

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 1

**Intention to Join the Statewide Public Safety Interoperable
Communications System for Barron County**

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Statute § 323.29(5) requires the Wisconsin Department of
2 Military Affairs to provide grants to local units of government for public safety
3 interoperable communication system upgrades.
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs refers to the statewide
6 public safety interoperable communication system as WISCOM, and the upgraded 7/800
7 MHz system as WISCOM 800.
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9 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Statute § 323.29(5)(b)2 requires that, to be eligible for a
10 grant, the local unit of government’s governing body submit a resolution or other written
11 commitment indicating its intent to join the replacement statewide public safety
12 interoperable communication system when it becomes available.
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14 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Statute § 323.29(5)(b)2 requires that, to be eligible for a
15 grant, the local unit of government’s governing body submit a resolution or other written
16 commitment indicating the local unit of government’s intent to spend its own funds in an
17 amount equal to 20 percent of the total grant awarded.
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19 **WHEREAS**, this resolution was recommended for approval by the Executive
20 Committee at their meeting on January 7, 2026 on vote of 9 - 0 with Cook, Okey, Bartlett,
21 Kusilek, Olson, Thompson, Rogers, Wenzel and P. Anderson voting in favor and no
22 members voting against.
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24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Barron County Board of
25 Supervisors, that the Barron County Sheriff’s Department is hereby committed to joining
26 the replacement statewide public safety interoperable communication system as an
27 interoperable user when it becomes available and will spend its own funds for 20 percent
28 of the total of any grant awarded.
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30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that publication of this resolution may occur
31 through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
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OFFERED THIS 12th day of January, 2026.

<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 () General Fund (X) Grant () Contingency () Other () Details _____</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ 10,000 - 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 (X) Failed () Tabled ()</p> <p>Motion: (Cook/B. Anderson) to approve. Carried with 24 Yes and 5 Absent (Gores/Langman/Mosentine/Rogers/Schradle)</p>
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