



**Iron County Finance  
Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2026  
Approved**

1. Meeting called to order:  
Wolff called the meeting to order at noon in the County Board Room.
2. Pledge of Allegiance:  
The Pledge was recited.
3. Roll call taken:  
Roll call; Krall, Erickson, Lutgen, Lauer, Wolff and Youngs.
4. Acknowledge that the meeting was properly noticed and posted:  
The clerk certified the meeting was properly posted.
5. Approve minutes of December 30, 2025 as presented:  
Motion to approve the minutes as presented with a change to item 14 made by Erickson, seconded by Lutgen. All yes, carried.
6. County Manager's Report:  
Jay noted Sawyer rejoined the County in the Maintenance department, RT Vision went live January 12 for Forestry, the 2026 Budget is now entered in Workhorse, Process mapping is being worked on for streamlining the County. He is also exploring options for timekeeping and payroll to make it more efficient.
7. Clerk/Chair Report:  
None.
8. Public comment pursuant to Resolution #2341:  
Diane from Human Services asked if the departments would be part of the timekeeping process.
9. Discussion/Action on report of 11 Year Write Off of Tax Certificate:  
Clara from the treasurer's office stated that this notice is required for the write-off. We do not want to take this due to the cleanup concerns.
10. Resolution 2026-4053 to Acquire Saxon Communication Tower:  
WHEREAS, the County recognizes the critical importance of reliable communication systems for public safety agencies, including law enforcement, fire protection, and other emergency services; and  
WHEREAS, the existing communication infrastructure within the County (Saxon Communication Tower at fire number 9797W Upper Road, Saxon, WI) is offered for sale for \$30,000 from Northway Communications, Inc., which includes approximately 6.4 acres of land, the communications tower, and an outbuilding; and  
WHEREAS, the County has determined that the purchase of the existing Saxon Communication Tower represents the most effective and cost-efficient solution to maintain our necessary communication system; and  
WHEREAS, funding for this project was allocated from the Capital Projects Fund, and procurement will comply with all applicable state and local purchasing regulations;



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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Iron County Board of Supervisors, through its County Manager and County Treasurer, authorizes purchase of the Saxon Tower to support public safety communication systems.

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-4053 made by Krall, seconded by Lauer. All yes, carried.

11. Resolution 2026-4054 to set aside up to \$250,000 in Human Services Fund for placement cost fluctuations:

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes §65.90 authorizes counties to include contingency or reserve accounts in the annual budget to address unanticipated expenditures or emergencies; and

WHEREAS, placement costs incurred through the Human Services budget can fluctuate significantly from year to year;

WHEREAS, at year end Iron County has historically transferred all excess or carryover funds from the Human Services Fund to the General Fund;

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has concluded it would be beneficial to retain a dollar amount in the Human Services Fund to manage future placement cost fluctuations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

A. Effective for calendar year 2025, the Human Services Fund shall retain up to \$250,000 to manage future placement cost fluctuations.

B. Any excess or carryover funds in the Human Services fund above \$250,000 shall be transferred to the General Fund at year end.

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-4054 made by Lutgen, seconded by Lauer. All yes, carried.

12. Resolution 2026-4055 Advertise ADRC Information & Assistance Specialist Position

WHEREAS, the position was recently vacated by a resignation; and

WHEREAS, this position is included in the 2026 Human Services approved budget: and

WHEREAS, January 19, 2026, the Human Services Committee recommended adoption of the resolution with motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, motion carried; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2026, the Finance Committee recommended adoption of the resolution, with motion made by \_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, all yes, motion carried; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee approves the financial and budgetary impacts associated with adoption of the resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iron County Finance Committee authorizes the advertisement and hiring of the ADRC Information & Assistance Specialist Position.

It was noted that the position is a level 8 and will start at 90% of the control point. Motion to approve Resolution 2026-4055 made by Erickson, seconded by Lauer. All yes, carried.

13. Discussion/Action on Bank Loans

- Saxon Harbor Pay Down with Carbon Credit Revenue  
Motion to apply the \$250k carbon credit revenue to reduce principal on the Saxon loan made by Lutgen, seconded by Krall. All yes, carried.
- Gile Flowage Pay Down with Grant Money  
Motion to apply the \$4.1M NOAA Grant funds and the \$1.5M State funds to pay the Gile loan as soon as the funds come in made by Lutgen, seconded by Erickson. All yes, carried.
- 2025 Cap X Loan  
Motion to pay down the \$1.445M loan in late February following last year's practice made by Lutgen, seconded by Lauer. All yes, carried.



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14. Discussion/Action on Cash Investing with LGIP:  
Motion to allow the County Manager and the Treasurer to determine allocation between LGIP and the current bank made by Lutgen, seconded by Lauer. All yes, carried.
15. Discussion/Acceptance of Financial Statements/Treasurer's Report:  
Items were reviewed.
16. Review, Discussion, and Approval of Credit Card Bills, and Check Numbers 155419 through 155657 dated 12/23/2025 to 01/15/2026:  
Motion to pay the vouchers, issue the checks and credit card bills made by Lauer, seconded by Lutgen. All yes, carried.
17. Closed Session per WI State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (Register of Deeds Office Staffing/Tax Lister):  
Motion to move into closed session at 12:30pm made by Erickson, seconded Krall. Roll call taken.
18. Return to open session to report any possible action on closed session items:  
Motion to return to open session at 1:20pm made by Lutgen, seconded by Lauer. Roll call taken.  
No action taken.
19. Adjournment:  
Wolff adjourned the meeting at 1:22pm

Approved: February 17, 2026

Christan Brandt, County Clerk