

**PRICE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: September 6, 2022

Time: 9:00am

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

Call to Order and Roll Call. Meeting called to order by Jeff Hallstrand, Committee Vice-chairperson at 9:00 a.m. Present: Alan Barkstrom (remotely), Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek. Also present: Nick Trimner, Carrie Kyle, Lynn Neeck, Joe Grapa, Ginny Strobl.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: None.
2. Meeting minutes August 4, 2022: Motion Houdek/Ernst to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer Report – Lynn Neeck
 - a. Monthly reports: Reviewed.
 - b. Delinquent Taxes and In Rem: 783 delinquent tax certificates. Down from prior years. 17 parcels left in the In Rem process. Message from Phillips Lionite that their amount will be paid by the final redemption of September 29th.
 - c. Reevaluate Forward Bank Positive Pay: \$30 per month. The bank flags questionable transactions for approval. Recommended for safety precaution. Motion Houdek/Palecek to continue with the Forward Bank Positive Pay program. Motion carried.
4. County Administrator – Nick Trimner
 - a. 2022 Executive Financial Report: Review. Retention and recruitment have gone well. Changes in HHSD programming and billing has been productive.
 - b. 2023 Budget: No changes from last month. Still waiting for health insurance information.
 - i. Resolution - Approve Price County 2023 Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be Financed with Short-Term Debt: Motion Barkstrom/Palecek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
 - ii. Resolution - Implement County 2023 Capital Projects to be Financed with Short-term Debt: Motion Palecek/Houdek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
 - c. American Recovery Plan Act Update: Received an additional \$40,000 for the Airport, which needed to be approved by the BOA.
 - d. Administrator Report: Installing a charging station for electric vehicles. \$20,000 first allocation of the Opioid settlement. Need to decide lump sum or annual payments. Spyglass looked at all technology/electronic contracts and found several unused phone lines and hot spots. They get 50% of the savings for 18 months. Attending WCA Conference. Implementing a new online system for Register of Deeds' Office. Friday half-days continue to be well received. Court system and HHSD remain open with limited service. Sheriff Deputy union negotiations are starting. Both Highway Operator and Social Worker positions are getting filled. Refining the Carbon Credit allocation plan. Courthouse roofing beginning. K-9 fundraiser on Thursday. New website design will roll out on the 8th. Still working on implementing the new HHSD position.
5. Resolution – Funding to Pave the County Portion of Omaha Road (Smith Lake County Park): Motion Barkstrom/Palecek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
6. Monthly Vouchers: Motion Houdek/Hallstrand to approve the accounts payable and payroll for the month of August in the amount of \$1,902,108.50 and vouchers in the amount of \$2,748,041.32. Motion carried.
7. Date of Next Meeting: October 13th
8. Meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Jean Gottwald, County Clerk