



BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Monday, July 20, 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. Ojibwe Village at the Pioneer Village Museum
5. Approve Agenda
6. Approve Minutes of June 15, 2026 & June 23, 2026
7. Public Comment (*Prior Registration with County Clerk Required /Maximum Allotted Time is 3 Minutes*)
8. Approval of Letter of Support for Mosaic Technologies Application for the Wisconsin Public Service Commission for Broadband Expansion Grant
9. Presentation from Discover Mediaworks on Uniquely Wisconsin
10. Resolution – Authorizing Expenditure of \$20,000.00 for a Uniquely Wisconsin Discover Mediaworks Inc., Production
11. Resolution – Authorizing Applying for Cost Sharing Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for County Owned Rifle Ranges
12. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Rezoning – Town of Turtle Lake, Tou Yang & Mayjoua Ly, Owners
13. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Rezoning – Town of Doyle, Cindy Geng, Owner

(Agenda Continued on Next Page)

PLEASE CALL 715-537-6200 IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND.

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14. Report from County Administrator
 - a. Consideration of One (1) LTE for Open Records Requests
 - b. 2026 Veterans Outreach Program - Recognition Ceremony & Benefits Fair
 - c. Community Connections 2025 Impact Report
15. Appointments
 - a. Traffic Safety Committee – Shane Massie, Education Representative (Replacing Hannah Mueller)
 - b. Land Services Director – Ben Cole (Replacing Dave Gifford)
 - c. Wisconsin Land & Water Board of Directors - Supervisor Randall Cook (New Appointment)
16. Claims, Petitions & Correspondence
17. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items
 - a. Recodification of Sections – Code of Ordinances
 - b. First Draft of 2027 County Budget
 - c. Presentation on County Insurances
 - d. Presentation from West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC)
 - e. Presentation on Pioneer Village Museum
 - f. Presentation on Barron County Fair
18. Next Meeting Date
19. Adjournment

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OJIBWE VILLAGE

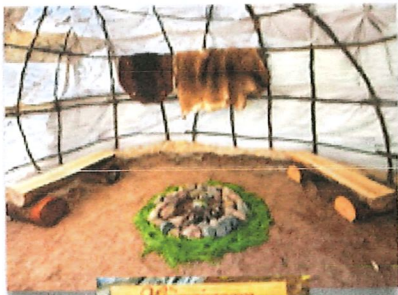
at the Pioneer Village Museum



Grand Opening Celebration
August 21, 2026 from 5-7 PM



Seasonal Wigwam Exhibits

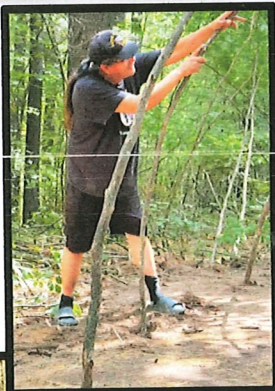
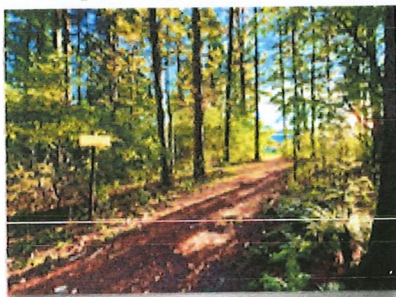


Grand Opening Ceremony & Dance (5:00 pm)

Feast To Follow (6:00 pm)



Nature Trails with Signs in Ojibwe & English



NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE POWWOW CELEBRATION

Pioneer Village Museum

August 22, 2026 - 11:00am to 5:00pm



CELEBRATE & EXPERIENCE

LEARN The Ojibwa Language & Ojibwe History
Basic Words In Ojibwa & Stories Of Local Ojibwe History

EXPERIENCE The PowWow Dance Exhibit
Intertribal's Dance Songs Where "Everyone Can Dance"

ENJOY Native American Art, Culture & Cuisine

TOUR THE NEW OJIBWE VILLAGE
EXHIBIT & NATURE TRAILS

PIONEERVILLAGEMUSEUM.ORG



Powwow Dance Exhibit
Ojibwe History Stories
Fry Bread Vendor
Native Craft Vendors



POW-WOW

Dance Exhibit
Starts 1:00 PM

- Experience
- Participate
- Celebrate



Proudly Presented by Turtle Lake Tourism



BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026 – 5:00 PM

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

MINUTES

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

APPEARING VIRTUALLY: None at this time.

ABSENT: Craig Fowler, Audrey Kusilek, Diane Vaughn, and Stacey Wenzel.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Okey called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

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

INVOCATION: Led by Reverend Sara Sadler from the United Presbyterian Church located in Rice Lake.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited.

SPECIAL MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):

1. Barron County Housing Authority Remodel Tour - Monday, August 3, 2026 at 1:00 PM.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion: (Cook/Eby) to approve. Carried with 25 Yes and 4 Absent (Craig Fowler, Audrey Kusilek, Diane Vaughn, and Stacey Wenzel).

APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2026: Motion: (Jenkins/Heller) to approve. Carried with 25 Yes and 4 Absent (Craig Fowler, Audrey Kusilek, Diane Vaughn, and Stacey Wenzel).

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

2026-17 RESOLUTION – ESTABLISHING 2027 BARRON COUNTY BUDGET PREPARATION GUIDELINES: Motion: (Heller/Cook) to approve. Carried with 25 Yes and 4 Absent (Craig Fowler, Audrey Kusilek, Diane Vaughn, and Stacey Wenzel).

2026-18 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING ONE (1) FULL TIME EQUIVALENT ECONOMIC SUPPORT LEAD OR WORKER: Motion: (Jenkins/Turcott) to approve. Discussion. Carried with 25 Yes and 4 Absent (Craig Fowler, Audrey Kusilek, Diane Vaughn, and Stacey Wenzel).

