

**BARRON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 2**

**Ordinance Revising Section 2.04(D)(2)(c) of the Barron County  
Rules & Procedures**

**The Barron County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows**

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee has reviewed Chapter 2 of the General Code of Barron County, entitled “County Board Rules and Procedures”; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the Barron County Board of Supervisors repeal Section 2.04(D)(2) of the existing County Board Rules and Procedures and recreate it as follows:

**c. Committee, Board and Commission Meetings.**

- i. Committee, Board and Commission members are expected to attend all Committee meetings in person which they are appointed to represent. Virtual attendance by a Committee, Board or Commission member shall be allowed at such scheduled meeting if the option is available for such meeting. Such member should provide advance notice of their intention to appear virtually.
- ii. The Committee, Board or Commission Chair, (Vice-Chair or designee if chairing the meeting in the Chair’s absence) shall attend the meeting in person.
- iii. Committee, Board and Commissions should discuss and make arrangements for members to appear virtually at scheduled meetings if possible.
- iv. Committee, Board or Commission members shall not be allowed to virtually attend a closed session of the Committee, Board or Commission meeting.
- v. Any member virtually attending a meeting shall comply with all rules of conduct, etiquette and ethics as required by these Rules and other applicable laws.
- vi. In the event of a member’s non-compliance or abuse of this Rule, the Committee, Board or Commission Chair shall review these Rules and expectations with the member. If non-compliance continues, the matter shall be reviewed by the County Ethics Committee.
- vii. If a member cannot attend a regularly scheduled meeting, the member shall contact the Committee, Board or Commission Chair, County Clerk or County Administrator at least two (2) days prior to the meeting, if possible, with an explanation of the absence. Absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance was approved by the Executive Committee on 2/5/25, on a vote of 8-0, with Okey, Rogers, Thompson, Bartlett, Anderson, Cook, Kusilek, Nelson (alternate) voting in favor and no members against. Hanson and Wenzel were absent.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, that the Barron County Board of Supervisors hereby repeals the existing language of Section 2.04(D)(2) of the County Board Rules and Procedures and recreates it as follows:

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**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption and publication and that publication of this ordinance may occur through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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**OFFERED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.**

<p>Number of readings required: One ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Two ( )</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) 2/3 Entire Board (20) ( )</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted ( ) General Fund ( ) Grant ( ) Contingency ( ) Other ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Details: N/A</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$0 - Future years total amount: \$0 - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$0 - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$0</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department</p> <p>_____ Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by:</p> <p>_____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Louie Okey, Executive Committee Chair</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Failed ( ) Tabled ( )</p> <p><b>Motion: (Heller/Turcott)</b> to approve. Chair Okey answered questions from the Board. Carried with 26 Yes, 2 Absent (Kohnen &amp; B. Anderson) and 1 Abstain (P. Anderson).</p>
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