Aging and Disability Resource Center of Barron and Rusk Counties

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Barron County Commission on Aging
Tuesday, August 18, 2026 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Government Center Veterans Memorial Auditorium
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Agenda

1. Call to order and introductions
2. Public Notice Compliance
3. Approval of agenda
4. Approval of previous meeting minutes – July 21, 2026
5. Public comment
6. 2027 Budget Request (vote)
7. Fiscal Report
8. 5310 Grant Application – Cycle 51 (vote)
9. Health Promotions
10. Staff reports and program updates
    a. Nutrition & Transportation Programs
    b. Daybreak & Family Caregiver Programs
    c. ADRC report
    d. Director's updates
11. Future Agenda Items – Save the Date October 8th Caregiver Conference, October 22nd POA Party
12. Next Meeting – October 20th, 2026
13. Adjournment

To ensure a quorum, please e-mail or call Tristy at 715-537-6172 and advise if you will be attending this meeting. Thank you.

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cc: Anderson, Heil, Krug, Vaughn, Hakseth, Neuheisel, Knoll, Ellison, Rasmussen, Jako, Administrator French, County Clerk, Webmaster, Staff, Chair Okey

Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 21, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.
Government Center Veterans Memorial Auditorium

Members present:	Patti Anderson, Kathy Krug, Diane Vaughn, Carole Knoll, Bob Heil, Carsten Ellison, Cheryl Hakseth, and Kelli Rasmussen
Absent:	Deb Neuheisel
Others present:	Jennifer Jako, Tristy Hopp, Leanne Grover and Jeff French.

Chair Patti Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Public Notice Compliance: Tristy Hopp stated we were in compliance with the open meeting Public Notification Laws.

Approval of the Agenda: Carsten Ellison made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Diane Vaughn, motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes (May 19, 2026): Bob Heil made the motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Diane Vaughn, motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Fiscal Report: **(a)** June fiscal report - Tristy Hopp distributed the June 2026 fiscal summary report and reviewed the program's revenues and expenditures. (**b)** 2026 Budget Timeline & Discussion Only – Jennifer Jako reviewed the County budget timeline and important deadlines. Jennifer informed the Commission that we will meet with Administrator French and Finance Director Drury on July 29th to present the Aging budget and levy request. As we are building the budget, we are looking for direction in regards to whether we budget to continue to meet the needs of our county and continue serving all eligible at all corners of our county or budget to maintain current services and/or consider a waiting list and/or potentially decreasing service days. After discussion, the Commission would like us to budget to continue to meet the needs of our county and avoid waiting lists at this time.

Health Promotions: Jennifer Jako informed the board that Alisa Lammers is working on bringing StrongBodies workshops back to Barron County. Darby Smith will be the certified facilitator for the classes. Stepping On Low Vision workshop had inadequate registrations so Alisa will be cancelling the class for now. September is Falls Awareness month so Alisa and the Falls collations will be gearing up for that.

Advocacy/Legislative updates: Federal Medicaid Work Requirement Changes: Leanne Grover informed the board of the new work requirements for certain individuals that have Medicaid; we anticipate answering questions as letters are starting to go out to customers.

Staff Report & Program Updates: (**a**) Nutrition & Transportation Programs – Jennifer shared with the board the 2025 Meal Cost Tool was completed and how it helps to evaluate the nutrition program and make fiscal decisions. Meal costs per meal remained stable from 2024 to 2025, so there will not be any changes to contribution requests or billing per meal in 2026. Jennifer mentioned that Darby Smith has been asked to speak at the Wisconsin County Association annual conference on the importance of nutrition programs and how a nutrition program can serve as a proactive prevention strategy that helps counties prepare for the needs of an expanding older adult population. Darby hosted an intern from UW-Stout the last two weeks. She will be getting another intern next week. Jennifer shared with the board that the Barron Community Garden is donating fresh vegetables to our central kitchen in Barron for our nutrition program. (**b**) Daybreak & Family Caregiver Programs – Jennifer reported that Daybreak is going well and happy with the Rice Lake Senior Center renovation. Jennifer announced the Caregiver Conference is coming up on October 8th at Northwood Tech. Barron County Caregiver Collation will be hosting a POA (Power of Attorney) Party on October 22nd at the Rice Lake Senior Center. There will be an Attorney present to help educate and guide individuals. The Savvy Caregiver Workshop will be starting July 27th and Boost Your Brain and Memory will be starting in August in Rice Lake and Cameron. (**c**) ADRC report – Medicare Open Enrollment planning is starting. Leanne Grover reported that in addition to our usual assistance during this period, Fawn and Abby will be doing two new group sessions for Medicare open enrollment at the UW Eau Claire Barron Campus during open enrollment. A snap shot of our programs and how many people we have served in the 2nd quarter was provided. (**d**) Director's updates – Jennifer shared that our Volunteer Recognition Event on June 16th was a huge success with 100 volunteers attending. Jennifer also stated that the Federal Government is requiring government websites to be accessible to all. ADRC currently has their own website but will be transitioning to the county website to help meet this requirement. Jennifer informed the board that many of the staff will be attending the Aging and Disability Conference in September and Trisha Witham will be presenting sessions on the Men's Shed and connecting people with resources for young-onset dementia.

