

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 19, 2019

County Board Room 101, 126 Cherry St, Phillips, WI 54555

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Robert Kopisch, County Board Chairperson. Invocation: None. Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance. Roll Call: Present (11): Larry Palecek, James Adolph, Sheryl Slaby, Jeffrey Hallstrand, James Hintz, Paula Houdek, Sue Bocock, Jordan Spacek, Robert Kopisch, Bruce Jilka, William Teeters. Excused: Dennis Wartgow, John Vlach. Also present: Nick Trimner.

Approve minutes of the November 13, 2018 meeting: Motion Hintz/Adolph to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: A thank you was received from the Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation for the 2019 contribution. Updates on Mr. Wartgow and Mr. Vlach.

Public Comments: None.

Presentation:

1. US Forest Service – Melanie Fullman, Area Ranger
2. Friends of Fred Smith – Gay Marschke
3. UW-Extension – Art Lersch, Arlene Frane, Jeanie Heizler, Emma Peterson

Resolutions:

Resolution 1-19
2019 Employee Wage Schedule

WHEREAS, the Price County Board of Supervisors designated \$135,000 in the 2019 budget for a 2% increase to employee wages; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Administration Committee was given the task of disseminating the \$135,000; and

WHEREAS, the results of these increases and/or adjustments are reflected in the attached 2019 Price County Employee Wage Schedule; and

WHEREAS, upon approving base salaries for County elected officials, the County Board directed that any subsequent across-the-board increases given to the Price County Wage Schedule would also be given to County elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Administration Committee recommends this wage schedule be approved and become effective April 7, 2019.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors adopt the attached 2019 Price County Wage Schedule effective April 7, 2019.

Annual Fiscal Impact: \$135,000 (budgeted)

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee: s/Jeff Hallstrand, Robert Kopisch, Sheryl Slaby, Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19th day of February 2019. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0. Motion Hallstrand/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 2-19

Establishment of Ad-Hoc Committee on Broadband

WHEREAS, access to suitable broadband has been identified as a critical component of economic development and tourism; and

WHEREAS, Price County, being a rural county, has many areas in which access to suitable broadband is not currently available; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has placed a priority on broadband access through the creation of a grant program that has been funded on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, Price County does not have a single entity, excluding the local utilities, that has focused on this important issue.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an Ad-Hoc Committee on Broadband be established to develop a recommendation for implementation regarding the expansion of broadband access in Price County. Such committee will be funded from the County Board budget for mileage and per diems;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ad-Hoc committee shall consist of no more than 5 (five) members with no more than 3 (three) of those members being County Board Supervisors, that the committee:

- be limited to ~~three~~ five meetings with approval for any additional meetings requiring Board approval,

- require Executive Committee approval for any additional funding requests requiring travel or travel related expenditures and
- members be appointed by the County Board Chair.

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Jeff Hallstrand, Robert Kopisch, Sheryl Slaby, Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19th day of February 2019. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0. Motion Jilka/Teeters to consider resolution for adoption. Motion Hintz/Spacek to amend resolution to increase number of meetings from three to five. Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (10): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Teeters; No (1): Jilka. Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 3-19

Create Full-time Position – Social Worker

WHEREAS, in recent years the state of Wisconsin added numerous mandates and practice expectations which increased county Child Protective Services (CPS) workload and costs; and
 WHEREAS, the opioid and methamphetamine epidemics have brought Wisconsin's child welfare system to a point of crisis, with increasing concern about the system's ability to meet its obligations to children and families; and
 WHEREAS, maintaining sufficient resources for Wisconsin's child welfare system is critical to secure the safety and future of our most vulnerable children; and
 WHEREAS, the CPS system has been stressed for over a decade, causing caseloads for CPS workers to grow to unreasonable levels, contributing to high levels of staff turnover and an overrun of out-of-home care costs above what counties can sustain within available resources; and
 WHEREAS, Price County's out-of-home care caseloads for children and youth has doubled over the past three years creating highly stressful working conditions with a significant increase in overtime worked, as well as an alarming decrease in resources available to the families served; and
 WHEREAS, the children within Price County's CPS system are too important to allow the current level of under resourcing, oversight gaps and, disparity of attention, while increasing Social Worker caseloads to being unmanageable; and
 WHEREAS, Price County Health and Human Services is desperately in need of an additional social worker to help alleviate the burden on current staff.
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the creation of an additional full-time social worker position in the Health and Human Services Department. Fiscal impact: \$76,000 (budgeted): Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Jeff Hallstrand, Robert Kopisch, Sheryl Slaby, Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19th day of February 2019. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0. Motion Jilka/Spacek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 4-19

Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2019

WHEREAS the Price County Board of Supervisors at their November 13, 2018 meeting, after public hearing, adopted the 2019 budget for Price County; and
 WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Price County Board of Supervisors on January 17, 2019 were advised to make various adjustments to department budgets; and
 WHEREAS the Wisconsin Statutes 65.90(5)(a)(1) states "A budget...may not be changed unless authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the membership of the governing body of the municipality"; and
 WHEREAS the proposed amendments recommended by the Price County Executive Committee does not change the amount of tax levied and the proposed amendments will more accurately record the financial activities of Price County departments during 2019.
 BE IT RESOLVED by the Price County Board of Supervisors at their February 19, 2019 meeting that the 2019 budget as adopted be amended to include the amendments as attached; and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be instructed to publish a Class 1 notice within 10 days of these amendments informing the public of these particular changes.
 Fiscal Impact: 0. Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Adolph; James Hintz; Bruce Jilka; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19th day of February 2019. s/Robert D. Kopisch,

County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0. Motion Adolph/Hintz to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Boccock, Spacek, Kopisch, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

DESCRIPTION: 2019 Budget Amendments		
Account Name	Account Code	Amount
Health Insurance	220-58-54420-154-000-00300	5,446
Health Insurance RMS Pool	220-58-54420-154-000-00100	4,381
Health Insurance	100-19-51310-154-000-00000	9,421
Health Insurance	100-03-51210-154-000-00000	9,403
Health Insurance	115-51-54100-154-000-00000	(10,471)
Contingent Fund	100-00-51000-799-000-00000	12,983
Insurance Claims	175-50-59940-516-000-00000	(31,163)
Proceeds-Debt Service Levied	700-47-49220-000-000-00000	968,668
Transfer from Debt Service Fund	700-47-49230-000-000-00000	(1,010,945)
Principal Payment - Loan	700-47-53712-000-000-00000	38,077
Interest Expense	700-47-53720-000-000-00000	4,200
Highway Administration	700-47-53110-000-000-00000	(7,462)
County Routine Maintenance	700-47-53311-000-000-00000	7,462
K-9 Unit	100-35-52110-740-000-00000	7,500
Capital Outlay - Special Projects	100-35-52110-834-000-00000	(7,500)
General Property Tax	100-00-41110-000-000-00000	(644)
General Property Tax	115-51-41110-000-000-00000	10,471
Tax Levy	220-58-41110-000-000-00000	(9,827)

Resolution 5-19

Sale of County Owned Land (598 Peterson Dr, Phillips)

WHEREAS, per Wisconsin State Statute §59.52(6)(c), the County Board may: "Direct the Clerk to lease, sell or convey or contract to sell or convey any county property...on terms that the board approves; and WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of Price County to sell County owned property located at 598 Peterson Drive in Phillips, WI; and

WHEREAS, said parcel is described as:

A parcel of land located in the SW1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 17, Township 37N, Range 1E, City of Phillips, Price County, Wisconsin, and bounded by the following described line using bearings based on the West line of Section 17, which is assumed to bear N 01° 02' 50" W: Commencing at the SW corner of said Section 17; thence N 01° 02' 50" W along the west line of said Section 17, 738.20 feet to the westerly extension of the north line of Lot 4, Block 1, Jackson's Addition; thence N 88° 57' 10" E along said extended line and along the north line of said Lot 4, 181.65 feet to the NE corner of said Lot 4 and the point of beginning; thence continuing N 88° 57' 10" E along an easterly extension of the north line of said Lot 4, 90.00 feet to the west line of Peterson Drive; thence S 01° 02' 50" E along said west line, 200.00 feet to the north line of Peterson Drive where said street angles westerly; thence S 88° 57' 10" W along said north line, 90.00 feet to the east line of Jackson's Addition; thence N 01° 02' 50" W along said east line, 200.0 feet to the point of beginning. (Contains 0.41 acres); and

WHEREAS, the building on the parcel is currently occupied by the Red Apple Center, a unit of the Counseling and Development Center, Inc.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Price County Executive Committee to arrange for the sale of said property and negotiate the terms and conditions for its sale, with the purchase of said property first being offered to the Counseling and Personal Development Center, Inc., and further authorizes the Price County Clerk's preparation and execution of any documents necessary to conclude the real estate sale set forth and fully ratifies any such documents be prepared, executed and/or recorded. Submitted by the Price County Executive

Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Adolph; Bruce Jilka; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19th day of February 2019. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0. Motion Hintz/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 6-19

Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grant (Wildlife Opening Enhancement Project)

WHEREAS, Price County is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of Price County Forest Wildlife Opening Enhancement Project (as described in the proposal); and

WHEREAS, the respondent attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the proposal; and

WHEREAS, an Agreement is required to carry out the project; and

WHEREAS, anticipated estimated cost for the project will be \$25,500; and

WHEREAS, the State share for the project will be \$17,800 of eligible project costs with a County share of \$7,700; and

WHEREAS, Price County must designate an authorized representative to: sign and submit proposal, enter into an Agreement with the WDNR, submit annual and final reports to the WDNR to satisfy the Agreement, submit reimbursement request(s) to the WDNR per the Agreement, sign a Public Access Easement, sign and submit other documentation as necessary to complete the project per the Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and empowers the Price County Forest Administrator to be the aforementioned representative; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Price County will meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the respondent will comply with all local, state and federal rules, regulations and ordinances relating to this project and the cost-share agreement.

Financial Impact: Total estimated cost for this project is \$25,500 State share is estimated to be \$17,800 and County share is estimated to be \$7,700 (in-kind). Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: s/James Hintz, Chair; Jeff Hallstrand; Paula Houdek. Reviewed and Approved by the Price County Executive Committee: s/Robert Kopisch, Chair; James Adolph; James Hintz; Bruce Jilka; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19th day of February 2019. s/Robert Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0. Motion Hallstrand/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Amend Resolution 7-18

Request to Apply for WDNR 2018 Municipal Dam Grant Program (Musser Dam)

WHEREAS, Price County Board of Supervisor Resolution #4-12 was adopted as:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that Resolution #48-09 be amended to require Price County Board approval, by resolution, of any County funding required by the awarding of a grant to Price County under the WDNR Municipal Dams Grant Program prior to submitting any such application for financial aid from the Program for any specific County dam project.; and

WHEREAS, needed repairs have been identified at Musser Dam, WDNR F.F. #50.17; and

WHEREAS, Price County, Wisconsin may make applications for grant monies for maintenance, repairs and modifications to their County owned dams from the Wisconsin State Statute §31.385 and §227.11 and Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter NR 335; and

WHEREAS, anticipated estimated cost for the project will be ~~\$25,000~~ \$33,000; and

WHEREAS, the State share for such a project may not exceed 50% of the first \$400,000 of eligible project costs; and

WHEREAS, Price County must designate an authorized representative to: submit applications to the WDNR for financial aid; sign grant agreement documents; take all necessary action to complete the projects and submit for reimbursement claims associated with aforesaid grant program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Price County Highway Commissioner and Dams Superintendent to be those aforementioned representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Price County agrees to pay their share of the eligible costs which is equal to the total project cost minus the State share authorizing funds to be transferred on an as needed basis from the Capital Improvement Fund to the Dams Department account number 100-83-49270, Transfer from Capital Improvement Fund.

Financial Impact: Total estimated cost for this project is ~~\$25,000~~ \$33,000. State share is estimated to be ~~\$12,500~~ \$16,500 and County share is estimated to be ~~\$12,500~~ \$16,500.

Submitted by the Price County Highway and Transportation Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Jim Adolph; Al Haskins; Ron Heikkinen; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed and Approved by the Price County Executive Committee: s/Bruce Jilka, Chair; Ronald Heikkinen; James Hintz; Robert Kopisch; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 17th day of April 2018. s/Robert Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Amended by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19th day of February 2019. s/Robert Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0. Motion Teeters/Hintz to consider resolution amendments. Roll call vote: Yes (11): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Boccock, Spacek, Kopisch, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Amend Resolution 8-18

Request to Apply for WDNR 2018 Municipal Dam Grant Program (Solberg Dam)

WHEREAS, Price County Board of Supervisor Resolution #4-12 was adopted as:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that Resolution #48-09 be amended to require Price County Board approval, by resolution, of any County funding required by the awarding of a grant to Price County under the WDNR Municipal Dams Grant Program prior to submitting any such application for financial aid from the Program for any specific County dam project.; and