2026-19 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION APPLYING FOR COST-SHARE GRANT FROM WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES: Motion: (Heller/Eby) to approve. Carried with 25 Yes and 4 Absent (Craig Fowler, Audrey Kusilek, Diane Vaughn, and Stacey Wenzel).

2026-13 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – REZONING – TOWN OF STANLEY, BREYEN K & SUZANNE BERANEK, OWNERS: Motion: (Bachowski/Cook) to approve. Carried with 25 Yes and 4 Absent (Craig Fowler, Audrey Kusilek, Diane Vaughn, and Stacey Wenzel).

REPORT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

1. 1ST Quarter 2026 Financials - Submitted reports were reviewed and Supervisor questions answered by Finance Director Drury.
2. 2025 Management Discussion & Analysis - Submitted auditors analysis was reviewed by Finance Director Drury.
3. BCEDC Newsletter - Report submitted by BCEDC Administrative Assistant Nelson.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Travel Northwest Wisconsin Tourism Committee - Brandi Nelson, Tourism Representative: **Motion: (Moen/Eby)** to approve. Carried with 25 Yes and 4 Absent (Craig Fowler, Audrey Kusilek, Diane Vaughn, and Stacey Wenzel).

CLAIMS, PETITIONS & CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Special County Board Meeting Discussion of County's Five Year Strategic Plan and Review of County Board's Rules & Procedures - June 23, 2026 at 10:00 am at the Highway Facility
2. County Insurance Presentation
3. Recodification of Sections - Code of Ordinances
4. Appointment of Land Services Director
5. Resolution - \$20,000 for Discover Media Works

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 10:00AM at the Highway Facility located in Barron.

Adjournment: By Unanimous Consent at 5:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sabrina Naglosky, Deputy County Clerk

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BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026 – 10:00 AM

BARRON COUNTY HIGHWAY FACILITY – CONFERENCE ROOM
260 NORTH 7TH STREET - BARRON, WISCONSIN 54812

MINUTES

PRESENT: Patti Anderson, Robert Anderson, Scott Bachowski, Randy Cook, Sr., Mark Eby, Shelley Effertz, Carsten Ellison, Craig Fowler, Jim Gores (Arrived at 10:18AM), Dennis Jenkins, Kathy Krug (Arrived at 10:12AM), Audrey Kusilek, Jeff Miller, Gary Nelson, Louie Okey, Pete Olson, Dennis Sandmann, Pete Schneider, Bill Schradle, Craig Turcott, Diane Vaughn, Lauren Wentz, Stacey Wenzel and Brad Wolf.

APPEARING VIRTUALLY: None at this time.

ABSENT: Karolyn Bartlett, Dana Heller, Fran Langman, Jamie McCready and Carol Moen.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Okey called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

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

INVOCATION: Led by Chair Okey.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited.

SPECIAL MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (NON-ACTION ITEMS): Administrator French requested County Board Supervisors respond to the email from Emergency Management regarding the "I am responding" communication.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion: (Bachowski/Eby) to approve. Carried with 22 Yes and 7 Absent (Bartlett, Gores, Heller, Krug, Langman, McCready & Moen).

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

BARRON COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN – 2026 UPDATED: UW-Extension Local Government Education Program Manager Karl Green reviewed the Barron County Strategic Plan and highlighted the updates made to the plan in 2026 for the next five years. Administrator French reviewed the updates made to the Barron County Strategic Plan with emphasis on how the County plans to implement various action items in the next five years. UW-Extension Program Manager Green, Administrator French and Chair Okey answered questions from the Board. **Motion: (Olson/Eby)** to approve the Barron County Strategic Plan with the 2026 Updates. Carried with 24 Yes and 5 Absent (Bartlett, Heller, Langman, McCready & Moen).

Supervisor Krug arrived at 10:12AM and Supervisor Gores arrived at 10:18AM during discussion of the Barron County Strategic Plan.

REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARD RULES & PROCEDURES: Corporation Counsel Muench reviewed the Barron County Board of Supervisors Rules & Procedures that were recently combined with the template provided by the Wisconsin Counties Association. Corporation Counsel Muench, Administrator French and Chair Okey answered questions from the Board.

ADJOURNMENT: By Unanimous Consent at 11:42AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, County Clerk

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BARRON COUNTY

Government Center Room 2130
335 East Monroe Avenue
Barron, WI 54812
Phone: 715-537-6841

July 20th, 2026

Chairperson Rebecca Valcq
Wisconsin Public Service Commission
4822 Madison Yards Way
Madison, WI 53705

Dear Chair Valcq:

I write this letter on behalf of the Barron County Board of Supervisors and I am pleased to inform you that we are fully aware and fully support Mosaic Technologies application to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission's Broad Band Expansion Grant Program.

The Barron County Board of Supervisors supports Mosaic's grant application as a community public-private partnership. In a common law partnership there is a business relationship, common practices with a view to profit. This definition does not fit the relationship that exists between Barron County and Mosaic Technologies. Our relationship goes much deeper in that Mosaic Technologies supports people within Barron County when a disaster strikes, they support County functions by allowing us to use their building to provide food, shelter and basic needs. At no cost to the County. There is no profit motive, our motivation is people, their health, well-being and safety. We share common goals beliefs and outcomes that far out-weigh the benefits of any common law partnership.

Barron County is willing, when practical and appropriate, to assist Mosaic Technologies with such items as meeting space, community outreach efforts, stakeholder engagement and other similar activities within the scope of authority allowed to be exercised by a County.

The awarding of the grant to Mosaic Technologies will bring fiber internet to unserved areas of Barron County that will improve the connectivity, provide for better educational needs, better healthcare outcomes, remote work opportunities, business needs, business expansion and entertainment to the affected citizens of Barron County. Furthermore, this project if approved, represents an additional one-hundred-and-three, (103) miles of fiber infrastructure that would not exist if this grant were not awarded to Mosaic Technologies. This is a significant opportunity to expand high-speed broadband access that is highly targeted and focused only on locations that either do not have fiber service available or do not meet the minimum broadband performance thresholds.