Future Agenda Items – 2027 Budget approval and 5310 Grant application approval

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18h, 2026 at 9 a.m. at the Government Center Auditorium in Barron.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tristy Hopp, Fiscal Specialist

Minutes are not official until approved at next meeting.

	Account	Funding	Account Description	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	2027 Levy Request
Exp.	55601		Nutrition Program	$1,082,994	$1,072,596	$1,222,034	$1,184,657	$520,239
Rev.	41110	County	General Property Taxes C-1 (Congregate)	$224,737	$47,564	$324,854	$121,015	
	41110	County	General Property Taxes C-2 (HDM)		$194,789		$399,224	
	43251	Federal	USDA Nutrition	$40,052	$38,739	$36,219	$12,500	
	43560	Fed/State	Nutrition Title III-C1 (Congregate)	$188,925	$183,028	$179,478	$141,852	
	43560	Fed/State	Nutrition Title III-C2 (HDM)	$63,044	$61,743	$59,638	$61,205	
	43578	State	State Aid St Senior Community Svcs.	$8,861	$8,861	$8,861	$8,861	
	46603	Donations	Nutrition Program Revenues (C-1 Congregate)	$521,045	$93,449	$495,000	$105,000	
	46603	Donations	Nutrition Program Revenues (C-2 HDM)		$368,538		$335,000	
	49997	County	Previous Year Carry-Over		$72,090	$117,984	$0	
	49211	County	Contingency Fund - Raises/Transfers	$8,765	$3,795			
	43254	Federal	ARPA C-2	$27,566	$0			
Exp.	55602/04		Supportive Services	$131,472	$90,309	$90,949	$89,071	$31,909
Rev.	41110	County	General Property Taxes	$12,941	$6,194	$34,385	$31,909	
	43569	Federal	Title III-B Supportive Services	$55,107	$55,745	$56,014	$56,562	
	46605	Donations	Supportive Services Revenue	$570	$675	$550	$600	
	43569	Federal	Previous Year Carry-Over	$3,025	$26,223			
	49211	County	Contingency Fund - Raises	$2,565	$1,472			
	43239	Federal	ARPA - 3B	$57,264	$0			
Exp.	55603	Donations	Loan Closet	$9,489	$9,708	$14,591	$13,023	$0
Rev.	41110	County	General Property Taxes				$0	
	46604	Donations	Loan Closet	$7,534	$8,580	$8,700	$8,500	
	49997	Donations	Previous Year Carry-Over	$1,708	$1,128	$5,891	$4,523	
	49211	County	Contingency Fund - Raises	$246	$0			
Exp.	55605		Elderly & Disabled Transportation	$263,173	$246,821	$272,327	$280,999	$107,788
Rev.	41110	County	General Property Taxes	$60,167	$57,845	$97,116	$107,788	
	43566	State	St. Elderly & Disabled Transportation	$149,521	$148,200	$148,211	$148,211	
	46601	Donations	Transportation Revenue	$23,350	$17,931	$22,000	$20,000	
		Donations	VS Fund Balance			$5,000	$5,000	
	49211	County	Contingency Fund - Raises	$2,705	$1,743			
		County	Carryover	$0	$13,562			
			Trust Acct	$27,429	$7,540			
Exp.	55606		Commission on Aging	$157,440	$509,440	$475,764	$287,874	$287,874
Rev.	41110	County	General Property Taxes - Indirect Cost	$117,533	$471,922	$440,433	$249,269	
	41110	County	General Property Taxes - Admin.	$38,076	$36,317	$35,331	$38,605	
	49211	County	Contingency Fund - Raises/Adj.	$1,831	$1,200			
Exp.	55608		Special Projects COA	$785	$1,342	$1,550	$1,550	$0
Rev.	46602	Donations	Special Projects COA Revenue			$800	$800	
	49997	Donations	Previous Year Carry-Over (incl VSBC)	$785	$1,342	$750	$750	
	55608/039	Donations	VS Community Support Program					
Exp.	55611		Title 3E Nat. Family Caregiver Support	$46,794	$36,745	$32,582	$33,604	$0
Rev.	41111	County	General Property Taxes	$2,717	$0			
	43252	Federal	Title 3E Nat. Family Caregiver Support	$29,328	$36,745	$32,582	$33,604	
	46605	Donations	Title 3E Nat. Family Caregiver Support					
	49997	Donations	Previous Year Carry-Over					
	49211	County	Contingency Fund - Raises					
	43253	Federal	ARPA 3-E	$14,749	$0			

	Account	Funding	Account Description	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	2027 Levy Request
Exp.	55614		Adult Day Care	$109,727	$111,373	$142,073	$126,017	$65,869
Rev.	41111	County	General Property Taxes		$15,168	$69,323	$65,869	
	43579	State	Alzheimers Family Caregiver Support	$13,456	$11,750	$11,750	$13,648	
	43252	Federal	Title 3E Nat. Family Caregiver Support	$953	$1,500	$1,000	$1,500	
	46606	Donations	Daybreak Adult Day Care Revenue	$57,107	$45,175	$60,000	$45,000	
	49997	Donations	Previous Year Carry-Over	$35,642	$35,426			
	49997	Donations	Daybreak Scholarship					
	49211	County	Contingency Fund - Raises	$2,569	$2,354			

