



**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 3, 2026 – 8:00 a.m.**  
Barron County Government Center – Auditorium  
335 East Monroe Avenue – Barron, Wisconsin 54812

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**MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON:** Patti Anderson, Karolyn Bartlett, Randy Cook, Craig Fowler, Audrey Kusilek, Gary Nelson (alternate), Louie Okey, Pete Olson, Craig Turcott and Stacey Wenzel (arrived at 8:13AM).

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPEARING VIRTUALLY:** None at this time.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** None at this time.

**STAFF PRESENT IN PERSON:** Finance Director Drury, Administrator French, Patrol Captain Hodek, County Clerk Hodek, Register of Deeds Katterhagen, Corporation Counsel Muench, Technology Director Peterson, Human Resources Director Richie, Veterans Service Officer Shaw and Treasurer Sommerfeld.

**OTHER COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS PRESENT:** None at this time.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ruth Erickson (Chronotype) and Ryan Urban (News-Shield).

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

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

**SPECIAL MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):** Administrator French announced that Supervisor Patti Anderson recommended a breakout session on our ADRC Daybreak Program at the upcoming Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Annual Convention in September and the session was approved. French also noted the ES-1 grant funds for the environmental impact on the Broten property was approved.

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

**APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2026: Motion: (Kusilek/Turcott)** to approve. Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None at this time.

**VIRTUAL MEETING ATTENDANCE: Motion: (Olson/Cook)** to allow virtual attendance at future Executive Committee meetings. Chair Okey clarified virtual meeting attendance parameters. Carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF (1) FTE FOR OPEN RECORDS REQUESTS:** Administrator French noted his position paper included in the packet and asked for the ONE (1) FTE position to be discussed in the 2027 budget. French also mentioned that von Briesen will be hosting a first amendment auditor and public record request training for department heads with a future date to be determined. Discussion. Administrator French, Corporation Counsel Muench and County Clerk Hodek answered questions from the Committee. The Committee requested Administrator French and Corporation Counsel Muench bring back the position for further discussion at the July Executive Committee meeting.

*Wenzel arrived at 8:13AM.*

**RESOLUTION – APPROVAL AUTHORIZING (1) FTE IN ECONOMIC SUPPORT: Motion: (Bartlett/Olson)** to approve. Administrator French confirmed this position is fully funded for the next three years. Discussion. Carried.



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**RESOLUTION – RECOMMEND APPROVAL 2027 BUDGET RESOLUTION & TIMELINE:**  
**Motion: (Bartlett/Turcott)** to approve. Carried.

**APPROVE 2026 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE, NOT TO EXCEED \$7,700 FOR VETERANS OUTREACH, AUGUST 15, 2026 AT NORTHWOODS TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN RICE LAKE: Motion: (Cook/Anderson)** to approve. Discussion. Veterans Service Officer Shaw answered questions from the Committee. Carried.

**APPROVE 2025 BILLING - \$4,500 TO WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN UPDATES: Motion: (Bartlett/Olson)** to approve. Chair Okey explained he sits on the West Central Regional Planning Commission Committee and the original invoice was never received by the County in 2025 which is why a second invoice was sent last month. Discussion. Carried.

**STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES:** None at this time.

**REVIEW VOUCHER EDIT LISTS:** No action taken.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- a. Recodification of Sections – Code of Ordinances
- b. Self-Funded Workman’s Compensation
- c. County Insurance Presentation
- d. One (1) FTE for Open Records Requests
- e. Resolution – Discover Mediaworks

**SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at 8:00AM.

**ADJOURNMENT:** By unanimous consent at 8:34AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk

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