In conclusion, the Barron County Board of Supervisors recognizes the positive and transformative impact that the expansion of broadband access will bring to the underserved populations in Barron County. Therefore, for all of the relevant points outlined in this letter we highly encourage the Wisconsin Public Service Commission to award the Broad Band Expansion Grant to Mosaic Technologies, of Cameron, Wisconsin.

Cordially:

Louie Okey
Barron County Board Chair

Approved as to form by the Barron County Board of Supervisors on Monday, July 20th, 2026.

Attest: _____
Jessica Hodek, County Clerk

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Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
State Broadband Expansion Grant Program

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2026 State Grant Application Instructions

23. If the application seeks to claim a public-private partnership, identify the partners, and describe the commitment each party has made to the project. Include any partnership agreements or relevant attachments as an upload. If the application does not include a public-private partnership enter NA. [Wis. Stat. § 196.504\(2\)\(c\)1.b.](#) (Long narrative 3000 characters.)
- a. Include contact information for each public or private partner in the application.
 - b. If the public-private partnership is memorialized in a joint venture agreement or other writing, upload a copy of that agreement to the application in the Grants System. If the partnership has not been reduced to a written agreement, provide a short description of the management role, financial commitment, or other contribution to the project for each participating partner.
 - c. A public-private partnership could include, among other things: (a) the contribution of funds, easements, or permissions to use publicly owned real estate, construction materials, or other items of value to the grant project; or (b) the contribution of in-kind assistance to the grant project, such as waived fees for obtaining use permits and permissions.
 - d. In reviewing the merit of this element, weight will be given to projects that demonstrate active engagement of diverse communities in the outreach, planning, or marketing of the project.

Tool tip: Letters of Support alone do not indicate a measurable public-private partnership and will not be used in scoring public-private partnerships.

24. Briefly describe how the proposed project area is geographically difficult to connect and/or does it have a large number of unserved individuals or communities? [Wis. Stat. § 196.504\(2\)\(c\)1.f.](#) (Short narrative 300 characters.)
25. Will the proposed project impair the ability of any broadband service provider to extend broadband service to areas adjacent to the proposed project area? For example, excluding locations within the project area may delay provision of service pursuant to [Wis. Stat. § 196.504\(2\)\(c\)1.e.](#)? (Short narrative 300 characters.)
26. Describe how the current proposed project could be scaled to expand service to additional areas in the future. How can the project increase the number of locations it can simultaneously serve in peak demand scenarios while maintaining the quality of its broadband service and increasing parameters relating to the size of the network, such as the number of users, the number of network nodes, the number of services provided, or the network's geographic spread? [Wis. Stat. § 196.504\(2\)\(c\).](#) (Short narrative 300 characters.)

3. A political subdivision that submits an application in partnership with an eligible applicant under subd. 1. or 2.
- (ad) “Fixed wireless service” has the meaning given in s. 77.51 (3rn), except that it does not include mobile wireless service, as defined in s. 77.51 (7k), or telecommunications services, as defined in s. 77.51 (21n), transmitted through the use of satellite.
- (ae) “Political subdivision” means a city, village, town, or county.
- (am) “Scalable” means, with respect to a project for a broadband network, that the broadband network has the ability to maintain the quality of its service while increasing parameters relating to the size of the network, such as the number of users, the number of network nodes, the number of services provided, or the network’s geographic spread.
- (c) “Unserved area” means an area of this state that is not served by an Internet service provider offering Internet service that is all of the following:
1. Fixed wireless service or wired service.
 2.
 - a. Provided at actual download speeds of 100 megabits per second or greater and upload speeds of 20 megabits per second or greater.
 - b. Beginning on July 1, 2025, and on July 1 of each successive odd-numbered year thereafter, the commission may, by rule, adjust the threshold speeds designated in subd. 2. a. if, upon review, it determines there is good cause to do so in order to align with changes in technology and actual market conditions. If the commission adjusts these threshold speeds, it shall publicize the adjusted speed thresholds on its website.
 3. Available and reliable.

(2) The commission shall administer the broadband expansion program and shall have the following powers:

- (a) To make broadband expansion grants to eligible applicants for the purpose of constructing broadband infrastructure in unserved areas designated under par. (e). Grants awarded under this section shall be paid from the appropriations under ss. 20.155 (3) (r) and (rm) and 20.866 (2) (z), in the amount allocated under s. 20.866 (2) (z) 5.
- (b) To prescribe the form, nature, and extent of the information that shall be contained in an application for a grant under this section. The application shall require the applicant to identify the area of the state that will be affected by the proposed project and explain how the proposed project will increase broadband access.

(c)

1. To establish criteria for evaluating applications and awarding grants under this section, which shall require applicants to participate in the federal communications commission’s affordable connectivity program or any federally mandated successor program. The criteria shall prohibit grants that have the effect of subsidizing the expenses of a provider of telecommunications service, as defined in s. 182.017 (1g) (cq), or the monthly bills of customers of those providers. The criteria shall give priority to all of the following:
- a. Projects that include at least 25 percent matching funds and shall give higher priority to projects with more than 25 percent matching funds.
 - b. Projects that involve public-private partnerships.
 - c. Projects that are scalable.
 - d. Projects that promote economic development.
 - e. Projects that will not result in delaying the provision of broadband service to areas neighboring areas to be served by the proposed project.
 - f. Projects that affect a geographic area that is difficult to connect or a large number of unserved individuals or communities.
 - g. Projects designed to provide fiber optic Internet service directly to the end user in geographic areas where the cost to deploy fiber optic Internet is below the extremely high cost per location threshold established by this state for the purpose of being eligible for federal funding under the broadband equity, access, and deployment program authorized under 47 USC 1702.
 - h. Projects that affect a geographic area that has actual download speeds of 25 megabits per second or lower and upload speeds of 3 megabits per second or lower.

WIS State
Statute 186.504

FAQ's
FY 2026 State Broadband Expansion Grant Program

25. Are there any options that will be considered as Public/Private Partnership other than financial support to meet the Public/Private Partnership scoring requirements?

