

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND  
ESTABLISHING PARAMETERS FOR THE SALE OF NOT TO  
EXCEED \$5,025,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY  
NOTES, SERIES 2026A

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors hereby finds and determines that it is necessary, desirable and in the best interest of Barron County, Wisconsin (the "County") to raise funds to pay the cost of refinancing certain outstanding obligations of the County, specifically, the State Trust Fund Loan, dated January 4, 2023 and the State Trust Fund Loan, dated November 12, 2024 (collectively, the "Refunded Obligations") (the "Refunding");

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors deems it to be necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the County to refund the Refunded Obligations for the purpose of achieving debt service savings;

WHEREAS, the County is authorized by the provisions of Section 67.12(12), Wisconsin Statutes, to borrow money and issue general obligation promissory notes (the "Notes") to refinance its outstanding obligations;

WHEREAS, none of the proceeds of the Notes shall be used to fund the operating expenses of the general fund of the County or to fund the operating expenses of any special revenue fund of the County that is supported by property taxes;

WHEREAS, due to certain provisions contained in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, it is necessary to issue the Notes on a taxable rather than tax-exempt basis;

WHEREAS, it is the finding of the County Board of Supervisors that it is in the best interest of the County to direct its financial advisor, Ehlers & Associates, Inc. ("Ehlers"), to take the steps necessary for the County to request proposals from underwriters to purchase the Notes (the "Purchaser"); and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the sale of the Notes in a timely manner, the County Board of Supervisors hereby finds and determines that it is necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the County to delegate to either the County Administrator or the Chairperson of the County Board of Supervisors (each, an "Authorized Officer") the authority to select the Purchaser and accept a note purchase proposal from the Purchaser (the "Proposal") on behalf of the County so long as the Proposal meets the terms and conditions set forth in this Resolution by executing a certificate in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference (the "Approving Certificate").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Supervisors of the County that:

Section 1. Authorization and Sale of the Notes; Parameters. For the purpose of paying costs of the Refunding, the County is authorized to borrow pursuant to Section 67.12(12),

Wisconsin Statutes, the principal sum of not to exceed FIVE MILLION TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,025,000) upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Resolution. Subject to satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 14 of this Resolution, the Chairperson and County Clerk are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to make, execute, issue and sell to the Purchaser for, on behalf of and in the name of the County, Notes aggregating the principal amount of not to exceed FIVE MILLION TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,025,000). The purchase price to be paid to the County for the Notes shall not be less than 98.75% nor more than 108.00% of the principal amount of the Notes.

Section 2. Terms of the Notes. The Notes shall be designated "Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026A"; shall be issued in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$5,025,000; shall be dated as of their date of issuance; shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof; shall be numbered R-1 and upward; and mature or be subject to mandatory redemption on the dates and in the principal amounts set forth below, provided that the principal amount of each maturity or mandatory redemption amount may be increased or decreased by up to \$100,000 per maturity or mandatory redemption amount and that the aggregate principal amount of the Notes shall not exceed \$5,025,000. The schedule below assumes the Notes are issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$4,990,000.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
03-01-2027	\$365,000
03-01-2028	440,000
03-01-2029	460,000
03-01-2030	475,000
03-01-2031	495,000
03-01-2032	515,000
03-01-2033	535,000
03-01-2034	560,000
03-01-2035	365,000
03-01-2036	380,000
03-01-2037	400,000

Interest shall be payable semi-annually on March 1 and September 1 of each year commencing on March 1, 2027. The true interest cost on the Notes (computed taking the Purchaser's compensation into account) shall not exceed 4.50%. Interest shall be computed upon the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and will be rounded pursuant to the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

The future value of the debt service savings achieved by the Refunding, as calculated by Ehlers, shall be at least \$160,000 (the "Savings Test").

Section 3. Redemption Provisions. The Notes shall be subject to optional redemption as set forth on the Approving Certificate; however, the optional redemption date shall be no later than September 1, 2034. If the Proposal specifies that certain of the Notes shall be subject to mandatory redemption, the terms of such mandatory redemption shall be set forth on an attachment to the Approving Certificate labeled as Schedule MRP. Upon the optional redemption of any of the Notes subject to mandatory redemption, the principal amount of such

Notes so redeemed shall be credited against the mandatory redemption payments established in the Approving Certificate in such manner as the County shall direct.

