Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 9, 2026 – 9:00 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.
COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPEARING VIRTUALLY: None at this time.
COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None at this time.
STAFF PRESENT IN PERSON: BCEDC Director Armstrong, Land Services Director Cole, Finance Director Drury, Administrator French, Chief Deputy Hagen, Patrol Captain Hodek, County Clerk Hodek, Register of Deeds Katterhagen, Maintenance Director Mickelson, Technology Director Peterson, Human Resources Director Richie and Treasurer Sommerfeld.
OTHER COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS PRESENT: None at this time.
OTHERS PRESENT: Ruth Erickson (Chronotype).

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Okey called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

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

SPECIAL MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (NON-ACTION ITEMS): None at this time.

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 5, 2026: Motion: (Kusilek/Turcott) to approve. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

APPROVAL OF REDUCED SALE PRICES FOR IN-REM TAX DEED PARCELS: Treasurer Sommerfeld reviewed the process of reducing the sale prices for tax deed properties and answered questions from the Committee. **Motion: (Cook/Wenzel)** to approve the reduced sale prices. Carried.

DISCUSS DATA CENTER MORATORIUM ORDINANCE AND APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE OF RECORD – DISCUSSION ONLY: Chair Okey reviewed the options for using the current Zoning Committee for the Committee of Record to research, create and recommend a Data Center Moratorium Ordinance. Administrator French also requested Chair Okey be appointed to this Committee as a voting member. Discussion.

2027 COUNTY BUDGET – FIRST DRAFT: Finance Director Drury reviewed the first draft of the County budget and answered questions from the Committee. Chief Deputy Hagen, Technology Director Peterson, HR Director Richie and Administrator French answered questions from the Committee. Discussion.

STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES: None at this time.

REVIEW VOUCHER EDIT LISTS: No action taken.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

a. Barron County Fair Presentation & Financial Review
b. County Self-Funded Workman's Compensation Presentation

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:

a. Special Meeting: Friday, September 25, 2026 at 8:00AM
b. Regular Meeting: Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at 8:00AM

ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous consent at 9:52AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk

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