

**PRICE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: February 9, 2023 Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Courthouse County Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI 54555

Call to Order and Roll Call. Meeting called to order by Alan Barkstrom, Committee Chairperson at 9:00 a.m. Present: Alan Barkstrom, Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paul Houdek, Larry Palecek. Also present: Nick Trimner, Lynn Neeck, Carrie Kyle, Mark Kyle

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: Becky Puhl, Director Phillips Public Library; Holly Henney, Town of Flambeau; Shirley Smith, City of Phillips; Marie Fojtik, City of Phillips; Meredith Hueckman, City of Phillips; and Tammy Hastings, Town of Eisenstein in regard to agenda Item 6.
2. Meeting minutes December 8, 2022 and January 19, 2023: Motion Palecek/Houdek to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2022 and January 19, 2023 meetings as presented. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer Report – Lynn Neeck
 - a. Monthly reports: Presented Financial report. Interest rates are going up. Invested \$2,000,000 with PMA. \$1,000,000 has been put to CDs and the other \$1,000,000 in liquid account for future investment. Transition to Prevail Bank as our general checking account on March 1st.
 - b. Delinquent Taxes and In Rem: 2019 delinquent process going forward with 40 parcels. 5R property court date is set for March 2nd. Will be in time for DNR cleanup. Auction date for 2018 parcels is March 1st.
4. County Administrator – Nick Trimner
 - a. 2022 Executive Financial Report: Reviewed department overages, cash flow, revenues and expenses. Period 13 transactions are still coming in. Journal entries and budget amendments will be completed before audit in April. Sales tax for November was down but still a 5% increase over last year. Stumpage has exceeded budget. High-cost placement expenses down due to working on keeping placements within the county.
 - b. 2022 Annual Report of Wages: Reviewed report data. Motion Houdek/Palecek to forward report to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
 - c. 2023 Executive Financial Report: In January not much to report.
 - d. American Recovery Plan Act Update: Resolution will come out of Forestry and Parks Committee to ask the Executive Committee to approve \$600,000 - \$650,000 from ARPA funds for Price County Parks expansion project.
 - e. Insurance Loss Run 12/31/2022: Reviewed recent history of insurance claims.
 - f. Opioid Funding: In 2022 received three payments totaling \$70,402. All funds must be spent on Opioid related programs. County should receive approx. \$20,000 to \$30,000 annually. Will need to set up a task force to formulate a spending plan.
 - g. Capital Ambassadors Program (CAP) Update: Nick met with Senator Quinn and Representative Green to discuss area concerns.
5. Student Internet Access Assistance Program: Met with the three school district superintendents to discuss program structure. Each school district will select 10 eligible students that are in Price County Schools.
6. Resolution – Authority to Appoint Additional Members to the Phillips Library Board: Rebecca Puhl, Library Director available for questions. She provided the library Selection and Collection Development Policy. Chair Barkstrom stepped down as Chair and passed meeting to Jeff Hallstrand, Committee Vice-chair. Alan provided personal comment and resumed Chair of committee from Vice-chair Hallstrand.
Motion Ernst/Barkstrom to approve the resolution as presented and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Roll call vote: Yes (3): Barkstrom, Ernst, Hallstrand. No (2): Houdek, Palecek. Motion carried.
7. Resolution – Opioid Settlement Agreement (2): No resolution at this time.
8. Resolution – Create Full-time Position: Additional Social Worker (Behavioral Health Unit): Motion Hallstrand/Houdek to approve the resolution as presented and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.

9. Resolution – Create Part-time Position: Adult Protective Service Social Worker (Aging and Disability Unit): Motion Houdek/Hallstrand to approve the resolution as presented and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
10. Resolution – Restructure Staffing to Include Dedicated Full-time Forestry & Parks Administrative Assistant and Part-time Land Use & Zoning Administrative Assistant: Motion Palecek/Hallstrand to approve the resolution as presented and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
11. Monthly Vouchers: Motion Houdek/Palecek to approve the accounts payable and payroll for January in the amount of \$1,327,678.95, Period 13 in the amount of \$683,282.11 and December in the amount of \$2,944,459.23 and vouchers for December in the amount of \$590,613.30 and January in the amount of \$500,832.24. Motion carried.
12. Date of Next Meeting: March 9, 2023
13. Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Jean Gottwald, County Clerk