	Account	Funding	Account Description	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	2027 Levy Request
Exp.	55615		Title III-D Health Promotion	$13,800	$6,840	$7,073	$5,409	$0
Rev.	41110	County	General Property Taxes	$862	$331	$627	$0	
	43577	Federal	Title III-D Health Promotion	$5,757	$5,794	$5,646	$4,609	
	46602	Donations	Title III-D Health Promotion	$706	$715	$800	$800	
	49997	Donations	Previous Year Carry-Over					
	49211	County	Contingency Fund - Raises					
	43238	Federal	ARPA 3-D	$6,475	$0			

	Account	Funding	Account Description	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	2027 Levy Request
Exp.	55616		Alzheimers Family Caregiver Support	$20,830	$21,103	$27,419	$20,473	$0
Rev.	41111	County	General Property Taxes			$8,200	$0	
	43579	State	Alzheimers Family Caregiver Support	$20,422	$21,103	$19,219	$20,473	
	49211	County	Contingency Fund - Raises	$408	$0			

	Account	Funding	Account Description	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	2027 Levy Request
Exp	55619	Private	Security Health Fund Balance	$946	$1,052	$550	$550	$0
Rev.	45619	Private	Security Health	$946	$1,052			
	49997		Previous Year Carry-Over	$0	$0	$550	$550	

	Account	Funding	Account Description	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	2027 Levy Request
Exp.			**Total**	**$1,837,452**	**$2,107,329**	**$2,286,912**	**$2,043,227**	**$1,013,679**
Rev.			**Total**	**$1,837,452**	**$2,107,329**	**$2,286,912**	**$2,043,227**	

Commission on Aging

Description	Actual 2024	Actual 2025	Total Budget 2026	Tax Levy Adopted 2026	Program Revenue/Fund Balance	Levy Request 2027	Total Budget 2027
Revenues							
Programs on Aging	$1,485,215	$1,313,776	$1,538,832	$437,389	$850,514	$618,017	$1,468,531
Indirect Costs	$117,533	$471,922	$475,764	$475,764		$287,874	$287,874
E & D Transportation	$235,744	$237,265	$272,316	$97,116	$173,211	$107,788	$280,999
Carry Over Funds/Trust	$27,429	$97,330			$5,823		$5,823
Total	**$1,865,921**	**$2,120,292**	**$2,286,912**	**$1,010,269**	**$1,029,548**	**$1,013,679**	**$2,043,227**
Expenditures							
Programs on Aging	$1,574,279	$1,313,776	$1,538,832	$437,389	$850,514	$618,017	$1,468,531
Indirect Costs	$117,533	$471,922	$475,764	$475,764		$287,874	$287,874
E & D Transportation	$235,744	$237,265	$272,316	$97,116	$173,211	$107,788	$280,999
Carry Over Funds/Trust	$27,429	$97,330			$5,823		$5,823
Total	**$1,927,556**	**$2,120,292**	**$2,286,912**	**$1,010,269**	**$1,029,548**	**$1,013,679**	**$2,043,227**

2026 Levy	**$1,010,269**
2027 Levy	**$1,013,679**
Difference	**$3,410**

The increase from 2026 tax levy request includes: 1) loss in revenues: Loss of federal Older Americans Act funding, reduction in Family Care revenues in the nutrition program, reduction in nutrition program participant contributions, and no carry over use.

$53,132	Less in OAA funding
$5,000	Less Family Care revenues
$49,947	Less in Contributions
$117,984	Less Carryover to use

Barron County Office on Aging Fiscal Summary
Month Ending July 2026 (58%)

Programs	County Levy	2026 Budget	Revenues		Expenses	
Nutrition						
Congregate	$103,754	$370,438	$224,290	61%	$183,205	49%
Home Delivered	$219,700	$829,402	$489,235	59%	$400,910	48%
Nutrition Ed & Counseling	$1,400	$22,194			$10,424	47%
Transportation	$97,116	$272,327	$280,860	103%	$136,645	50%
Adult Day Care	$69,323	$142,073	$100,817	71%	$46,755	33%
Family Caregiver Support	$8,200	$60,001	$16,314	27%	$33,136	55%
In-Home Service		$3,128	$55	2%	$2,266	72%
Health Promotions	$627	$7,073	$2,838	40%	$3,910	55%
Administration	$69,716	$123,152	$93,812	76%	$65,211	53%
Agency Mgt, Public Info, Salaries						
Special Projects		$16,691	$8,274	50%	$9,622	58%
Loan Closet, Growing Connections						
Total	$569,836	$1,846,479	$1,216,494	66%	$892,085	48%

In-direct costs (not included above)	$440,433	$1,010,269	$2,286,912

Trust accounts & scholarship $'s are not reflected in the revenues or expenses