

**Price County Law Enforcement Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Date: August 3, 2023 Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Larry Palecek, Committee Chair. Roll Call - Present: Alan Barkstrom (Ex Officio), Brian Ernst, Doug Erickson, Larry Palecek, Ginny Strobl. Also present: Nick Trimner, Brian Schmidt, Robert Hawn.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: None.
 2. Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2023: Motion Strobl/Erickson to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
 3. Coroner – Department and Financial Reports: N/A
 4. District Attorney – Department and Financial Reports: Thomas Coaty still filling in as Special Prosecutor. No applicants for this State position.
 5. Clerk of Circuit Court – Department and Financial Reports: Job offer for the part-time Deputy position. Considering changing this position to full-time.
 6. Sheriff's Office – Department and Financial Report: Reviewed call and citation data. Three new squad cars on order. Planning communication tower replacement in 2025.
 - a. Staffing Update: Seth Dabler was promoted to the lieutenant position, leaving the Rec Officer position open. Recruiting for four Dispatch/Correction Officer positions. Considering changing the part-time Administrative Assistant position to full-time.
 - b. Humane Officer / Animal Control: None.
 - c. K-9 Units: Fundraiser being planned.
 - d. Rec Officer: Recruiting internally to fill the position.
 7. County Ordinances for Drafting: Considered language and purpose of the following items.
 - a. Repeal – Chapter 218. Alarms: Motion Barkstrom/Strobl to move forward with repealing Chapter 218 – Alarms. Motion carried.
 - b. Peace and Good Order, Obstructing an Officer: Motion Ernst/Erickson to move forward with drafting an Obstructing an Officer ordinance. Motion carried.
 - c. Shop Lifting and Petty Theft: Motion Barkstrom/Ernst to move forward with drafting a Petty Theft ordinance. Motion carried.
 - d. Criminal Damage to Property: Motion Ernst/Barkstrom to move forward with drafting a Criminal Damage to Property ordinance. Motion carried.
 - e. Possession and Use of Marijuana: Motion Barkstrom/Ernst to move forward with drafting a Possession and Use of Marijuana ordinance. Motion carried.
- Barkstrom left meeting at 10:23 a.m.
- f. Impound Lot Fee: Motion Erickson/Strobl to move forward with drafting an Impound Lot Fee ordinance. Motion carried.
8. Committee Vouchers: Motion Strobl/Erickson to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$101,559.70. Motion carried.
 9. Date of Next Meeting: September 21
 10. Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk