Ruppel (2028)	Eby (2027) Kolpeck (2027) Borgan (2028)	Bachowski (2027) Heil (2027) Borgan (2028)	P Anderson (2028) Matthys (2029) Wolf
Highway *	Vaughn	Olson	Turcott	Jenkins	Wolf
Traffic Safety	Wolf	Okey			
Housing Commission	Nelson (2029)	Jost (2031)	Tyler (2027)	Moen (2030)	Edwardson (2027)
IFLS	McCready (2027)	Edwardson (2029)			
ITBEC	Schneider				
Lake Districts	Turcott Beaver Dam, Kirby Lake and Sand Lake	B Anderson Rice Lake	Fowler Dummy Lake	Gores Lower & Upper Turtle Lakes	Wentz Staples Lake
Law Enforcement / Emergency Mgmt	Turcott Wenzel	McCready B. Anderson	Schneider	P. Anderson	Olson
LEPC	Okey	McCready			
Momentum West	Bachowski				
Museum Board	Krug				
Nortac	Heller	Schneider			
PACE	Olson				
Property	Eby Krug	Schradle Bartlett	Moen	Fowler	Heller
Solid Waste	Gores (2029) Jacobson (2027)	Miller (2029) Heil (2029)	Schradle (2027) Johnson (2027)	Langman (2028) North (2029)	Wentz (2028) Okey (Ex-Officio/Alt)
Veterans Service Commission	Johnson (2027)	Jacobson (2026)	Pichelman (2025)		
Veterans Service Committee	Bachowski	Schradle	Nelson	B Anderson (Alternate)	
West Cap	Jenkins				
Woodland Enhanced Health Services	Kusilek				
Workforce Resource	Okey				
West Central Land & Water Conservatio	Langman				
West Central WI Regional Planning	Wenzel	Okey	Fowler		
Zoning	Cook	Sandmann	Bartlett	Jenkins	Kusilek
Zoning Board of Adjustment	North (2029) Vaughn (Alternate)	Nelson (2028)	Moen (2028)	Hardie (2027)	Kelsey (2027)

* Highway Committee is elected by the County Board per Statute

** Executive Committee is comprised of the County Board Chair, Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair and one member appointed from the Highway, Zoning, Law Enforcement, Extension / LCC, Property and Health & Human Services Committees

2026 Committee Appointments by Supervisor

Bachowski, Scott	Health & Human Services	Veterans	Momentum West	Library (Chetek)	TID
Vaughn, Diane	Aging	Health & Human Services	Highway	Board of Adjustment (Alt)	
Eby, Mark	Health & Human Services	Property	Regional Business Fund		
Sandmann, Dennis	Zoning	Land Information Council			
Bartlett, Karolyn	Executive	Health & Human Services	Property	Zoning	
Wolf, Bradley	Highway	Traffic Safety			
Schradle, Bill	Property	Solid Waste	Veterans		
McCready, Jamie	Law Enforcement/EM	LEPC	IFLS	Library (Turtle Lake)	
Gores, Jim	LCC/Extension	Solid Waste			
Nelson, Gary	LCC/Extension	Housing	Board of Adjustment	Veterans	Library (Barron)
Ellison, Carsten	Aging	LCC/Extension	TID		
Olson, Pete	Highway	Law Enforcement/EM	PACE		
Krug, Kathy	Aging	Economic Development	Property	Museum	Library (Cameron)
Moen, Carol	Housing	Property	Board of Adjustment		
Langman, Fran	LCC/Extension	Solid Waste	West Central Land & Water		
Okey, Louie	Executive	LEPC	Solid Waste (Ex-Officio)	Workforce Resource	West Central Regional Planning
	Traffic Safety				
Anderson, Patti	Aging	Health & Human Services	Law Enforcement/EM		
Cook, Randall	LCC/Extension	Zoning			
Fowler, Craig	Economic Development	Property	West Central Regional Planning		
Miller, Jeff	Solid Waste	Library (Rice Lake)			
Wentz, Lauren	Solid Waste	Lake District			
Wenzel, Stacey	Health & Human Services	Law Enforcement/EM	West Central Regional Planning		
Heller, Dana	Economic Development	Property	NORTAC	TID	
Anderson, Bob	Law Enforcement/EM	Veterans (Alternate)			
Schneider, Pete	Law Enforcement/EM	ITBEC	NORTAC		
Kusilek, Audrey	LCC/Extension	Zoning	Woodland Enhanced Health		
Effertz, Shelley	ADRC	Fair Board			
Turcott, Craig	Executive	Highway	Law Enforcement/EM	Library (Cumberland)	
Jenkins, Dennis	Highway	Zoning	WestCap		