Yes. Question 23 in the [Grant Instructions](#) states “A public-private partnership could include, among other things: (a) the contribution of funds, easements, or permissions to use publicly owned real estate, construction materials or other items of value to the grant project; or (b) the contribution of in-kind assistance to the grant project, such as waived fees for obtaining use permits and permissions.”

Letters of Support alone do not indicate a measurable public-private partnership and will not be used in scoring public-private partnerships.

26. Regarding public-private partnerships, how does the PSC define “active engagement” stated in application question 23(d)?

Active engagement generally means the applicant is intentionally engaging specific communities with those communities being the primary planned audience/recipient of the efforts. This is opposed to passive engagement, where specific communities may attend or participate in the efforts, but they are not centered as the intended audience or group being engaged.

27. For the Unserved Priority merit criteria, is there a required number or percentage of total BSLs that are at or below 25/3 Mbps service for the project to be awarded the full 10 points for the merit criteria?

The larger the share of priority locations (25/3 Mbps or less) in a project, the more points an application will receive.

28. How should applicants articulate and provide evidence for the Geography and Largeness merit criteria?

Applicants should describe any geographic attributes that distinguish the project area and add unique deployment challenges. Additionally, applicants should explain if the project area contains a relatively large number of unserved locations and if there are specific unserved communities in the project area.

29. Are applicants required to agree to offer a low-cost service plan for low-income households?

No this is not a requirement. Affordability of service is a merit criterion with five points available. Points are offered as an incentive, and an applicant is not required to commit to any price, low-cost plan, or service offering when submitting an application.

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 -

**Resolution Authorizing Expenditure of \$20,000.00 for a Uniquely Wisconsin
Discover Mediaworks Inc., Production**

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

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2 **WHEREAS**, the Strategic Planning Work Group met, on Friday February 20th,
3 2026, and discussed Discover Mediaworks and their Uniquely Wisconsin episodes; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, Supervisor Patti Anderson made the following motion, “Move
6 forward with Uniquely Wisconsin, \$60,000.00 costing, with Dave Armstrong to take the
7 lead and County to contribute but, not fully.” Seconded by Supervisor Wenzel and duly
8 carried; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, on Friday May 14th Mark C. Rose, Chief Executive Officer, Discover
11 Mediaworks, Inc., informed CA French that Rice Lake Tourism had approved moving
12 forward with a Uniquely Wisconsin episode in conjunction with the above referenced
13 County contribution; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, the 2021 to 2025 Barron County Strategic Plan included other action
16 items of; “Barron County as a great place to live and work”, and, “Tourism”; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, the 2026 to 2031 Barron County Strategic Plan includes the
19 Directional Statement “Tourism”; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, an episode of Uniquely Wisconsin as produced by Discover
22 Mediaworks, Inc., would meet the criteria of the Barron County Five Year Strategic Plan;
23 and
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25 **WHEREAS**, on June 5th, Mr. Josh Ostermann, Discover Mediaworks Inc. provided
26 CA French with the following statistical information which is attached to this resolution;
27 and
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29 **WHEREAS**, the drafting of this resolution was approved by the Executive
30 Committee on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, 8-0 with Supervisors P. Anderson, Bartlett, Cook,
31 Fowler, Kusilek, Olson, Turcott and Wenzel voting in favor and no Supervisors opposed.
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33 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that with passage of this Resolution
34 the Barron County Board of Supervisors does approve an expenditure in the amount not to
35 exceed of \$20,000.00; and
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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this expenditure is a one-time non-precedent
38 setting expenditure to be disbursed in 2026 or 2027 after the associated media production
39 is complete and ready for distribution; and
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BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 -

**Resolution Authorizing Expenditure of \$20,000.00 for a Uniquely Wisconsin
Discover Mediaworks Inc., Production**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Barron County funds will only be disbursed after all other funds have been raised and committed by the other entities contributing to this project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Barron County Finance Director/County Auditor is authorized to amend the 2026 or 2027 Budget as necessary to enact this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this expenditure be disbursed from the Unassigned Fund Balance of the General Fund; and

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

OFFERED THIS 20th day of July, 2025.

Number of readings required: One (X) Two () Vote required for passage: Majority () 2/3 Entire Board (20) (X) Source of funding: Budgeted () General Fund (X) Grant () Contingency () Other (X) Details: Unassigned Fund Balance Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ 20,000.00 - Future years total amount: \$ 20,000.00 - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ -0- - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ -0- Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department _____ Michelle Drury, Finance Director Approved as to form by: _____ Jeffrey French, Administrator _____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel	_____ Louie Okey Executive Committee Chair Strategic Planning Work Group Chair (The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.) Board Action: Adopted () Failed () Tabled ()
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Audience Demographics

- Core broadcast audience: Ages 35+
- Facebook Audience:
 - 243,000+ Followers
 - 65.9% Female
 - 34.1% Male
 - Age: 55+ 43.3%
 - Age: 45-54 22.5%
 - Age: 35-44 22.1%
 - Top Locations:
 1. Milwaukee
 2. Madison
 3. Appleton
 4. Janesville
 5. Green Bay
- Instagram Audience:
 - 143,000+ Followers
 - 68.0% Female
 - 32.0% Male
 - Age: 35-44 32.7%
 - Age: 55+ 25.0%
 - Age: 45-54 23.3%
 - Top Locations:
 1. Milwaukee
 2. Madison
 3. Chicago
 4. Green Bay
 5. Appleton
- YouTube Audience:
 - 28,000+ Subscribers
 - 30.8% Female
 - 69.2% Male
 - Age: 55+ 32.5%
 - Age: 18-34 30.4%
 - Age: 35-44 20.7%
 - Top Locations:
 1. Chicago
 2. Milwaukee
 3. Minneapolis
 4. Madison
 5. Detroit



Uniquely Wisconsin Participation (Seasons 1-5)

To date, 24 Wisconsin counties have participated in the Uniquely Wisconsin program:

