

**Barron County, Barron Wisconsin
Proclamation
Conferring Title of Honorary County Board Chair
Emeritus upon
James A. “Jess” Miller
Supervisor District 22**

WHEREAS; In special recognition of distinguished service and unselfish devotion to the citizens of Barron County, I Louie Okey, County Board Chairman and upon the unanimous recommendation and concurrence of the Barron County Board of Supervisors, do hereby bestow upon our friend, mentor and colleague James A. “Jess” Miller the Honorary title of County Board Chair Emeritus; and

WHEREAS; Jess has demonstrated exemplary leadership abilities by being an excellent County Board Chair, and County Board member, for more than twenty years and by his friendship, demeanor, attitude, actions, and lifestyle has demonstrated that he represents the best of Barron County, and;

WHEREAS; For the past 24 years Jess has served his district and all the citizens of Barron County in an unselfish and honorable manner; and

WHEREAS; Jess was appointed to the County Board of Supervisors, October 1994, by then County Board Chair, Arnold Ellison, replacing Bob Rowe Sr., and

WHEREAS; Jess’ first Committee appointment was Land Information; and

WHEREAS; Jess has been instrumental in the development and passage of more than twenty years of balanced County budgets, and;

WHEREAS; Jess served on the Committee which oversaw the construction of the Justice Center helping to complete this project \$800,000 under budget; and

WHEREAS; Jess has served on numerous other County Committees such as Property, Executive, Highway, Zoning, Economic Development, Momentum West, along with serving as alternate on numerous other Committees; and

WHEREAS; He served on the Wisconsin Counties Association, WCA, Resolutions Committee, 2012, 2013 and the WCA, Conference Planning Committee, 2011, 2013, 2015, and;

WHEREAS; Jess has served on the Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation Board since 2012 including the Claims Committee, Claims Advisory Committee and Underwriting Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS; Jess has served as the Barron County representative to the West Central Regional Planning Commission, since May of 2002, and serving as Chair of the Commission since May of 2008; and

WHEREAS; The drafting of this proclamation has the concurrence of;

Lynn Nelson, Executive Director; West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning
Commission

John Dirkse; Executive Vice President, Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance
Corporation, Aegis Corporation

Mark D., O'Connell; Executive Director; Wisconsin Counties Association

David B. Armstrong; Executive Director; Barron County Economic Development
Corporation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; That I Louie Okey, County Board Chair and by the Barron County Board of Supervisors, State of Wisconsin, Barron County, Barron Wisconsin, approve the designation of the Honorary title of County Board Chair Emeritus, upon James A., "Jess" Miller, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That this Board extends its deepest appreciation to Jess for his dedication and service to the citizens of Barron County, and to the people of this state, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That this proclamation be spread upon the permanent minutes of this Body, duly assembled, May 21st, 2018, and that copies of this proclamation be distributed to Jess, and other appropriate individuals, as prudent and necessary.

Louie W. Okey
Barron County Board Chair