

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MAY 21, 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: Pastor Rick Haberland. Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance. Roll Call: Present (13): Larry Palecek, James Adolph, Sheryl Slaby, Jeffrey Hallstrand, James Hintz, Paula Houdek, Dennis Wartgow, Sue Bocock, Jordan Spacek, Robert Kopisch, John Vlach, Bruce Jilka, William Teeters. Also present: Nick Trimner.

Approve minutes of the April 16, 2019 meeting: Motion Hintz/Adolph to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: The Highway Department will be having an informational meeting for two of their summer projects.

Public Comments: None.

Presentation:

1. Foster Care Appreciation Month: Marilyn Schreuder and Tammy Dahl.

Resolutions:

Resolution 13-19
Sale of County Owned Property

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, many antiques and/or collectible personal property were donated or loaned to Price County by various interested individuals, families and/or organizations over many years with the intent of having said items displayed for public viewing at the Price County Fairgrounds; and

WHEREAS, The Price County Antique Association, Ltd had undertaken the obligation to organize, protect, maintain and display such antique and/or collectible personal property at the Price County Fairgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of Price County to sell County owned property, being the Fairground Antiques, to the Price County Antique Association, Ltd per the terms of the Bill of Sale attached; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the sale of said property to the Price County Antique Association, Ltd per the terms of the Bill of Sale attached and further authorizes the Price County Clerk's execution of said document to conclude the transaction.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee: 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 21st day of May 2019. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Palecek/Adolph to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried

Resolution – Failed

Approve Revision to the County Board Policy and Procedure Manual (Establish Electronic Meeting) WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors previously adopted the Price County Board Policy and Procedure Manual on April 17, 2018; and

WHEREAS, on occasion, scheduled meetings of the Price County Board of Supervisors or its committees, boards or commissions need to be canceled due to a lack of a quorum, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Price County government to conduct its scheduled business in a timely manner, oftentimes without delay, and

WHEREAS, according to Robert's Rules of Order, an electronic meeting is allowed if the requirements of a deliberative assembly are met and an electronic meeting is authorized in the by-laws of the organization, which in Price County is its County Board of Supervisors Policy and Procedure Manual.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the proposed addition of the Electronic Meetings Policy to the Price County Board Policy and Procedure Manual.

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee: s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Jeff Hallstrand; Robert Kopisch; Sheryl Slaby. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Motion Wartgow/Hallstrand to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (6): Slaby, Hallstrand, Wartgow, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach; No (7): Palecek, Adolph, Hintz, Houdek, Bocock, Jilka, Teeters. Motion failed.

Resolution 14-19

Approve Revision to the County Board Policy and Procedure Manual (Establish a Grievance Committee) WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors previously adopted the Price County Board Policy and Procedure Manual on April 17, 2018; and WHEREAS, per Wisconsin State Statute §59.26(8)(b) (Sheriff; undersheriff, deputies), the County is required to have a grievance committee; and WHEREAS, the Administration Committee deals with all matters pertaining to personnel issues and would be the logical choice to also be members of the grievance committee. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the proposed addition of duties of the Administration Committee to include serving as the Grievance Committee to the Price County Board Policy and Procedure Manual. Submitted by the Price County Board Chair: s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of May 2019. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Wartgow/Adolph to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 15-19

Outdoor Recreation Grant Application

Whereas, Price County is interested in acquiring or developing lands for public outdoor recreation purposes as described in the Stewardship Local Units of Government, Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and Recreational Trails Grant Programs application; and Whereas, financial aid is required to carry out the project; and Whereas, Price County has budgeted a sum sufficient to complete the project or acquisition. Now Therefore be it Resolved that Price County hereby authorizes the Forest and Parks Administrator of the Forestry and Parks Department to act on behalf of Price County to:

Submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available; and

Submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within six months of project completion date; and

Submit signed documents; and

Take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.

Be it Further Resolved that Price County will comply with state and/or federal rules for the programs; may perform force account work; will maintain the completed project in an attractive, inviting and safe manner; will keep the facilities open to the general public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility; and will obtain from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources or the National Park Service approval in writing before any change is made in the use of the project site.

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: s/Marguerite Sue Bocock, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Sheryl Slaby. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of May 2019. Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 1. Motion Spacek/Slaby to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Teeters; No (1): Jilka. Motion carried.