- Adams
- Ashland
- Brown (x2)
- Calumet
- Grant
- Green Lake
- Jefferson
- Kenosha
- Lincoln
- Marathon (x2)
- Monroe
- Oconto
- Outagamie
- Pierce
- Portage
- Price
- Racine
- Rock
- Sauk
- Sawyer
- Sheboygan
- Walworth
- Washington (x3)
- Wood Counties

Award Recognition

Three Uniquely Wisconsin productions have earned Emmy Awards (Season 4 submitting June 2026):

- Lincoln County – Dog Sledding feature
- Marathon County – Pizza Farm feature
- Kenosha County – Kenosha Comets feature

About Discover Mediaworks & Uniquely Wisconsin

- Discover Mediaworks has been producing Wisconsin-focused television and digital content since 1987 and is currently celebrating its 39th year in business and 39 years of Discover Wisconsin.
- Uniquely Wisconsin is currently filming Season 5.
- Discover Wisconsin is the nation's longest-running tourism television series and serves as the foundation for the Uniquely Wisconsin program.

Audience Reach & Market Presence

- More than 7.5 million broadcast viewers annually across 11 affiliate television partners state-wide.
- More than 400,000 combined social media followers and subscribers.
- Over 1.2 million podcast downloads through The Cabin Podcast.
- Primary audience throughout Wisconsin, Illinois, and Minnesota, with additional reach into Iowa and Michigan.



Uniquely Wisconsin Program Results (Seasons 1–5)

<u>Metric</u>	<u>Total</u>
Participating Counties	24
Videos Produced	72
Miles Traveled	53,816
Emmy Awards Won	3
Broadcast Views	1,335,329
Digital Video Views	8,968,522
Social Media Engagements	288,453
Total Content Impressions	18,627,283
Podcasts Created	20
Podcast Downloads	45,822
Social Media Posts	254

Over the first five seasons, Uniquely Wisconsin has generated nearly 9 million digital video views and more than 18.6 million impressions while creating long-term promotional assets that continue to market participating counties well beyond the initial campaign period.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Barron County Board of Supervisors

From: Mark D. O'Connell
President & CEO

Date: June 30, 2026

Re: Uniquely Wisconsin and Barron County

In 2021, WCA created the Uniquely Wisconsin initiative in partnership with Discover Mediaworks, the producers of Discover Wisconsin, to help counties tell their stories through compelling, professionally produced digital video content with statewide reach.

The program has become one of WCA's most successful outreach efforts, giving counties an opportunity to showcase what makes them exceptional while reaching audiences far beyond traditional tourism marketing. **With 21 counties in four seasons of shows and five additional counties coming on for each of Season 5 and Season 6, the three-time Emmy Award winning initiative has been incredibly effective in telling the county story.**

As a member of the Uniquely Wisconsin initiative, Barron County will receive a comprehensive marketing partnership designed to elevate the county's visibility and create lasting promotional assets.

While Uniquely Wisconsin certainly inspires travel, its impact extends much further. The videos and marketing efforts behind them become powerful economic development tools that can be used to attract businesses, recruit employees, encourage families to relocate, promote local events, highlight quality of life, and foster community pride. Previous Uniquely Wisconsin counties use the content in presentations, on websites, across social media, during workforce recruitment efforts, and in conversations with prospective investors and community partners.

The Wisconsin Counties Association believes Uniquely Wisconsin offers one of the strongest communications and marketing opportunities available. For a modest annual investment, Barron County will gain professionally produced storytelling, broad statewide exposure, evergreen marketing assets, and a trusted partnership dedicated to showcasing everything that makes the county unique.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with additional questions. We welcome the opportunity to discuss how Uniquely Wisconsin can help elevate Barron County's story and support its goals for tourism, economic development, workforce recruitment, and community engagement for years to come.

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 -

**Authorizing Resolution Applying for Cost Sharing Grant
From Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for County Owned Rifle Ranges**

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, Barron County is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of constructing shelters with shooting blankets and berms at the Straw Pit Rifle Range owned by Barron County; and

WHEREAS, the applicant attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the application; and

WHEREAS, an Agreement is required to carry out the project; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was approved by the Property Committee on July 6, 2026 on a vote of _____ with _____ voting in favor and _____ voting in opposition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Barron County will meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and empowers the following officials or employees to submit the following documents to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for financial assistance that may be available:

TASK	Title of Authorized Representative	Email address and phone number if alternative is used
Sign and submit application	Building/Maintenance Director	aaron.mickelson@co.barron.wi.us 715-418-0234
Enter into an Agreement with the WDNR	Building/Maintenance Director	aaron.mickelson@co.barron.wi.us 715-418-0234
Submit annual and final reports to the WDNR to satisfy the Agreement, as appropriate	Building/Maintenance Director	aaron.mickelson@co.barron.wi.us 715-418-0234
Submit reimbursement request(s) to the WDNR per the Agreement	Building/Maintenance Director	aaron.mickelson@co.barron.wi.us 715-418-0234
Sign and submit other documentation as necessary to complete the project per the agreement	Building/Maintenance Director	aaron.mickelson@co.barron.wi.us 715-418-0234

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that applicant will comply with all local, state, and federal rules, regulations, and ordinances relating to this project and the cost-share agreement.

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 -

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

OFFERED THIS 20th day of July, 2026.

