

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

October 15, 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 John Trewyn. Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance. Roll Call: Present (12): Larry Palecek, Sheryl Slaby, Jeffrey Hallstrand, James Hintz, Paula Houdek, Dennis Wartgow, Sue Bocock, Jordan Spacek, Robert Kopisch, John Vlach, Bruce Jilka, William Teeters. Excused (1): James Adolph. Also present: Nick Trimner.

Approve minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting: Motion Hintz/Jilka to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: None.

Public Comments: Spoke in opposition of resolution #1: Kim Smith, Oregon, WI; Rilla Rice, Freedom, WI; Arthur Rice, Freedom, WI; Laura Rice, Freedom, WI; David Schmidt, Town of Lake; Kais Rankin, Town of Winter; Lori Wakefield, Town of Lake. Speaking in favor of resolution #1: Julia Ruff, Town of Elk.

Presentation:

1. Park Falls and Phillips Chambers of Commerce: Laurie Hanson and Ed Kane gave update on chamber activities and moneys spent.

Resolutions:

Resolution 38-19

Support Ending Wisconsin's Immunization Personal Conviction Waiver

Whereas, there are multiple important and potentially dangerous communicable diseases that are preventable by vaccinations currently required by Wisconsin law for school and day care attendance; and
Whereas, vaccine-preventable diseases can be very contagious, and can result in serious health complications, including pneumonia and encephalitis, and lead to death; and
Whereas, the effectiveness and safety of vaccines have been well established; and
Whereas, the Affordable Care Act has improved insurance coverage for vaccinations, which are readily available in medical offices and pharmacies, and public health departments continue to serve those eligible for the Vaccines for Children Program; and

Whereas, all states require certain vaccines for school entry in order to

- a. assure that individual children do not contract disease in the social setting of school,
- b. protect other students from being at risk of disease and death from exposure to an individual student, and
- c. protect the broader community from these serious illnesses, including individuals who are immunocompromised and those who cannot receive vaccines for *bona fide* medical reasons; and

Whereas, Wisconsin's immunization law Wis. Stat. § 252.04(3), Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 144.06, makes Wisconsin one of only 16 states that permits parents to opt-out or waive some or all of the vaccinations required to attend school or group day care based on their personal beliefs; and

Whereas, Wisconsin's percentage of students with religious and medical waivers have remained relatively constant over the past decade at less than 1%, but the percentage of students with a personal conviction waiver in Wisconsin increased from 1.2% during the 1997-98 school year to an alarming 4.6% during 2018-19, and

Whereas, outbreaks of measles have impacted multiple states in 2019, and a number of other serious vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks have occurred in Wisconsin over the past 2 decades; and
Whereas, several other states have recently removed personal belief exemptions from their legal codes, such that 34 states now prohibit the use of personal belief exemptions for school and daycare immunizations; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA) and the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) both support a change in school and day care center immunization law that eliminates personal conviction waivers for students in Wisconsin public and private schools and for children who attend group day cares.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that the Wisconsin Legislature end the use of personal conviction waivers for school and day care center immunization requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor of Wisconsin, state legislators representing Price County, WPHA, WALHDAB, Wisconsin Counties Association and other organizations as appropriate.

Submitted by the Price County Health and Human Services Board: s/Bruce Jilka, Chair (opposed), James Adolph; Peter Dahlie; Sally Huml; Suzanne Ocker; Gerald Swenson; William Teeters; John Vlach; Dennis

Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of October 2019. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 6, Against: 5, Abstain: 1. Motion Teeters/Vlach to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (6): Slaby, Houdek, Wartgow, Spacek, Vlach, Teeters; No (5): Hallstrand, Hintz, Bocock, Jilka, Kopisch; Abstain (1): Palecek. Motion carried.

Resolution 39-19

2020 - 2021 County Board Chair Salary and County Board Supervisor Per Diem

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Administrative Committee to review the County Board Chair's annual salary and the County Board Supervisors' per diem; and
WHEREAS, is the responsibility of the Price County Board of Supervisors to set the salaries for elected officials pursuant to Wis. State Statutes 59.15, "prior to the earliest time for filing nomination papers"; and
WHEREAS, the County Board Chair's annual salary is currently \$6,000 plus \$75 per meeting day per diem for County Board meetings and \$50 per meeting day per diem for committee meetings he/she serves on and;
WHEREAS, the County Board Supervisors' per diem is \$75 per meeting day per diem for County Board meetings and \$50 per meeting day per diem for committee meetings he/she serves on; and
WHEREAS, the Administration Committee has reviewed the salary of the County Board Chair and the County Board Supervisors per diem and recommends that the County Board Chair annual salary should be \$6,000 and the County Board Supervisor per diem be \$75 for County Board meeting and \$50 for all other authorized committee/board/commission meetings. If more than one meeting is held on any one day, that is not a day that a County Board Meeting is held, the per diem for such subsequent meeting will be \$25.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the County Board Chair annual salary to be \$6,000 and the County Board Supervisor per diem to be \$75 for County Board meetings, \$50 for all other authorized committee/board/ commission meetings and \$25 for any subsequent authorized meeting(s) held the same day as another authorized meeting, except when held on the same day as a County Board meeting, to be effective at the beginning of the April 2020 term.

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee: s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Jeff Hallstrand; Robert Kopisch; Sheryl Slaby. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of October 2019. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Wartgow/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Palecek, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 40-19

Ratifying 2019 Price County Spring Land Sale (3)

WHEREAS, Price County has exercised its right to conduct a sale of tax foreclosed properties; and
WHEREAS, Price County has authorized the Land Use and UW-Extension Committee to set up and administer such land sale; and
WHEREAS, the Price County Clerk has now exercised her statutory duty and has had deeds prepared and has signed such deeds to the successful purchaser upon their payment under the authorized process set out in the Price County Code, Chapter 511, Land Sales, all as itemized on the attached exhibit; and
WHEREAS, it is in the benefit of the taxpayers of Price County for the Price County Clerk to have accepted the funds from such sale and to have concluded and recorded the deed for such sale.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Price County Clerk's preparation and execution of any documents necessary to conclude the real estate sale set forth on the attached exhibit and fully ratifies any such documents already prepared, executed and/or recorded.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Bruce Jilka; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of October 2019. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Jilka/Teeters to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Palecek, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 41-19

Approve Remodel Project for Leased Out Office Space to be Funded
with Money Transferred from the Capital Improvement Fund

WHEREAS, the Price County Buildings and Grounds Department has been approached by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, Probation and Parole to expand and remodel a Courthouse Building office suite they currently lease from Price County; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the project is One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the public purposes of: remodeling an office suite in a county owned building located at 126 Cherry Street in Phillips, Wisconsin currently housed by the Wisconsin Department of Correction, Probation and Parole; and,

WHEREAS, to fund the project, it has been deemed necessary and in the best interest of the County that such funds be transferred from the Capital Improvement Fund; and,

WHEREAS, cost of the project will be recouped from the Wisconsin Department of Administration (leasing agent) in the form of increased annual lease payments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors approve the project to remodel the office suite in the Courthouse Building located at 126 Cherry Street in Phillips, Wisconsin in the amount of \$150,000 with funds to be transferred from the Capital Improvement Fund.

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Resolution 42-19

Approve Increase in County Share of Dog License Tax

WHEREAS, per Wisconsin State Statute §174.05(3) Dog License Tax, Additional Tax; The governing body of any county may by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting raise the minimum dog license tax on dogs within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the current amount set for dog license tax of \$10.00 for each unneutered/unspayed dog and \$5.00 for each neutered/spayed dog paid by Price County dog owners has been in place since November 2003; and

WHEREAS, the current County share of the dog license tax collected is \$9.35 for unneutered/unspayed dogs and \$4.60 for neutered/spayed dogs.

WHEREAS, it has been deemed necessary to increase the Price County share of the dog license tax to \$19.35 for each unneutered/unspayed dog and \$14.60 for each neutered/spayed dog bringing the total fee paid by Price County dog owners to \$20.00 and \$15.00 respectively.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors approve the increase in the County share of the dog license tax to \$20.00 for unneutered/unspayed dogs and \$15.00 for neutered/spayed dogs.