Section 4. Form of the Notes. The Notes shall be issued in registered form and shall be executed and delivered in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 5. Tax Provisions.

(A) Direct Annual Irrepealable Tax Levy. For the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Notes as the same becomes due, the full faith, credit and resources of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged, and there is hereby levied upon all of the taxable property of the County a direct annual irrepealable tax in the years 2026 through 2036 for the payments due in the years 2027 through 2037 in the amounts as are sufficient to meet the principal and interest payments when due.

(B) Tax Collection. So long as any part of the principal of or interest on the Notes remains unpaid, the County shall be and continue without power to repeal such levy or obstruct the collection of said tax until all such payments have been made or provided for. After the issuance of the Notes, said tax shall be, from year to year, carried onto the tax roll of the County and collected in addition to all other taxes and in the same manner and at the same time as other taxes of the County for said years are collected, except that the amount of tax carried onto the tax roll may be reduced in any year by the amount of any surplus money in the Debt Service Fund Account created below.

(C) Additional Funds. If at any time there shall be on hand insufficient funds from the aforesaid tax levy to meet principal and/or interest payments on said Notes when due, the requisite amounts shall be paid from other funds of the County then available, which sums shall be replaced upon the collection of the taxes herein levied.

Section 6. Segregated Debt Service Fund Account.

(A) Creation and Deposits. There shall be and there hereby is established in the treasury of the County, if one has not already been created, a debt service fund, separate and distinct from every other fund, which shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Debt service or sinking funds established for obligations previously issued by the County may be considered as separate and distinct accounts within the debt service fund.

Within the debt service fund, there hereby is established a separate and distinct account designated as the "Debt Service Fund Account for Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026A" (the "Debt Service Fund Account") and such account shall be maintained until the indebtedness evidenced by the Notes is fully paid or otherwise extinguished. There shall be deposited into the Debt Service Fund Account (i) all accrued interest received by the County at the time of delivery of and payment for the Notes; (ii) any premium not used for the Refunding which may be received by the County above the par value of the Notes and accrued interest thereon; (iii) all money raised by the taxes herein levied and any amounts appropriated

for the specific purpose of meeting principal of and interest on the Notes when due; (iv) such other sums as may be necessary at any time to pay principal of and interest on the Notes when due; (v) surplus monies in the Borrowed Money Fund as specified below; and (vi) such further deposits as may be required by Section 67.11, Wisconsin Statutes.

(B) Use and Investment. No money shall be withdrawn from the Debt Service Fund Account and appropriated for any purpose other than the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes until all such principal and interest has been paid in full and the Notes canceled; provided (i) the funds to provide for each payment of principal of and interest on the Notes prior to the scheduled receipt of taxes from the next succeeding tax collection may be invested in direct obligations of the United States of America maturing in time to make such payments when they are due or in other investments permitted by law; and (ii) any funds over and above the amount of such principal and interest payments on the Notes may be used to reduce the next succeeding tax levy, or may, at the option of the County, be invested by purchasing the Notes as permitted by and subject to Section 67.11(2)(a), Wisconsin Statutes, or in permitted municipal investments under the pertinent provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes ("Permitted Investments"), which investments shall continue to be a part of the Debt Service Fund Account.

(C) Remaining Monies. When all of the Notes have been paid in full and canceled, and all Permitted Investments disposed of, any money remaining in the Debt Service Fund Account shall be transferred and deposited in the general fund of the County, unless the County Board of Supervisors directs otherwise.

