BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2026 – 9:00 AM

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

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Administrator French called the Public Hearing to order at 9:00AM.

PUBLIC HEARING – PRESENTATION OF 2027 BARRON COUNTY BUDGET: Administrator French and Finance Director Drury presented the 2027 published budget in detail and answered questions from the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Chair Okey closed the Public Hearing at 9:34AM.

PRESENT IN PERSON: Patti Anderson, Robert Anderson, Scott Bachowski, Karolyn Bartlett, Randy Cook, Sr., Mark Eby, Shelley Effertz, Carsten Ellison**,** Craig Fowler, Jim Gores, Dana Heller, Dennis Jenkins, Kathy Krug, Audrey Kusilek, Fran Langman, Jeff Miller, Carol Moen, Gary Nelson, Louie Okey, Pete Olson, Dennis Sandmann, Pete Schneider, Bill Schradle, Craig Turcott, Diane Vaughn, Lauren Wentz, Stacey Wenzel and Brad Wolf.
ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: Jamie McCready.
ABSENT: None at this time.

CALL TO ORDER-ROLL CALL-PUBLIC NOTIFICATION: Chair Okey called the meeting to order at 9:35AM. County Clerk Hodek took attendance.

INVOCATION: Led by Pastor Tom Olson from the Hosanna Free Lutheran Church located in Cumberland.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited.

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

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion: (Cook/Heller) to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 No (Krug).

APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 28, 2026: Motion: (Gores/Eby) to approve. Carried with 29 Yes and 0 No.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2025 AUDIT REPORT: Finance Director Drury reviewed the 2025 Audit Report.

PRESENTATION OF THE 3RD QUARTER FINANCIALS: Finance Director Drury reviewed the 3rd Quarter Financials.

2026-28 RESOLUTION – SUPPORTING APPLICATION FOR 2027 GRANT FUNDS FROM THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE: Motion: (Eby/Effertz) to approve. Carried with 29 Yes and 0 No. *Not all votes were recorded electronically due to a technical issue.*

2026-29 RESOLUTION – APPROVING 2026 OUTSTANDING ORDER CHECKS TO BE CANCELLED: Motion: (Cook/Kusilek) to approve. Carried with 29 Yes and 0 No.

REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE 2027 BUDGET

A. 2026-30 RESOLUTION – FINANCING OF THE COUNTY FOR 2027 AND ADOPT 2027 LEVY: Motion: (P. Anderson/Eby) to approve. Administrator French clarified the Financing Resolution. Carried with 26 Yes and 3 No (Effertz, Krug & Vaughn).

REPORT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

A. AI Training – 8:30am – 11:45am on Wednesday, November 18, 2026
B. Opioid Settlement Approval – Albertson's Companies Inc.
C. Tracking Rehabilitation Costs for Barron County Housing Authority

APPOINTMENTS:

A. Fair Board – Appoint Lauren Wentz as a New Member and Karolyn Bartlett as an Alternate: **Motion: (Kusilek/Effertz)** to approve five appointments as presented. Carried with 29 Yes and 0 No.
B. County Consortium of Workforce Development – Appoint Craig Turcott to Replace Louie Okey and Louie Okey as an Alternate: **Motion: (Kusilek/Effertz)** to approve five appointments as presented. Carried with 29 Yes and 0 No.
C. Veterans Service Commission – Appoint Jim Richie to Replace Donald Jacobson: **Motion: (Kusilek/Effertz)** to approve five appointments as presented. Carried with 29 Yes and 0 No.

CLAIMS, PETITIONS & CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Shoreline Zoning Public Hearing – November 26, 2026 at 1:00PM
B. 2026 End of Year Oakleaf Utilization Statistics & Cost Savings
C. Recodification of Sections – Code of Ordinances
D. Solar Feasibility Study Presentation from Upper 90 – November 10, 2026
E. HealthJoy Update

NEXT MEETING DATES: Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 1:00PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Okey adjourned the meeting at 9:57AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Hodek, County Clerk

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