Number of readings required: One (☒) Two (☐) Vote required for passage: Majority (☒) 2/3 Entire Board (20) (☐) Source of funding: Budgeted (☒) General Fund (☐) Grant (☒) Contingency (☐) Other (☐) Details _____ Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ Unknown - Future years total amount: \$ Unknown - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ Unknown - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ Unknown Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department _____ Michelle Drury, Finance Director Approved as to form by: _____ Jeffrey French, Administrator _____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel	_____ Dana Heller, Property Committee Chair (The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.) Board Action: Adopted (☐) Failed (☐) Tabled (☐)
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BARRON COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2026 –

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE, (Re: Tou Yang & Mayjoua Ly),
COUNTY OF BARRON, WISCONSIN**

The Barron County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows

1
2 **WHEREAS,** Tou Yang & Mayjoua Ly, 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 _____ **Agricultural-2** _____
11

12 **LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:**

13 Rezone that Plat 12-1, described as W ½ SE-SW, consisting of 20 acres, located in Section
14 05, T33N, R14W, Town of Turtle Lake;
15

16 **WHEREAS,** this Amendment was approved by the Zoning Committee on July 1,
17 2026, on a vote of 5:0, with Jenkins, Sandmann, Bartlett, Cook and Kusilek all voting in
18 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.
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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: May 15, 2026

File # 048-0500-19-000

Hearing Date: July 1, 2026

Agent: Ben Andersen

Owner: Tou Yang & Mayjoua Ly- 5590 157th Way N., Hugo, MN, 55038
(Name and Address)

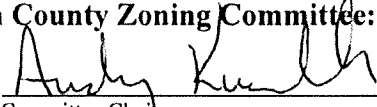
1. The petitioner is the owner/lessee/mortgagee of the following described property, which is the subject of the petition to rezone the following: Plat 12-1, described as W ½ SE-SW, consisting of 20 acres, located in Section 05, T33N, R14W, **Town of Turtle Lake**, Barron County, Wisconsin.
2. The present use of the property is: vacant land.
3. The petitioner requests to rezone from the Ag-1 district to the Ag-2 district.
4. Petitioner purpose of the rezoning request is:
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:

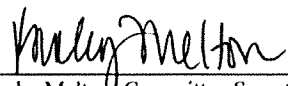
	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
a. The land is better suited for a use not allowed in the farmland preservation zoning district.	a. ☒	☐
b. The rezoning is consistent with any applicable comprehensive plan.	b. ☒	☐
c. The rezoning is substantially consistent with the county certified farmland preservation plan.	c. ☒	☐
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. ☒	☐

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

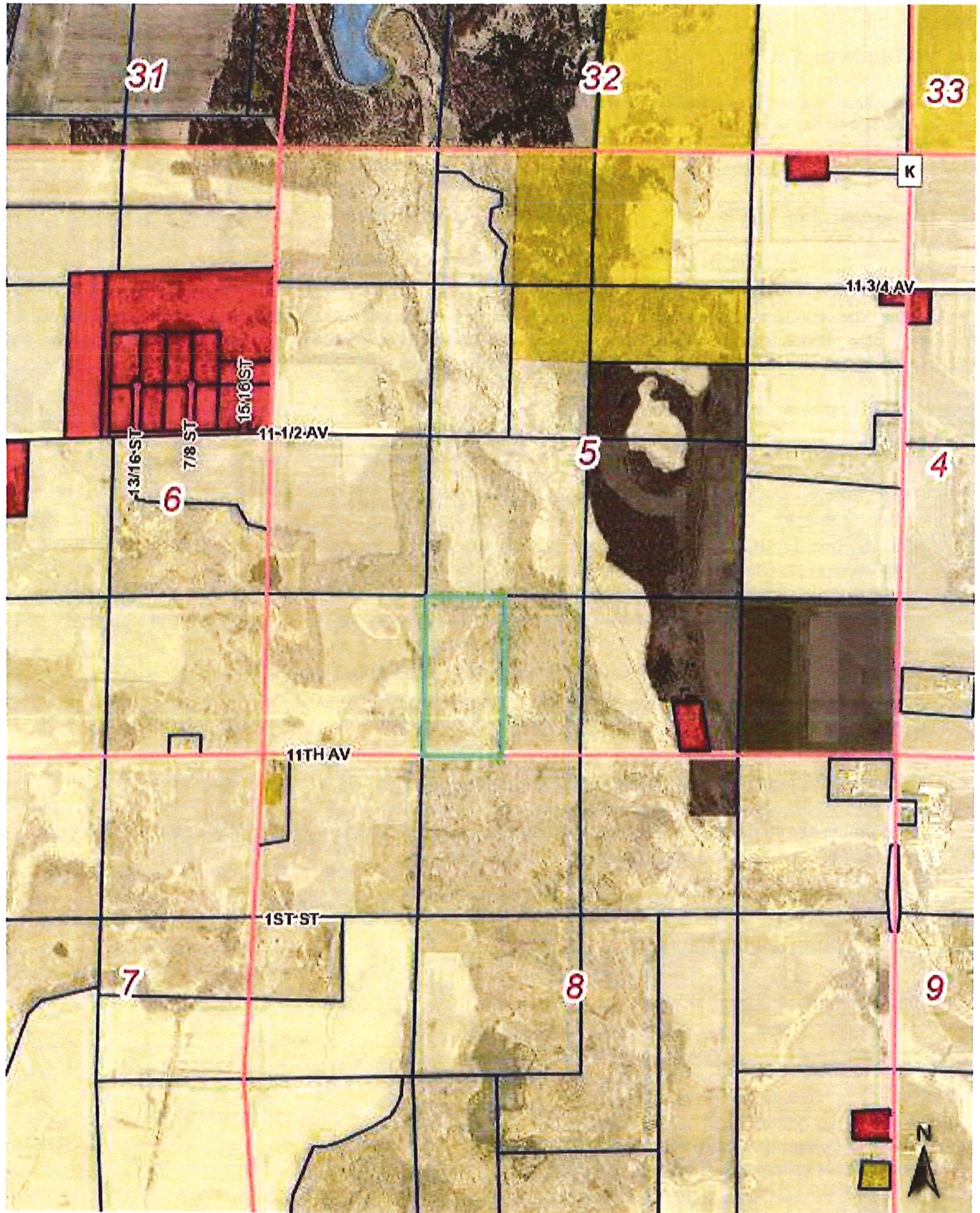
Barron County Zoning Committee:

Signed: 
Committee Chairperson

Attest: 
Becky Melton, Committee Secretary

Dated: 7-1-2024

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



BARRON COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2026 –

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE, (Re: Cindy Geng),
COUNTY OF BARRON, WISCONSIN**

The Barron County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows

WHEREAS, Cindy Geng, owner, filed a Petition to rezone certain property in Barron County;

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

_____ **Conservancy-1** _____ to _____ **Agricultural-2** _____

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Rezone that Plat 5, described as NE-NW, consisting of 40 acres, located in Section 33, T35N, R10W, Town of Doyle;

WHEREAS, this Amendment was approved by the Zoning Committee on July 1, 2026, on a vote of 5:0, with Jenkins, Sandmann, Bartlett, Cook and Kusilek all voting in favor and 0 against.