Section 7. Proceeds of the Notes; Segregated Borrowed Money Fund. The proceeds of the Notes (the "Note Proceeds") (other than any premium not used for the Refunding and accrued interest which must be paid at the time of the delivery of the Notes into the Debt Service Fund Account created above) shall be deposited into a special fund (the "Borrowed Money Fund") separate and distinct from all other funds of the County and disbursed solely for the purpose or purposes for which borrowed. In no event shall monies in the Borrowed Money Fund be used to fund operating expenses of the general fund of the County or of any special revenue fund of the County that is supported by property taxes. Monies in the Borrowed Money Fund may be temporarily invested in Permitted Investments. Any monies, including any income from Permitted Investments, remaining in the Borrowed Money Fund after the purpose or purposes for which the Notes have been issued have been accomplished, and, at any time, any monies as are not needed and which obviously thereafter cannot be needed for such purpose(s) shall be deposited in the Debt Service Fund Account.

Section 8. Execution of the Notes; Closing; Professional Services. The Notes shall be issued in printed form, executed on behalf of the County by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairperson and County Clerk, authenticated, if required, by the Fiscal Agent (defined below), sealed with its official or corporate seal, if any, or a facsimile thereof, and delivered to the Purchaser upon payment to the County of the purchase price thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of delivery (the "Closing"). The facsimile signature of either of the officers executing the Notes may be imprinted on the Notes in lieu of the manual signature of the officer but, unless the County has contracted with a fiscal agent to authenticate the Notes, at least one of the signatures appearing on each Note shall be a manual signature. In the event that either of the

officers whose signatures appear on the Notes shall cease to be such officers before the Closing, such signatures shall, nevertheless, be valid and sufficient for all purposes to the same extent as if they had remained in office until the Closing. The aforesaid officers are hereby authorized and directed to do all acts and execute and deliver the Notes and all such documents, certificates and acknowledgements as may be necessary and convenient to effectuate the Closing. The County hereby authorizes the officers and agents of the County to enter into, on its behalf, agreements and contracts in conjunction with the Notes, including but not limited to agreements and contracts for legal, trust, fiscal agency, disclosure and continuing disclosure, and rebate calculation services. Any such contract heretofore entered into in conjunction with the issuance of the Notes is hereby ratified and approved in all respects.

Section 9. Payment of the Notes; Fiscal Agent. The principal of and interest on the Notes shall be paid by Bond Trust Services Corporation, which is hereby appointed as the County's registrar and fiscal agent pursuant to the provisions of Section 67.10(2), Wisconsin Statutes (the "Fiscal Agent"). The County hereby authorizes the Chairperson and County Clerk or other appropriate officers of the County to enter into a Fiscal Agency Agreement between the County and the Fiscal Agent. Such contract may provide, among other things, for the performance by the Fiscal Agent of the functions listed in Wis. Stats. Sec. 67.10(2)(a) to (j), where applicable, with respect to the Notes.

Section 10. Persons Treated as Owners; Transfer of Notes. The County shall cause books for the registration and for the transfer of the Notes to be kept by the Fiscal Agent. The person in whose name any Note shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes and payment of either principal or interest on any Note shall be made only to the registered owner thereof. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Note to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

Any Note may be transferred by the registered owner thereof by surrender of the Note at the office of the Fiscal Agent, duly endorsed for the transfer or accompanied by an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney duly authorized in writing. Upon such transfer, the Chairperson and County Clerk shall execute and deliver in the name of the transferee or transferees a new Note or Notes of a like aggregate principal amount, series and maturity and the Fiscal Agent shall record the name of each transferee in the registration book. No registration shall be made to bearer. The Fiscal Agent shall cancel any Note surrendered for transfer.

The County shall cooperate in any such transfer, and the Chairperson and County Clerk are authorized to execute any new Note or Notes necessary to effect any such transfer.

Section 11. Record Date. The 15th day of the calendar month next preceding each interest payment date shall be the record date for the Notes (the "Record Date"). Payment of interest on the Notes on any interest payment date shall be made to the registered owners of the Notes as they appear on the registration book of the County at the close of business on the Record Date.

Section 12. Utilization of The Depository Trust Company Book-Entry-Only System. In order to make the Notes eligible for the services provided by The Depository Trust Company,

New York, New York ("DTC"), the County agrees to the applicable provisions set forth in the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations, which the County Clerk or other authorized representative of the County is authorized and directed to execute and deliver to DTC on behalf of the County to the extent an effective Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations is not presently on file in the County Clerk's office.

