Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 7, 2026 – 8:00 a.m.

Barron County Government Center – Auditorium
335 East Monroe Avenue – Barron, Wisconsin 54812

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON: Karolyn Bartlett, Randy Cook, Craig Fowler, Audrey Kusilek, Gary Nelson *(Alternate)*, Louie Okey, Pete Olson, Craig Turcott and Stacey Wenzel *(Arrived at 8:02AM).*
COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPEARING VIRTUALLY: None at this time.
COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Patti Anderson.
STAFF PRESENT IN PERSON: Land Services Director Cole, Finance Director Drury, Administrator French, County Clerk Hodek, Corporation Counsel Muench, GIS Technician Palmer. Health & Human Services Director Potts-Schufelt, 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 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): None at this time.

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 AND SEPTEMBER 25, 2026: Motion: (Bartlett/Turcott) to update the September 25, 2026 minutes on the second page to read "Increase Stop Loss Deductible: "To $125,000 and strike $110,000" to match the information in the table directly below the paragraph and approve both sets of minutes. Carried.

Wenzel arrived at 8:02AM.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

DISCUSS / APPROVE 2027-2028 OAKLEAF DIRECT CONTRACT RENEWAL: Administrator French reviewed the original contract provisions and asked for approval. **Motion: (Nelson/Turcott)** to approve. Administrator French and HR Director Richie answered questions from the Committee. Carried.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE ONE DS200 POLLING PLACE SCANNER & TABULATOR FROM ES&S FOR $6,750.00: Motion: (Cook/Bartlett) to approve. County Clerk Hodek noted the purchase would be an essential part of the Election Day Emergency Contingency Plan and explained the various reasons for the additional tabulator to be purchased by the County. Discussion. Carried.

RESOLUTION – TO AMEND SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS DUE TO ANNEXATIONS IN THE CITY OF BARRON: Motion: (Olson/Nelson) to approve. Carried.

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DRAFT ORDINANCE – DATA CENTER MORATORIUM – DISCUSSION ONLY: Land Services Director Cole reviewed the ordinance draft and answered questions from the Committee. Administrator French reviewed the recent changes to the ordinance from the document included in the packet to the documents he distributed prior to the meeting. Land Services Director Cole, Administrator French and Corporation Counsel Muench answered questions from the Committee.

DRAFT ORDINANCE – AMENDMENT TO BARRON COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCES ON DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT – DISCUSSION ONLY: Land Services Director Cole, Administrator French and Corporation Counsel Muench answered questions from the Committee and reviewed the draft ordinance. Discussion.

RESOLUTION – RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF UPDATED COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY: Treasurer Sommerfeld reviewed the policy changes and requested the addition of "and the N.C.U.A." in two spots on page two under the category Collateralization of Funds. **Motion: (Cook/Turcott)** to approve. Carried.

LONG-TERM DEBT BORROWING WITH STERLING BANK OF $400,000 – DISCUSSION ONLY: Administrator French reviewed the current long-term borrowing plan with potential future borrowing options and also answered questions from the Committee. Discussion.

2027 BUDGET – 2ND DRAFT AND RECOMMEND BUDGET PUBLICATION: Finance Director Drury highlighted the changes from the first to the second draft of the 2027 County budget. Discussion. **Motion: (Cook/Fowler)** to approve and publish the 2027 Barron County budget. Carried.

STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES:

A. **AI TRAINING – 8:30AM-11:45AM ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026:** Administrator French asked for Committee members to add this event to their calendar and noted pre-registration will be required.

REVIEW VOUCHER EDIT LISTS: No action taken.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

a. Resolution – Farmland Preservation Plan Map Amendments
b. Recommendation of Public Hearing and County Board Meeting on November 10, 2026 at 1:00PM – Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Amendment
c. County Self-Funded Worker's Compensation Presentation – Early 2027
d. 2026 End of Year Oakleaf Utilization Statistics & Cost Savings

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: 8:00AM on Wednesday, October 28, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous consent at 9:09AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk

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