

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – HELD APRIL 21, 2026**

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Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held April 21, 2026, was called to order by Reeve Munck at 9:02 a.m.

**PRESENT**

Reeve Erik Munck  
Councillor Ray Crisler  
Councillor Bill Chapman (joined at 9:06 a.m.)  
Councillor Lorrie Jespersen  
Councillor Chais Ellwein  
Deputy Reeve Walter Preugschas  
Councillor Tyson Bergsma

**STAFF**

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager	Tamara Molzahn, Dir. Corporate Services
Pam Dodds, Executive Assistant	Ken Hove, Dir. Infrastructure
Dawn Fedorvich, Dir. Rural Development	Don Medcke, Ag Fieldman

**ATTENDEES**

Hilda, Howard, and Justin Hemmerling – Public Attendees  
Fire Chief Gary Hove - BRFS

Town and Country Newspaper – Barry Kerton

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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2026-122 Moved by that Councillor Ellwein the agenda be approved as presented.  
Carried 6-0.

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 7, 2026**

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2026-123 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 7, 2026, be approved as circulated.  
Carried 6-0.

Councillor Chapman joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

**2026 AG CONSTRUCTION - JANSEN PROJECT**

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2026-124 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council directs the Reeve and County Manager to sign the agreement for Crop Damages on Culvert Repair Area and Landscape Borrow Area for 2026 Culvert Replacement, Jansen Project through SE 8-59-2-W5.  
Carried Unanimously.

Dawn Fedorvich and Don Medcke departed the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

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Ken Hove, Director of Infrastructure, reviewed the written report for Public Works & Utilities and answered questions from Council.

2026-125 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council accepts the Public Works report for information.  
Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove departed the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

**MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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2026-126 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council approves the Municipal Emergency Management Plan as recommended by the Emergency Advisory Committee.  
Carried Unanimously.

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Tamara Molzahn joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Dawn Fedorvich rejoined the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

Councillor Bergsma left the meeting at 9:56 a.m. and rejoined at 9:58 a.m.

**2026 OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGET**

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2026-127 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that Council adopt the 2026 Operating Budget as presented; with 2026 operating expenditures and revenue of \$20,134,180 respectively.

Carried Unanimously.

2026-128 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council revise the 2026 Capital Budget from \$10,624,042 to \$11,017,056, as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

**3 YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN & 10 YEAR CAPITAL PLAN**

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2026-129 Moved by Councillor Crisler that Council approve the 3-Year Financial Plan for 2027 – 2029 and the 10-Year Capital Plan as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

**RECESS**

Reeve Munck recessed the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Reeve Munck reconvened the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

**2026 PROPERTY TAX BYLAW 3-2026**

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2026-130 Moved by Councillor Ellwein that Council gives 1<sup>st</sup> reading to Bylaw 3-2026 – 2026 Property Tax Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously.

2026-131 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council gives 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to Bylaw 3-2026.

Carried Unanimously.

2026-132 Moved by Deputy Reeve Preugschas that Council considers 3<sup>rd</sup> reading for Bylaw 3-2026.

Carried Unanimously.

2026-133 Moved by Councillor Jespersen that Council gives 3<sup>rd</sup> reading to Bylaw 3-2026 – 2026 Property Tax Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously.

**IN-CAMERA SESSION**

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2026-134 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council move in-camera at 11:05 a.m. for discussion on:

- External Committee – *ATIA Sec. 29 Advice from Officials*

Carried Unanimously.

Tamara Molzahn, Dawn Fedorvich, Pam Dodds, and Barry Kerton exited the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

2026-135 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that Council move out of in-camera at 11:35 a.m.

Carried Unanimously.

Pam Dodds and Barry Kerton rejoined the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Fire Chief Gary Hove joined the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

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**DELEGATION – HEMMERLING FIRE INVOICE**

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Hilda, Howard, & Justin Hemmerling met with Council at this time being 11:35 a.m. to discuss the fire invoice they received for a fire on their property on September 12, 2025.

2026-136 Moved by Councillor Crisler to accept for information and bring back to a future Council meeting.

Carried 6-1.

Fire Chief Hove and the Hemmerling delegation departed the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

**COUNTY MANAGER REPORT**

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County Manager, Debbie Oyarzun, reviewed the CAO tracking list and noted the additional following items:

- Emergency Management Training - afternoon April 21, 2026
- FCM Conference Edmonton – Deputy Reeve Preugschas to attend

2026-137 Moved by Councillor Bergsma to accept the County Manager’s report for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

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2026-138 Moved by Councillor Bergsma to accept the following Director of Corporate Services written reports for information:

- Cash, Investments & Taxes Receivable as of March 31, 2026
- Payments Issued for the month of March 2026
- YTD Budget Report for 3 months ending March 31, 2026
- YTD Capital Recap for period ending March 31, 2026
- Elected Official Remuneration Report as of March 31, 2026

Carried Unanimously.

**COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

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Councillor Ellwein commented on residents concerns about the roads.

Deputy Reeve Preugschas discussed his written report and commented on residents having concerns about lack of knowledge on data centres.

Reeve Munck discussed the BRWC meeting and their procurement practices. Requested Administration to move ahead with scheduling a meeting with Alberta Transportation.

Councillor Jespersen reported on a Seed Cleaning Plant meeting.

Councillor Bergsma reported on the Neerlandia Sports Committee AGM, ASCHA Conference in Edmonton, and County Open Skies Rural Living Expo.

Councillor Chapman reported on his attendance at the ASB meeting, BRWC meeting and County Open Skies Rural Living Expo & Appreciation Dinner.

Councillor Crisler reported on his attendance at the BARCC meeting,

2026-139 Moved by Councillor Jespersen to accept Councillor written/verbal reports for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**FCSS BOARD REQUEST**

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2026-140 Moved by Councillor Bergsma to support the FCSS Board’s request as discussed in-camera.

Carried Unanimously

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**ADJOURN**

2026-141 Moved by Councillor Bergsma that the meeting adjourns at 12:33 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.

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