Section 13. Payment of Issuance Expenses. The County authorizes the Purchaser to forward the amount of the proceeds of the Notes allocable to the payment of issuance expenses to a financial institution selected by Ehlers at Closing for further distribution as directed by Ehlers.

Section 14. Conditions on Issuance and Sale of the Notes. The issuance of the Notes and the sale of the Notes to the Purchaser are subject to satisfaction of the following conditions:

- (a) approval by an Authorized Officer of the Purchaser, principal amount, definitive maturities, redemption provisions, interest rates and purchase price for the Notes, which approval shall be evidenced by execution by an Authorized Officer of the Approving Certificate; and
- (b) satisfaction of the Savings Test.

The Notes shall not be issued, sold or delivered until these conditions are satisfied. Upon satisfaction of these conditions, an Authorized Officer is authorized to execute a Proposal with the Purchaser providing for the sale of the Notes to the Purchaser.

Section 15. Official Statement. The County Board of Supervisors hereby directs an Authorized Officer to approve the Preliminary Official Statement with respect to the Notes and deem the Preliminary Official Statement as "final" as of its date for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Rule"). All actions taken by an Authorized Officer or other officers of the County in connection with the preparation of such Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda to it or final Official Statement are hereby ratified and approved. In connection with the Closing, the appropriate County official shall certify the Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda or final Official Statement. The County Clerk shall cause copies of the Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda or final Official Statement to be distributed to the Purchaser.

Section 16. Undertaking to Provide Continuing Disclosure. The County hereby covenants and agrees, for the benefit of the owners of the Notes, to enter into a written undertaking (the "Undertaking") if required by the Rule to provide continuing disclosure of certain financial information and operating data and timely notices of the occurrence of certain events in accordance with the Rule. The Undertaking shall be enforceable by the owners of the Notes or by the Purchaser on behalf of such owners (provided that the rights of the owners and the Purchaser to enforce the Undertaking shall be limited to a right to obtain specific performance of the obligations thereunder and any failure by the County to comply with the provisions of the Undertaking shall not be an event of default with respect to the Notes).

To the extent required under the Rule, the Chairperson and County Clerk, or other officer of the County charged with the responsibility for issuing the Notes, shall provide a Continuing Disclosure Certificate for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings, setting forth the details and terms of the County's Undertaking.

Section 17. Redemption of the Refunded Obligations. Subject to satisfaction of the conditions in Section 14, the Refunded Obligations shall be called for prior payment and redemption at the price of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. The date of redemption shall be selected by an Authorized Officer, set forth in the Approving Certificate and shall not be less than 30 days after the date of the Approving Certificate nor more than 90 days after the Closing.

The County hereby directs the County Clerk to take all actions necessary for the redemption of the Refunded Obligations on their redemption date. Any and all actions heretofore taken by the officers and agents of the County to effectuate such redemption are hereby ratified and approved.

Section 18. Record Book. The County Clerk shall provide and keep the transcript of proceedings as a separate record book (the "Record Book") and shall record a full and correct statement of every step or proceeding had or taken in the course of authorizing and issuing the Notes in the Record Book.

Section 19. Bond Insurance. If the Purchaser determines to obtain municipal bond insurance with respect to the Notes, the officers of the County are authorized to take all actions necessary to obtain such municipal bond insurance. The Chairperson and County Clerk are authorized to agree to such additional provisions as the bond insurer may reasonably request and which are acceptable to the Chairperson and County Clerk including provisions regarding restrictions on investment of Note proceeds, the payment procedure under the municipal bond insurance policy, the rights of the bond insurer in the event of default and payment of the Notes by the bond insurer and notices to be given to the bond insurer. In addition, any reference required by the bond insurer to the municipal bond insurance policy shall be made in the form of Note provided herein.

Section 20. Conflicting Resolutions; Severability; Effective Date. All prior resolutions, rules or other actions of the County Board of Supervisors or any parts thereof in conflict with the provisions hereof shall be, and the same are, hereby rescinded insofar as the same may so conflict. In the event that any one or more provisions hereof shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions hereof. The foregoing shall take effect immediately upon adoption and approval in the manner provided by law.

