



Department Updates

February / March 2018

Register of Deeds

Margo Katterhagen Register of Deeds

It's been one year since the Statewide Issuance of Vital Records went into law allowing Barron County residents the ability to obtain their Wisconsin birth certificate with us instead of their birth County. With this new law in place, we processed 143 more birth applications in 2017 vs. 2016 and a few more death & marriages too!

Real estate recordings were down for the year, but the transfer fee revenue was up which indicates that properties are selling and the refinance era is done. With that being said, our office deposited over \$1,040,000.00 in 2017. Electronic recordings are on the rise, 19% of our real estate recordings in 2017 were eRecorded.

We continue to work on our older documents as time allows. Adding legal descriptions make these older documents searchable to title companies and others. More documents in searchable formats equates to more revenue generated thru our online document request program.

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2018 - COUNTY BOARD DATES

January 8	2 nd Monday	9:00 a.m.
February 19	3 rd Monday	9:00 a.m.
March 19	3 rd Monday	9:00 a.m.
April 17	3 rd Tuesday	9:00 a.m.
May 21	3 rd Monday	7:00 p.m.
June 18	3 rd Monday	7:00 p.m.
July 16	3 rd Monday	7:00 p.m.
August 20	3 rd Monday	7:00 p.m.
September 17	3 rd Monday	7:00 p.m.
October 15	3 rd Monday	7:00 p.m.
November 5	(budget reading)	6:00 p.m.
November 13	1 st Tue. after 2 nd Mon.	9:00 a.m.

DeeAnn Cook

Barron County Clerk

Meeting dates shall be subject to addition or change as deemed absolutely necessary by County Board

Clerk of Courts

Sharon Millermon
Clerk of Courts

The Barron County Clerk of Court Office is an acceptance facility for passport books and cards. Barron County is emphasized as the majority of Clerk of Court Offices in the State have discontinued providing this service due to time consuming added monthly and annual requirements by the US Department of State along with the statutory workload of the Clerk of Court Office becoming overwhelming in itself to continue to provide this service to the public.

All at the Barron County Clerk of Court Office are certified acceptance agents requiring annual recertification. This involves time consuming webinars followed by passing a test. Providing this service is **not** a statutory requirement of the Clerk of Court Office. Monthly and annual reporting has also become an added requirement. The benefits are providing a service to the public and revenue for the County.

Year	Passport Applications	Revenue for County
2015	598	\$14,950.00
2016	545	\$13,625.00
2017	491	\$12,275.00

Passport fees consist of two parts. One is the application fee that is sent to the US Department of State and the second is the execution fee which is retained by the County. The US Department of State has increased the execution fee effective April 2, 2018 from \$25.00 to \$35.00 which means the County will receive \$10.00 more per application.

	Prior to 04/02/2018	On or after 04/02/2018
First-time Adult Passport Book	\$135.00	\$145.00
First-time Adult Passport Card	\$55.00	\$65.00
First-time Adult Book & Card	\$165.00	\$175.00
Minor Passport Book	\$105.00	\$115.00
Minor Passport Card	\$40.00	\$50.00
Minor Passport Book & Card	\$120.00	\$130.00
Passport Book Renewal	\$110.00	\$110.00
Passport Card Renewal	\$55.00	\$55.00

If you are applying at the Barron County Clerk of Circuit Court Office for a passport book or card, it is appreciated that you arrive no later than 4:00 PM to process your passport application.

Medical Examiner

Mary Ricci, Medical Examiner

Barron County Medical Examiner's Office

Death Investigations - 2017 Totals

Suicidal, Accidental, and Homicidal Deaths by Cause, Gender, and Average Age

Suicidal						Accidental						Homicidal			
Deaths:	GSW	OD	Fire	Hanging	Drowning	Deaths:	OD	Falls	MVA	Cold	Other	Deaths:	GSW	Assault	
Male	12	6	2	1	1	Male	22	3	13	4	0	2	Male	0	0
Female	1	0	1	0	0	Female	11	0	8	2	1	0	Female	2	1
						Out of State			2						
Avg Age	51.5	55	44	43.4	49	Avg Age	58	81	33	88	45	Avg Age	40	37	

CSW = Gunshot Wound OD = Overdose MVA - Vehicles, Snowmobile, Train, and Plan

2017 Totals	
Deaths	459
Males	258
Females	200
Unknown	1

On-Scene Investigators	
Total	110

Permits and Records Issued	
Cremations	325
Death Certificates	134
Total	459

Because deaths occur around the clock, the Barron County Medical Examiner's office has a staff member on-call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

An Overview: The Barron County Medical Examiner's office provides a service to the citizens of Barron County under state statutes. In general, the deaths investigated by our office include those that are thought to result from injury or poisoning, i.e., homicide, suicide, and accidental deaths. They also include deaths that are sudden, unexpected, and not readily explainable at the time of death.

2017 was a very challenging year for our department. The overall reported deaths increased by 6%. We have seen a frightening increase in suicides, increase in homicides, and autopsies have increased by over 42% from 2016. Deaths caused by a tornado, a plane crash, an infant homicide, a train crash, corpse identified only by a surgical prosthesis record, and unidentified skeletal remains were a few deaths not commonly occurring all in one year.

2017 has also seen an increase in cremation permits and death certificates by 4% and 16% respectively. Looking back cremations totaled 77 in 2002 as compared to 325 in 2017, while death certificates were at 77 in 2010 increasing to 134 in 2017. Cremations have now surpassed traditional burial funerals.

Other activities provided by the Medical Examiner's office in 2017 included:

- Visiting high school forensic classes*
- Providing education to law enforcement officers*
- Providing an awareness class: When Death Pays a Visit*