Fiscal Impact: \$10,000 additional revenue

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6. Amend Resolution 40-18, 2018 Safety Building Expansion and Renovation Project Borrowing: No action needed.

Elections and Appointments:

1. Wisconsin Property Assessed Clean Energy Commission – Official Representative: Bob Kopisch
2. Wisconsin Property Assessed Clean Energy Commission Board of Directors – Representative Director: Nick Trimner
3. Price County Nutrition Advisory Council Committee (Judith Anderson, Jean Conrad, Shirley Cress, Dani Hoffman, Nancy Kalander, David Schmidt, Laura Tegen). Motion Vlach/Houdek to approve the appointments as presented. Motion carried.
4. NW Regional Planning Committee – CDBG Housing Committee: No candidate found yet.

Convene to Committee of the Whole at 10:43 a.m.

1. 2019 Financial Summary Report as of 9/30/19 –Trimner: Budget is on track for the year.
 - a. 2019 Highway Department Equipment Fund Purchases: Joe Baratka and Mark Kyle gave review of condition of some of the existing trucks. Motion Teeters/Spacek to approve

exceeding the 2019 Highway Equipment budget of \$502,500 by \$350,000 to allow for the purchase of three trucks. Motion carried.

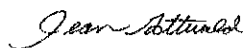
2. 2020 Budget – Trimner
 - a. 2020 Highway Department Equipment Fund Purchases: Reviewed list presented in the amount of \$401,000.
 - b. Approve 2020 Budget and Forward to Public Hearing: Reviewed. Motion Palecek/Hintz to approve the 2020 budget with a 2019 tax levy of \$9,343,479 and forward to the November public hearing for adoption. Motion carried.
3. Board Chair Report – Kopisch
 - a. Wisconsin Open Meeting Law: Leanna Samardich, County Corporation Counsel, gave a review of proper open meeting protocol.
 - b. Flambeau River Papers: Bruce Marshall gave a review of events at the Executive Committee meeting. Next scheduled is another auction on November 1st followed by a court hearing on November 4th.
 - c. PACE Program: Executive Committee will work with PACE to get the word out regarding the program.
4. WCA Conference Reports – Vlach, Houdek, Kopisch: Attendees reviewed sessions they attended and conference events.
5. Committee Chair Reports
 - a. Administration – Wartgow: Sheriff Deputy Union contract negotiations starting.
 - b. Executive – Kopisch: Nothing more to report.
 - c. Forestry & Parks – Hintz: \$1,398,000 in stumpage sales. Parks did well through the summer. Received \$19,115 grant for Pine Line Trail maintenance and \$5,200 from the Ruffed Grouse Society to maintain gates on non-motorized trails. Assisted Village of Prentice writing their grant for \$12,000 toward their campground.
 - d. Health and Human Services – Jilka: Flu clinics with drug disposal scheduled. Jail inmates are being offered voluntary Hepatitis vaccines. Development of the Nutrition Advisory Council. Child and Youth placements remain level. Price County will receive \$107,000 in additional State funding. Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Program is going well. Heating assistance season starting. Keri Nelson transferred from the Public Health Program Coordinator to the Fiscal and Administrative Supervisor. Continue the need to recruit for social workers.
 - e. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: County Highway D project is complete and came in on budget. Summer maintenance and readying for winter maintenance. Dam water levels have remained level with the winter drawdown starting October 21st. Airport held a tenant appreciation cookout. Traffic is down.
 - f. Land Use & UW-Extension – Slaby: Zoning permits are up. UW-Extension programming assessment.
 - g. Law Enforcement – Hintz: Be more human to our Sheriff Deputies.
6. County Administrator's Report – Trimner: Recruitments – Social Worker, Highway Operator II and Mechanic, Public Health Program Coordinator. Remodeling being done to combine the ADRC and Aging offices. Also remodeling the Judge's office. Humane Officer (Dean Merlak) transitioned October 1st. Catkins is the County's certified animal shelter. Ordered the playground equipment for Solberg Lake Park – grant request was denied.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 12:13 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: November 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 12:13 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 October 15, 2019 and the whole thereof. Dated this 17th day of October 2019.



Jean Gottwald, County Clerk