Adopted, approved and recorded March 17, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Louie Okey  
Barron County Chairperson

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Hodek  
Barron County Clerk

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

The undersigned Barron County Administrator Jeffery French and Barron County Chairman Louie Okey Barron County, Wisconsin (the "County"), hereby certifies that:

1. Resolution. On March 16, 2026, the County Board of Supervisors of the County adopted a resolution (the "Resolution") authorizing the issuance and establishing parameters for the sale of not to exceed \$5,025,000 Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026A of the County (the "Notes") delegating to me the authority to approve the Preliminary Official Statement, to select the Purchaser, to approve the purchase proposal for the Notes, and to determine the details for the Notes within the parameters established by the Resolution.

2. Preliminary Official Statement. The Preliminary Official Statement with respect to the Notes is hereby approved and deemed "final" as of its date for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.

3. Proposal; Terms of the Notes. Following a request for proposals process, Ehlers & Associates, Inc. recommended the County select \_\_\_\_\_ as the purchaser of the Notes (the "Purchaser") and the Purchaser is hereby approved. The Purchaser has submitted a proposal to purchase the Notes which is attached hereto as Schedule I (the "Proposal"). Ehlers & Associates, Inc. recommends the County accept the Proposal. The Proposal meets the parameters and conditions established by the Resolution and is hereby approved and accepted.

The Notes shall be issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, which is not more than the \$5,025,000 approved by the Resolution, and shall mature on March 1 of each of the years and in the amounts and shall bear interest at the rates per annum as set forth in the Pricing Summary attached hereto as Schedule II and incorporated herein by this reference. The amount of each annual principal or mandatory redemption payment due on the Notes is not more than \$100,000 more or less per maturity or mandatory redemption amount than the schedule included in the Resolution as set forth below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Resolution Schedule</u>	<u>Actual Amount</u>
03-01-2027	\$365,000	\$ _____
03-01-2028	440,000	_____
03-01-2029	460,000	_____
03-01-2030	475,000	_____
03-01-2031	495,000	_____
03-01-2032	515,000	_____
03-01-2033	535,000	_____
03-01-2034	560,000	_____
03-01-2035	365,000	_____
03-01-2036	380,000	_____
03-01-2037	400,000	_____

The true interest cost on the Notes (computed taking the Purchaser's compensation into account) is \_\_\_\_\_%, which is not in excess of 4.50%, as required by the Resolution. The future value of the debt service savings achieved by the Refunding, as calculated by Ehlers, is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ which is at least \$160,000 as required by the Resolution.

4. Purchase Price of the Notes. The Notes shall be sold to the Purchaser in accordance with the terms of the Proposal at a price of \$\_\_\_\_\_, plus accrued interest, if any, to the date of delivery of the Notes, which is not less than 98.75% nor more than 108.00% of the principal amount of the Notes, as required by the Resolution.

5. Redemption Provisions of the Notes. The Notes maturing on March 1, \_\_\_\_\_ and thereafter are subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the County, on March 1, \_\_\_\_\_ or on any date thereafter, which date is not later than September 1, 2034. Said Notes are redeemable as a whole or in part, and if in part, from maturities selected by the County and within each maturity by lot, at the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. [The Proposal specifies that [some of] the Notes are subject to mandatory redemption. The terms of such mandatory redemption are set forth on an attachment hereto as Schedule MRP and incorporated herein by this reference.]

6. Direct Annual Irrepealable Tax Levy. For the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Notes as the same respectively falls due, the full faith, credit and taxing powers of the County have been irrevocably pledged and there has been levied on all of the taxable property in the County, pursuant to the Resolution, a direct, annual irrepealable tax in an amount and at the times sufficient for said purpose. Such tax shall be for the years and in the amounts set forth on the debt service schedule attached hereto as Schedule III.