Elections and Appointments:

1. Aging and Disability Resource Center – North Governing Board (ADRC-N) – Three-year term ending May 31, 2022 (John Vlach): Motion Wartgow/Jilka to approve appointment of John Vlach. Motion carried.
2. NWITBEC Tourism Committee (Laurie Hanson): Motion Spacek/Vlach to appoint Laurie Hanson. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

1. Price County Economic Development Association – Lifetime Achievement Award (William Baratka): Motion Houdek/Vlach to approve the award presented to William Baratka. Motion carried.

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

1. 2018 Financial Summary Report as of 12/31/18: Nick reviewed. Auditors present for a week in April. Went well.
2. 2019 Financial Summary Report as of 4/30/19: Nick reviewed. Excessive snow removal costs.

3. WCA Fall Conference
 - a. Attendance: Three supervisors to attend – members should submit registration if interested.
 - b. Resolutions for Submission: Will have Health and Human Services Board draft a resolution requesting relief for Children and Youth costs.
4. Board Chair Report: Kopisch
 - a. WCA presentation at June meeting: Training will be Roles and Responsibilities. WCA has other offerings if anyone is interested.
 - b. NWRPC enterprise building status: Company is moving into the existing building. A new 12,000-14,000 sq. ft building is being built. To be done by September 1.
5. Committee Chair Reports
 - a. Ad Hoc Committee on Broadband – Teeters: Two meetings held. County Administrator from Bayfield County gave input on their process. Need communication to the public about what is already available. Looking at Broadband Forward and Telecommuter Forward Community Certifications. Next meeting June 12th.
 - b. Administration – Wartgow: No resignation to report. Interviews scheduled for Highway Patrol Superintendent and Social Worker. Still recruiting for Deputy Sheriff, Nutrition Site Substitute Manager and Summer Hire.
 - c. Executive – Kopisch: Negotiations with Counseling and Development Center resulted in agreeable terms for sale of the county-owned building. Contract to be in place by June 1st. County Administrator's performance review.
 - d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Timber sale bids approved for \$1.2 million. Good winter for loggers to get contract work done. Request for Bark Park at the Tuscobia Park. Scheduled tour of the Pine Line Rail Trail.
 - e. Health and Human Services – Jilka: Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement plan finalized in conjunction with Flambeau Hospital. Contracting with Aurora Community Services for AODA and mental health. Comprehensive Community Services will be covered by the Behavioral Health Unit. Several new staff. Continue to recruitment process for Economic Support, HHS Assistant and social worker. Staff attending "Overcoming Addiction Together". BART bus numbers continue to do well and they are initiating an Ashland to Prentice once-a-week run.
 - f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Crews are busy with various projects. Dealing with some flooding issues. Weight restrictions have been lifted. Dams are handling high water levels. Air traffic is increasing with nicer weather. Airshow scheduled for July 5 & 6.
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Slaby: Land sale auction ends 5/21. Unsold properties will remain available for 90 days. Zoning permits increasing. Septic system permitting up. Land and Water Resource Plan was approved by the State and will be presented for a public hearing with a resolution to the Board. Land Conservation Tech working on summer projects. UW-Extension continues their transition to the UW System.
 - h. Law Enforcement – Hintz: K9 Unit is moving forward. Costs are being covered by donations.
6. County Administrator's Report – Trimner: Negotiations with the Counseling and Development Center. \$35,000 designated for paving the Normal Building parking lot has been transferred to replacing roofs on seven buildings at the Fairgrounds. Continue to monitor Chambers of Commerce – they are doing more of a regional promotion approach. Working with State on Probation and Parole office remodel project. Forestry and Highway Departments worked to repair the boat landings on Solberg Lake. Met with Town of Elk regarding County Highway W bridge project.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 11:00 a.m.

Closed Session

Announcement and motion Teeters/Houdek to adjourn to closed session at 11:08 a.m. pursuant to the exemption in Wis. State Statute 19.85 (1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and for the purpose of:

- a. County Administrator Performance Review
- b. Motion to Return to Open Session

Roll call vote: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Motion Adolph/Teeters in closed session to return to open session at 11:50 a.m. Roll call vote: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Take Action, as needed, on closed session items: Motion Houdek/Adolph to approve the County Administrator Performance Review, including attachments, and forward to HR for personnel file. Motion carried.


Date of Next Meeting: June 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Training Session:

1. County Board Supervisors – IT Department training (County email system).

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.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 May 21, 2019 and the whole thereof. Dated this 24th day of May 2019.



Jean Gottwald, County Clerk