

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 14

Resolution Authorizing Creating the Position of Assistant County Administrator

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

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2 **WHEREAS**, attached to this document is the Succession Plan: Version #4.1,
3 developed by County Administrator French at the direction of the Executive Committee
4 with the objective of naming a single County Employee as Assistant County Administrator;
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7 **WHEREAS**, the County Board has the authority to create positions for the
8 effective operations of Barron County; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Barron County Board of Supervisors to have a
11 named Assistant County Administrator to assist the County Administrator in her/his daily
12 administrative duties and to provide a continuity of operations should the County
13 Administrator become incapacitated or be absent for an extended period of time; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, Authority, Duties, Responsibilities and Compensation of this
16 position are subject to the terms and limitations contained in the attached Succession Plan;
17 Version 4.1 as currently approved or amended by the Executive Committee; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, with passage of this Resolution the Barron County Board of
20 Supervisors also retains the right to amend, change or modify the intent of this Resolution
21 and the accompanying Succession Plan 4.1, in the future as necessary to meet the
22 operational needs of Barron County; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, the drafting of this Resolution was approved by the Executive
25 Committee on April 1st, 2026 with Supervisors Okey, Thompson, Kusilek, P. Anderson,
26 Wenzel, Cook, Bartlett, Rogers and Olson voting in favor and no Supervisors voting
27 against.
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29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, with passage of this resolution, the
30 Barron County Board of Supervisors names Rachael Richie Assistant County
31 Administrator; and
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33 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Authority, Duties,
34 Responsibilities and Compensation of this position are subject to the terms and limitations
35 contained in the attached Succession Plan; Version 4.1 as currently approved or amended
36 by the Executive Committee; and
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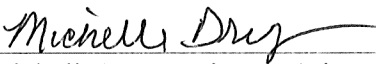
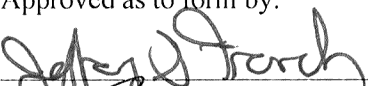


38 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, with passage of this
39 Resolution the Barron County Board of Supervisors also retains the right to amend, change
40 or modify the intent of this Resolution and the accompanying Succession Plan 4.1 in the
41 future as necessary to meet the operational needs of Barron County; and
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43 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that publication of this
44 resolution may occur through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin
45 Statutes.

OFFERED THIS 21ST day of April, 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 (X) Grant () Contingency () Other () Details _____</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ unknown - Future years total amount: \$ unknown - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ unknown - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ unknown</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department  Michelle Drury, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by:  Jeffrey French, Administrator  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>Chair Okey reviewed the request from the Executive Committee for the position. Administrator French answered questions from the Board. Supervisor Cook asked for an addition to the Succession Plan under Policy Applications, Section D, to add “In the event the Assistant County Administrator is to act in the capacity of County Administrator for more than fifteen (15) consecutive business days, approval will be obtained from the Executive Committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting or the County Board Chair may call a special meeting of the Executive Committee.” Motion: (Nelson/Eby) to approve with changes. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Abstain (Gores).</p>
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