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

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(Signed by Committee Chairperson _____ on _____.)
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Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, July 1, 2026 – 8:00 a.m.
Barron County Government Center – Auditorium
335 East Monroe Avenue – Barron, Wisconsin 54812

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON: Patti Anderson, Karolyn Bartlett, Randy Cook, Craig Fowler, Audrey Kusilek, Louie Okey, Pete Olson, Craig Turcott and Stacey Wenzel (Arrived at 8:02AM).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPEARING VIRTUALLY: None at this time.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None at this time.

STAFF PRESENT IN PERSON: Finance Director Drury, Administrator French, Chief Deputy Hagen, Patrol Captain Hodek, County Clerk Hodek, Register of Deeds Katterhagen, Sheriff Kummer, Corporation Counsel Muench, Technology Director Peterson, Human Resources Director Richie and Treasurer Sommerfeld.

OTHER COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Diane Vaughn.

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 noted the Housing Authority tour planned for the Property Committee will be postponed until later this fall. Chair Okey noted the apartment remodels are complete but many of the common areas are still under construction.

APPROVE AGENDA: Administrator French requested the Presentation and Review of County Insurances be removed from the agenda and set as a future agenda item. **Motion: (Olson/Bartlett)** to approve the agenda with removing the Presentation and Review of Insurances agenda item. Discussion. Carried.

Wenzel arrived at 8:02AM.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2026: Motion: (Cook/Turcott) to amend and approve. Anderson requested "Daybreak Program" be replaced with the "Elderly Nutrition Program" under the Special Matters and Announcements agenda item in the June minutes. Carried with the change to the Special Matters and Announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

PRESENTATION AND REVIEW OF COUNTY INSURANCES: *Removed prior in the approval of the agenda at the request of Administrator French.*

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF \$20,000.00 FOR A UNIQUELY WISCONSIN DISCOVER MEDIAWORKS INC., PRODUCTION: Discussion. **Motion: (Cook/Kusilek)** to approve. Administrator French distributed a WCA memo regarding this topic prior to the meeting. Discussion. Carried.

CONSIDERATION OF (1) LTE FOR OPEN RECORD REQUESTS: Administrator French stated he supports an LTE position and would like approval from the Committee to present his topic paper at the July



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County Board meeting and then include the position in the 2027 County budget. Discussion. **Motion:** **(Olson/Cook)** to approve. Chair Okey noted the position would be funded by ARPA interest money in 2027 & 2028. Discussion. Corporation Counsel Muench answered questions from the Committee. Carried.

STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES:

- a. **VETERAN OUTREACH PROGRAM:** Information was included in the packet.

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 Insurances Presentation
- d. Barron County Fair & Pioneer Village Museum – Financial Review

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at 8:00AM.

ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous consent at 8:26AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk

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

MEMO

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ONE (1) FTE POSITION - OPEN RECORDS

FROM: Jeff French, County Administrator



TO: BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVIORS

The purpose of this memorandum is to gather and share the relevant information I have collected pertaining to this possible one (1) FTE position. I want to stress this memorandum is informational, not necessarily authoritative.

Situation: This request, concern, originated in the Sheriff's Department with Patrol Captain Hodek and Chief Deputy Hagen sharing with the Law Enforcement Committee the excessive time commitment they are facing responding to Open Records Requests, ORR. They further stated the result is they do not have time to schedule departmental training, along with other necessary work load requirements. In-short Open Records requests, videos specifically, are dominating their time. However, Open Records requests are increasing across all departments.

Possible Solutions:

- #1. Do nothing and continue as is.
- #2. Turn over all requests to a third party
- #3. Coop with another county
- #4. Create a position/person who is trained to respond to all request no matter the Department

Pros/Cons:

- #1. Is it a good use of Officer Hodek's and Officer Hagen's time for them to continue as-is?
- #1. Costs for a new-created position are 100% on the tax levy
- #1. Burn out for Sheriff's Dept Staff.
- #1. When charges can be assessed they must be at the lowest wage of the person qualified to complete the request.
- #2. I have no specifics on companies that would provide this service but, I do know they exist.
- #2. Cost control, oversight, response time, them learning our systems, departments, etc.
- #3. Cost control, oversight, response time, them learning our systems, departments, etc.
- #3. Polk County has a similar position.
- #3. Effectiveness
- #4. 100% on the levy.
- #4. Recruitment, training, retention, burn out

- #4. When not doing ORR this person could provide Help-Desk-Services across all County Departments.
- #4. Consistent message
- #4. All B/C Departments are using a single, authoritative resource
- #4. When charges can be assessed they must be at the lowest wage of the person qualified to complete the request.
- #4. This person's hourly wage would be less than the Patrol Captain or Chief Deputy

Costing:

Barron County Pay Plan Grad 508, step #2 - \$30.05 per hour. *Estimated* cost total with benefits, i.e. full health insurance family plan, WRS, etc., \$97,000.00

Plus training costs with these total costs being unknown at this time.

Temporary Costing Offset:

Interest earnings on ARPA funds invested at Sterling Bank, in reference to the BCHA project. \$206,281.32 as of 04-30-2026.

Estimated to 12-31-2026 \$250,000.00

Therefore if these funds were reserved for this position and with a start date of 01-01-2027 there would be enough funds for fiscal year(s) 2027 and 2028.

