

**PRICE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: October 13, 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 Alan Barkstrom, Committee Chairperson at 9:00 a.m. Present: Alan Barkstrom, Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek. Also present: Nick Trimner, Carrie Kyle, Lynn Neck.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: Cheryl Moore, President Village of Catawba, regarding the 5R Processing discussion. Supervisor Barkstrom notified the committee of the closing of the Aspirus Nursing Home and discussed the process for relocating residents and employees. Letter from the DNR regarding purchase of land in Town of Flambeau. Four emails from Lynda Ludwig, Town of Worcester, requesting bidding on veterinary services, suggestion of grants to keep the nursing home open (not a county facility) and grants that are available for Brownfield (there are no designated properties).
2. Meeting minutes September 6, 2022: Motion Palecek/Houdek to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer Report – Lynn Neck
 - a. Monthly reports: Investment rates are looking better. Sales tax continues to do well.
 - b. Delinquent Taxes and In Rem: Six parcels taken In Rem on the 2018 delinquents. November 15th court date. Nick and Evan visited the properties. There is one that is occupied and they have been notified to vacate. The County needs to refine the process to incorporate the new law that requires notifying the prior owner of any profit on the property and the five year window to claim that profit. 2019 delinquent process starting with 80 parcels.
 - c. Bank Account Proposals: Forward Bank (general 2.75%) and Prevail Bank (general 3.25%) responded. Motion Ernst/Houdek to approve the three-year agreement for the general account to be at Prevail Bank, pending clarification by the Treasurer that the mobile deposit and positive pay functions meet the County's needs. Motion carried.
4. County Administrator – Nick Trimner
 - a. 2022 Executive Financial Report: 75% year completed. Nothing stands out. Election expenses are up with a four-election year. Sheriff costs are up with full inmate population and training of new hires. Health and Human Services Department is working with more proactive and preventative measures with new funding from the State. Cash flow is getting back to normal levels. Discussed Parks revenue and possible improvements going forward.
 - b. 2023 Budget: A few minor edits from what was presented previously. Review of the details.
 - i. Forward to County Board for Approval: Motion Palecek/Houdek to approve the 2023 budget with a levy of \$11,340,117 and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
 - ii. Loan Quotes: Reviewed proposals submitted. Motion Houdek/Palecek to approve Prevail Bank as the loan provider. Motion carried.
 - c. American Recovery Plan Act Update: Nothing new.
 - d. Administrator Report
 - i. Fair Grounds Transfer: Moving forward. DNR clarified their specifics for approval and final hydrology study is being completed for the potential construction of a new building. Transfer should happen by end of year.
 - ii. WCA Conference Update: Nick attended, along with the state association meeting.
 - iii. Investment Approach: An outside firm could assist in investment strategies. Motion Ernst/Palecek to request a presentation at a County Board meeting from an investment firm. Motion carried.
5. 2021 Audited Financial Statement: Auditor presentation at the October 18th County Board meeting.
6. Resolution – 2021 Transfer to Capital Improvement Fund: Motion Ernst/Hallstrand to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
7. Resolution – 2021 Approve Transfer to Offset Budget Overages: Motion Palecek/Hallstrand to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.

8. Resolution – Join the WCA Uniquely Wisconsin Campaign Using ARPA Funds: Motion Hallstrand/Houdek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
9. Resolution – Release of Easement (W7194 Old 8 Rd W, Prentice, WI): Motion Palecek/Hallstrand to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
10. 5-R Processors Property Update: State legislators approved money to clean up the contaminated property. The five parcels need to be in the County's name to apply for the funds. June 30, 2023 is the deadline. The bank that holds the mortgage has the right to sell the property but are unwilling to sell it under their name. Five title searches were ordered. The In Rem process could be advanced to be accomplished by March. The DNR is checking to see if this timing will work.
11. Revisit Rescinded Resolution 5126 Appropriating Funds to the City of Park Falls and Village of Prentice for the Operation and Improvement of the Park Falls and Prentice Municipal Airports: Discussion. If the airports want the funding reinstated, they need to make that request. No action taken.
12. Monthly Vouchers: Motion Palecek/Houdek to approve the accounts payable and payroll for the month of September in the amount of \$2,640,870.52 and voucher in the amount of \$402,640.78. Motion carried.
13. Date of Next Meeting: December 8.
14. Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Jean Gottwald, County Clerk