WHEREAS, needed repairs have been identified at Solberg Dam, WDNR F.F. #50.20m; and

WHEREAS, Price County, Wisconsin may make applications for grant monies for maintenance, repairs and modifications to their County owned dams from the Wisconsin State Statute §31.385 and §227.11 and Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter NR 335; and

WHEREAS, anticipated estimated cost for the project will be ~~\$25,000~~ \$42,000; and

WHEREAS, the State share for such a project may not exceed 50% of the first \$400,000 of eligible project costs; and

WHEREAS, Price County must designate an authorized representative to: submit applications to the WDNR for financial aid; sign grant agreement documents; take all necessary action to complete the projects and submit for reimbursement claims associated with aforesaid grant program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Price County Highway Commissioner and Dams Superintendent to be those aforementioned representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Price County agrees to pay their share of the eligible costs which is equal to the total project cost minus the State share authorizing funds to be transferred on an as needed basis from the Capital Improvement Fund to the Dams Department account number 100-83-49270, Transfer from Capital Improvement Fund.

Financial Impact: Total estimated cost for this project is ~~\$25,000~~ \$42,000. State share is estimated to be ~~\$12,500~~ \$21,000 and County share is estimated to be ~~\$12,500~~ \$21,000.

Submitted by the Price County Highway and Transportation Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Jim Adolph; Al Haskins; Ron Heikkinen; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed and Approved by the Price County Executive Committee: s/Bruce Jilka, Chair; Ronald Heikkinen; James Hintz; Robert Kopisch; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 17th day of April 2018. s/Robert Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Amended by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19th day of February 2019. s/Robert Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0. Motion Jilka/Spacek to consider resolution amendments. Roll call vote: Yes (11): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Boccock, Spacek, Kopisch, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Elections and Appointments:

1. County Administrator Appointments:

- a. Emergency Fire Wardens – list of members: Motion Houdek/Hallstrand to approve the list of Emergency Fire Wardens as presented. Motion carried.
- b. Local Emergency Planning Committee – list of members: Motion Slaby/Adolph to approve the list of LEPC members as presented. Motion carried.

- c. NWITBEC Tourism Committee – Ed Kane (through April 2020): Motion Spacek/Houdek to approve the appointment of Ed Kane to the NWITBEC Tourism Committee. Motion carried.

Reports on File

1. Register of Deeds 2018 Annual Report
2. 2018 Annual Report of Wages

Convene to Committee of the Whole at 10:28 a.m.

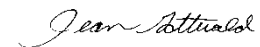
1. 2018 Financial Summary Report as of 12/31/18: Nick reviewed. Discussed overages.
2. 2019 Financial Summary Report as of 1/31/19: Nick reviewed.
3. Board Chair Report – Robert Kopisch
 - a. Anonymous Letter and Board Policies: Bob reviewed county policy on procedure for filing complaints and grievances. He also reviewed Supervisor Roles and Responsibilities.
 - b. WCA Conference Planning Committee: Bob is chairing this committee.
4. Committee Chair Reports
 - a. Administration – Slaby: Three resolutions presented to the Board. Discussed policy for electronic meeting attendance by committee members.
 - b. Executive – Kopisch: Discussed the need, or lack thereof, for two economic development associations in Price County. Withdrew membership from Northwoods Rail Transit Commission.
 - c. Forestry & Parks – Hintz: 18 active timber sales. Good winter for logging.
 - d. Health and Human Services – Jilka: Kathy Billek retiring February 25th. AODA Town Hall meetings scheduled to discuss drug epidemic. BART Bus continues to go strong. Recruiting for Children and Youth Social Worker.
 - e. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Airport credit card reader has been replaced. WCHA had a memorial for Ron Heikkinen.
 - f. Land Use & UW-Extension – Slaby: Several zoning hearings. Approved 2018 crop damage claims.
 - g. Law Enforcement – Hintz: Greg Wirsing gave update on implementation of the K-9 Unit.
5. County Administrator's Report – Nick Trimner
 - a. 2019 WCA Legislative Update: Nick reviewed some of the current legislative objectives.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 11:47 a.m.

Date of Next Meeting: April 16, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY OF PRICE. I, Jean Gottwald, County Clerk in and for Price County do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct record of all the proceedings held by and before the Price County Board of Supervisors at the meeting held on February 19, 2019 and the whole thereof. Dated this 26th day of February 2019.



Jean Gottwald, County Clerk