Why Central Services Department Employee:

Proximity to Finance Dept., Corp. Counsel office, Administration, County Clerk
Possible recoupment of costs through the Indirect Cost Study

Future:

Have our own YouTube Channel

Create a repository for all requests

Direct requestors to these two resources

Work for other municipalities, see point, *Barron County Municipalities*

Barron County Municipalities:

I do believe there is an opportunity to benefit the other Barron County municipalities with their Open Records requests if this position is created. However, I recommend this not occur until we have a clear understanding of our Barron County needs.

Other Approaches:

Some counties require all requests to go through the Corp. Counsel's office and the result has been approximately 80% of them are withdrawn. While other counties farm-out their request to a third party and in some instances pass on these costs, when allowable, to the requester.

Software:

Next Requests by Civics Plus: <https://www.civicplus.com/nextrequest-public-records-software/>

My understanding is Grant County uses this software and they have found that it reduces the number of requests while allowing them to monitor and track requests. Approximate, yearly cost, \$10K to \$15K per year, (updated per Lance's email of June 8th)

If Barron County should choose not to use an external resource then we need a Laserfiche process which will accomplish the same tasks.

Training:

Email of April 16th from Kyle Gulya, attorney at VonBriesen, they provide this type of training. There will be a cost and this person would be out of the office multiple times and days for this training.

WCA:

They understand the situation and need; noting that other counties are facing a very similar situation. They agreed with this person being in a Central Services Department so-as to collect, if possible, additional Federal and State dollars through the Indirect Cost Study. Our discussion went further into the need for change at the State level on laws pertaining to open records, and charging for these requests, in certain situations. I also had the opportunity to speak with Jon Hochkammer who is retired from WCA and worked as the interim County Administrator for Iowa County, in 2025. He stated when Iowa County established an on-line application process which required the requester to meet certain criteria it slowed down the number of requests.

Conclusion/Recommendation:

This is a policy decision. Ask yourself is it a good use of public funds to create this type of position and is it the greatest need? Is the current situation sustainable and appropriate for the Sheriff's dept staff to continue these duties as-is?

Completing this process during the annual budget would be in-keeping with our Rules and Procedures while also allowing staff to collect additional data.

Addendum A:

Question: Could this proposed position be under the Corporation Counsel's office?

Response: Yes, shared responsibilities with IT.

Location: IT Dept or modification to room 2152 to create a separate office. Prefer IT Dept.

Specifics: A dual timesheet very much similar to the Medical Examiner/1/2 Time E.M. Staff

I.e. M.E. Nate Dunston.

We setup a specific project code for this individual specific to both department we can then track all costs whether that be in C.C. or IT.

Revenue account is set up under the C.C. Departmental number

The above process should work nicely for the Indirect Cost Study specifically, cost allocation back to Departments for which we can recoup State or Federal dollars

Through payroll, or a separate mechanism we should be able to track hours by the pay period into which this person spent their time. And, this could vary substantially by year.

Pros/Cons: + Working directly with Mr. Muench should result in a better productivity

- + Access to legal advise
- + Ready access to both Samantha and Judy
- + Centrally located
- + Near to IT and Finance
- + Backup for Central Services
- + Ability to prioritize requests, see #1 above
- + Access and training on software

- Cost and ongoing costs
- Training costs, and yearly on-going trainings
- Learning curve
- Recruitment and retention

Addendum B:

Question: Could this proposed position be a Part Time, Limited Term Employee?

Response: Yes

Location: IT Dept or modification to room 2152 to create a separate office. Prefer IT Dept.

Specifics: Hire proposed person as a twenty-four, (24) hours per week maximum, no benefits position.
Reassess; September 2027 to determine if a 1-1-2028 start date as and FTE is warranted.
Build anticipated costs into the 2027 Budget.

All other attributes of Addendum A; remain salient

Pros/Cons: of the P.T./LTE Approach:

- + Assessment of the need
- + Flexibility
- + Lessor cost
- Concerns with IT security
- Quality of the applicant, (in-light of no benefits)
- +/- Commitment
- + Better learning curve as to scope and type of O.R. need(s)

Addendum C:

Question: Could this proposed position be shared with another County?

Response: Maybe.

Location: IT Dept.

Specifics: This is a very open ended question. I have been asked by another County if we could discuss, preliminarily, the idea of sharing this type of person across two counties.

This needs a lot of research.

Dates: 05-12-2026
 05-28-2026
 06-03-2026
 06-05-2026 (A)
 06-08-2026 (B)
 06-10-2026 (C)

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BARRON COUNTY VETERAN OUTREACH 2026

SATURDAY AUGUST 15TH
2026 FROM 9AM-3PM



AN EVENT FOR ALL
VETERANS & THEIR
FAMILIES



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IN SUPPORT OF VETERANS



FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE SERVED
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*Empowering Change,
One Step at a Time*

20 25 Impact Report



In the News

Our work gained statewide visibility through features on Wisconsin Public Radio, WI Out of School Time Alliance's podcast, the Wisconsin Counties Association Magazine, and a Thursdays at the U presentation. For more information on our features visit the "In the news" tab on our website.



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2025 Impact Report



\$39,250

in total funds received



50+

community partners



Centerpoint

These events connect people who need help with essential services, support, and community resources under one roof.

371 

Households served- 64% were first time attendees

37 

Free Haircuts provided by Shear Success Salon

5,114 

Pounds of free food distributed

83% 

of attendees are below the federal poverty level

Loads of love

Provides quarters and supplies so people in need can do their laundry for free.

307 

Loads of free laundry done

23 

Free laundry events hosted

Feed the Future

Thank you to Wolfpack Charities for taking the lead and making this an annual effort that strengthens food access in our community.

\$20,317

raised to support school backpack programs

800+

backpacks filled each week from seven school districts

Food Rescue

The 2025 Food Rescue Toolkit helps redirect surplus food to local pantries and programs, fighting hunger by getting food to those who need it. It's available on the CCP website.

\$10K

in grant funding secured from Marshfield Clinic and Security Health to increase food rescue in our community



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