

**BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 6**

**Resolution To Appoint Finance Director / County Auditor**

**TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1           **WHEREAS**, incumbent Barron County Finance Director Jodi Busch has  
2 announced her retirement from full-time employment effective January 30, 2026 but will  
3 help facilitate the successful transition to the new Finance Director with limited hours until  
4 April 2026; and  
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6           **WHEREAS**, an extensive recruitment and interview process was conducted per Barron  
7 County policy; and  
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9           **WHEREAS**, upon feedback from Finance department staff and Barron County  
10 department heads, Michelle L. Drury was recommended to be the successor Finance Director /  
11 County Auditor; and  
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13           **WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the County Administrator to appoint Michelle  
14 L. Drury to the position Finance Director / County Auditor and grant the authority to act as  
15 outlined in Wisconsin State Statute 59.47; and  
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17           **WHEREAS**, this resolution was recommended for approval by the Executive  
18 Committee at the January 7, 2026 meeting on a vote of 9 - 0 with Cook, Okey, Bartlett,  
19 Kusilek, Olson, Thompson, Rogers, Wenzel and P. Anderson voting in favor and no members  
20 voting in opposition.  
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22           **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Michelle L. Drury is hereby  
23 appointed Finance Director/County Auditor for Barron County as allowed by § 59.47 with all  
24 duties and responsibilities as allowed by § 59.47; and  
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26           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Barron County Board of Supervisors does  
27 confirm the Office of County Auditor and Deputy County Auditors within the Department of  
28 Administration as follows:  
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30           Finance Director and Internal County Auditor:	Michelle L. Drury
31           Deputy County Auditor:	Charla Kucko
32           Deputy County Auditor:	Rachel Suave

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34 And that said individuals shall be granted all authority to act as outlined in §59.47; and  
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36           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that publication of this resolution may occur through  
37 posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.  
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**OFFERED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.**

<p>Number of readings required: One (X) Two ( )</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority (X) 2/3 Entire Board (20) ( )</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted ( X ) General Fund ( ) Grant ( ) Contingency ( ) Other ( ) 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, County 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><b>Motion: (Kusilek/Jenkins) to approve.</b> Carried with 24 Yes and 5 Absent (Gores, Langman, Mosentine, Rogers &amp; Schradle).</p>
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