

**PRICE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: March 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, Joe Baratka, Ginny Strobl (left at 9:15 a.m.)

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: Supervisor Strobl spoke on the divisive training of gender-neutral pronoun use. Communication from the DNR regarding the Lower Steve Creek Flowage, offering Price County ownership if the County would bring the dam up to standard per the DNR dam safety order. They need a response by April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
2. Meeting minutes February 9, 2023: Motion Palecek/Houdek to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2023 as presented. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer Report – Lynn Neeck
  - a. Monthly reports: Moved \$2 million into PMA Investments. Transfer of accounts from Forward Bank to Prevail Bank.
  - b. Delinquent Taxes and In Rem: 2019 continues with 38 parcels. Legal working on first court petition. Final redemption should be in three months. Current land sale of five parcels until May 22<sup>nd</sup>.Supervisor Strobl left the meeting.
  - c. 5R Property Update: Court judgement on March 8<sup>th</sup> transferring property to County ownership. In contact with DNR regarding the cleanup process.
4. County Administrator – Nick Trimner: Attended Legislative Exchange in Madison. Will send letter of support to Marathon County supporting their effort to build a forensic facility.
  - a. 2022 Executive Financial Report: Nothing has changed since last report. Will do final report after adjusting journal entries are complete.
  - b. 2023 Executive Financial Report: Reviewed. Discussed library costs and reimbursements.
  - c. American Recovery Plan Act Update: Discussed projects approved and funds remaining.
  - d. Student Internet Access Assistance Program Update: The schools continue to work on identifying need.
5. Opioid Settlement
  - a. Funding Update: Second of three settlement agreements. The Health and Human Services Department has been tasked with putting a group of participants together to determine use of the funds.
  - b. Resolution – Authorizing Price County to Enter Into the (Opioid) Settlement Agreement: Motion Ernst/Houdek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
6. County Parks Expansion Projects
  - a. Projects Update: Working on plan design for the Solberg Lake County Park campground expansion. Anticipate first Carbon Credit payment first quarter of 2024.
  - b. Resolution – Temporary Use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to Continue the Solberg Lake County Park Expansion Project: Motion Hallstrand/Ernst to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
7. Monthly Vouchers: Motion Palecek/Hallstrand to approve the accounts payable and payroll for the month of February in the amount of \$4,623,663.77 and the voucher in the amount of \$901,586.55. Motion carried.
8. Date of Next Meeting: April 13<sup>th</sup>.
9. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Jean Gottwald, County Clerk