Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 28, 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.
COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPEARING VIRTUALLY: None at this time.
COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None at this time.
STAFF PRESENT IN PERSON: Finance Director Drury, Jail Captain Evenson, Administrator French, Chief Deputy Hagen, County Clerk Hodek, Register of Deeds Katterhagen, Sheriff Kummet, Corporation Counsel Muench, Technology Director Peterson, Health & Human Services Director Potts-Schufelt, Human Resources Director Richie and Treasurer Sommerfeld.
OTHER COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS PRESENT: None at this time.
OTHERS PRESENT: Ruth Erickson (Chronotype), Russell Rindsig and Ryan Urban (NewsShield).

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 reviewed information on the Turtle Lake area TID and requested Committee Members complete the "I Am Responding" set-up and answer future confirmation texts.

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2026: Motion: (Anderson/Bartlett) to approve. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

PRESENTATION & REVIEW OF THE 2027 BUDGET WITH RECOMMENDED CHANGES: Motion: (Olson/Cook) to amend the 2027 budget with the presented changes. Carried.

RESOLUTION – FINANCING OF THE COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2027: Motion: (Bartlett/Turcott) to approve. Carried.

RESOLUTION – SUPPORTING APPLICATION FOR 2027 GRANT FUNDS FROM THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE: Motion: (Cook/Bartlett) to approve. Carried.

RESOLUTION – OUTSTANDING ORDER CHECKS TO BE CANCELLED: Motion: (Kusilek/Fowler) to approve. 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.
B. **OPIOID SETTLEMENT APPROVAL – ALBERSTON'S COMPANIES INC.:** French signed this agreement.

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REVIEW VOUCHER EDIT LISTS: No action taken.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

a. County Self-Funded Worker's Compensation Presentation – Early 2027
b. 2026 End of Year Oakleaf Utilization Statistics & Cost Savings
c. Presentation on TID Districts
d. Fair Board Financials & Audit Discussion
e. UWEC-Barron County Campus Financial Update
f. Town of Dallas Solar – County Representation, Authority & Position

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: 8:00AM on Wednesday, December 2, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous consent at 8:54AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk

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