7. Redemption of the Refunded Obligations. In the Resolution, the County Board of Supervisors authorized the redemption of the Refunded Obligations (as defined in the Resolution) and granted me the authority to determine the redemption date. The Refunded Obligations shall be redeemed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

8. Approval. This Certificate constitutes my approval of the Purchaser and the Proposal, and the principal amount, definitive maturities, interest rates, purchase price and redemption provisions for the Notes and the direct annual irrevocable tax levy to repay the Notes, in satisfaction of the parameters set forth in the Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Certificate on \_\_\_\_\_,  
2026 pursuant to the authority delegated to me in the Resolution.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffrey French, Barron County Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Louie Okey, Barron County Board Chairman

SCHEDULE I TO APPROVING CERTIFICATE

Proposal

To be provided by the Purchaser and incorporated into the Certificate.

(See Attached)

SCHEDULE II TO APPROVING CERTIFICATE

Pricing Summary

To be provided by Ehlers & Associates, Inc. and incorporated into the Certificate.

(See Attached)

SCHEDULE III TO APPROVING CERTIFICATE

Debt Service Schedule and Irrepealable Tax Levies

To be provided by Ehlers & Associates, Inc. and incorporated into the Certificate.

(See Attached)

[SCHEDULE MRP

Mandatory Redemption Provision

The Notes due on March 1, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Term Bonds") are subject to mandatory redemption prior to maturity by lot (as selected by the Depository) at a redemption price equal to One Hundred Percent (100%) of the principal amount to be redeemed plus accrued interest to the date of redemption, from debt service fund deposits which are required to be made in amounts sufficient to redeem on March 1 of each year the respective amount of Term Bonds specified below:

For the Term Bonds Maturing on March 1, 20\_\_\_\_\_

<u>Redemption</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
_____	\$ _____
_____	_____
_____	_____ (maturity)

For the Term Bonds Maturing on March 1, 20\_\_\_\_\_

<u>Redemption</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
_____	\$ _____
_____	_____
_____	_____ (maturity)

For the Term Bonds Maturing on March 1, 20\_\_\_\_\_

<u>Redemption</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
_____	\$ _____
_____	_____
_____	_____ (maturity)

For the Term Bonds Maturing on March 1, 20\_\_\_\_\_

<u>Redemption</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
_____	\$ _____
_____	_____
_____	_____ (maturity)]

EXHIBIT B

(Form of Note)

REGISTERED UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DOLLARS  
NO. R- STATE OF WISCONSIN \$  
BARRON COUNTY TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTE, SERIES 2026A

MATURITY DATE: ORIGINAL DATE OF ISSUE: INTEREST RATE: CUSIP:  
March 1, \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 \_\_\_\_\_%

DEPOSITORY OR ITS NOMINEE NAME: CEDE & CO.

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ THOUSAND DOLLARS  
(\$ \_\_\_\_\_)

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, Barron County, Wisconsin (the "County"), hereby acknowledges itself to owe and promises to pay to the Depository or its Nominee Name (the "Depository") identified above (or to registered assigns), on the maturity date identified above, the principal amount identified above, and to pay interest thereon at the rate of interest per annum identified above, all subject to the provisions set forth herein regarding redemption prior to maturity. Interest shall be payable semi-annually on March 1 and September 1 of each year commencing on March 1, 2027 until the aforesaid principal amount is paid in full. Both the principal of and interest on this Note are payable to the registered owner in lawful money of the United States. Interest payable on any interest payment date shall be paid by wire transfer to the Depository in whose name this Note is registered on the Bond Register maintained by Bond Trust Services Corporation (the "Fiscal Agent") or any successor thereto at the close of business on the 15th day of the calendar month next preceding each interest payment date (the "Record Date"). This Note is payable as to principal upon presentation and surrender hereof at the office of the Fiscal Agent.

For the prompt payment of this Note together with interest hereon as aforesaid and for the levy of taxes sufficient for that purpose, the full faith, credit and resources of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged.

This Note is one of an issue of Notes aggregating the principal amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, all of which are of like tenor, except as to denomination, interest rate, maturity date and redemption provision, issued by the County pursuant to the provisions of Section 67.12(12), Wisconsin Statutes, for public purposes, including paying the cost of refunding certain obligations of the County, as authorized by a resolution adopted on March 16, 2026 as supplemented by an Approving Certificate, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 (collectively, the "Resolution"). Said Resolution is recorded in the official minutes of the County Board of Supervisors for said date.

