

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 30

**Resolution Authorizing the Creations of a .5 FTE, 1044 Hours, County Forester, as
a Barron County Employee**

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1 **WHEREAS**, Barron County owns approximately sixteen thousand one hundred
2 eighty seven acres, 16,187, of County Forest Land; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, the effective and efficient management of this resource is important
5 to the citizens of Barron County; and
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7 **WHEREAS**, attached to this Resolution is:

8 **A:** A Position Paper by County Administrator French, which provides
9 additional information, and

10 **B:** A graphic showing “Harvest Establishment History”, and

11 **C:** Page #35., from the 2025 County Budget, “Barron County Personnel
12 Requests, Supplement to the 2025 Budget” indicating a “Maintenance
13 Specialist – FTE, \$91,168, and

14 **D:** Draft minutes from 08-06-2025 Executive Committee, which offer
15 additional clarifying information.
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17 **WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee approved the drafting of this Resolution
18 with Supervisors, Bartlett, Thompson, Olson, Okey, Rogers, Kusilek and Cook voting to
19 approve. Supervisor Wenzel was absent.
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21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that with passage of this resolution
22 the Barron County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the creation of a .5 FTE up
23 to 1044 hours yearly of a State Licensed Forester, as a Barron County employee; and
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25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Administrator French is authorized to
26 incorporate this position as a 1 FTE, position, with another department, or existing position,
27 if possible; and
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29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that publication of this resolution may occur
30 through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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OFFERED THIS 18th day of August 2025

<p>Number of readings required: One (X) Two ()</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority () 2/3 Entire Board (20) (X)</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted (X) General Fund (X) Grant (X) Contingency () Other () <i>DNR Forestry Grant Funds are available to help pay, partially, the wage and benefit costs for this position</i></p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ Budget Neutral - Future years total amount: \$ Unknown - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ Budgeted - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ Unknown</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 (X) Failed () Tabled ()</p> <p>Motion: (P. Anderson/Jenkins) to approve. Administrator French answered questions from the Board. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Langman & Rogers).</p>
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