The Notes maturing on March 1, \_\_\_\_\_ and thereafter are subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the County, on March 1, \_\_\_\_\_ or on any date thereafter. Said Notes are redeemable as a whole or in part, and if in part, from maturities selected by the County, and within each maturity by lot (as selected by the Depository), at the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

[The Notes maturing in the years \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to mandatory redemption by lot as provided in the Approving Certificate, at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption and without premium.]

In the event the Notes are redeemed prior to maturity, as long as the Notes are in book-entry-only form, official notice of the redemption will be given by mailing a notice by registered or certified mail, overnight express delivery, facsimile transmission, electronic transmission or in any other manner required by the Depository, to the Depository not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the redemption date. If less than all of the Notes of a maturity are to be called for redemption, the Notes of such maturity to be redeemed will be selected by lot. Such notice will include but not be limited to the following: the designation, date and maturities of the Notes called for redemption, CUSIP numbers, and the date of redemption. Any notice provided as described herein shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given, whether or not the registered owner receives the notice. The Notes shall cease to bear interest on the specified redemption date provided that federal or other immediately available funds sufficient for such redemption are on deposit at the office of the Depository at that time. Upon such deposit of funds for redemption the Notes shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding.

It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, things and acts required by law to exist or to be done prior to and in connection with the issuance of this Note have been done, have existed and have been performed in due form and time; that the aggregate indebtedness of the County, including this Note and others issued simultaneously herewith, does not exceed any limitation imposed by law or the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin; and that a direct annual irrepealable tax has been levied sufficient to pay this Note, together with the interest thereon, when and as payable.

This Note is transferable only upon the books of the County kept for that purpose at the office of the Fiscal Agent, only in the event that the Depository does not continue to act as depository for the Notes, and the County appoints another depository, upon surrender of the Note to the Fiscal Agent, by the registered owner in person or his duly authorized attorney, together with a written instrument of transfer (which may be endorsed hereon) satisfactory to the Fiscal Agent duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized attorney. Thereupon a new fully registered Note in the same aggregate principal amount shall be issued to the new depository in exchange therefor and upon the payment of a charge sufficient to reimburse the County for any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such registration. The Fiscal Agent shall not be obliged to make any transfer of the Notes (i) after the Record Date, (ii) during the fifteen (15) calendar days preceding the date of any publication of

notice of any proposed redemption of the Notes, or (iii) with respect to any particular Note, after such Note has been called for redemption. The Fiscal Agent and County may treat and consider the Depository in whose name this Note is registered as the absolute owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment of, or on account of, the principal or redemption price hereof and interest due hereon and for all other purposes whatsoever. The Notes are issuable solely as negotiable, fully-registered Notes without coupons in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

This Note shall not be valid or obligatory for any purpose until the Certificate of Authentication hereon shall have been signed by the Fiscal Agent.

No delay or omission on the part of the owner hereof to exercise any right hereunder shall impair such right or be considered as a waiver thereof or as a waiver of or acquiescence in any default hereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Barron County, Wisconsin, by its governing body, has caused this Note to be executed for it and in its name by the manual or facsimile signatures of its duly qualified Chairperson and County Clerk; and to be sealed with its official or corporate seal, if any, all as of the original date of issue specified above.

BARRON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Louie Okey  
Barron County Chairperson

(SEAL)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Hodek  
Barron County Clerk

Date of Authentication: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This Note is one of the Notes of the issue authorized by the within-mentioned Resolution of Barron County, Wisconsin.

BOND TRUST SERVICES CORPORATION

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signatory

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned sells, assigns and transfers unto

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Address of Assignee)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Social Security or other Identifying Number of Assignee)

the within Note and all rights thereunder and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints \_\_\_\_\_, Legal Representative, to transfer said Note on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Guaranteed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g. Bank, Trust Company  
or Securities Firm)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Depository or Nominee Name)

NOTICE: This signature must correspond with the name of the Depository or Nominee Name as it appears upon the face of the within Note in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized Officer)