



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 17, 2020 – February 16, 2021

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: March 17, 2020                      TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Courthouse County Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI 54555

There will be a meeting of the **Price County Board of Supervisors** at the time and place indicated. The meeting is open to the public pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 19, Subchapter V. (Open Meeting Law).

### Call to Order

### Invocation

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call

### Approve minutes of the February 18, 2020 meeting

### Communications and Announcements

### Public Comments

### Resolutions:

1. Approve Price County 2020 Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be Financed with Short-Term Debt (\$1,000,000) (Executive)
2. Regular Non-benefit Eligible and Casual Employee Wage Schedule (Administration)
3. Ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Price County and Price County Deputies Union LAW Local 116 (Administration)
4. *Provide County Administration Emergency Administrative Flexibility for COVID-19 (Administration) **amended March 12, 2020***
5. *Declaration of Public Health Emergency – COVID-19 **amended March 16, 2020; 4:20 pm***

### Reports on File

1. Financial Policies and Procedures Manual (Administration)

### Convene to Committee of the Whole:

1. Highway Road Construction Plan
2. Board Chair Report
3. Committee Chair Reports
  - a. Administration
  - b. Executive
  - c. Forestry & Parks
  - d. Health and Human Services
  - e. Highway & Transportation
  - f. Land Use & UW-Extension
  - g. Law Enforcement
4. County Administrator's Report
  - a. *Price County Government: Office of Administration Strategies for a Pandemic **amended March 12, 2020***

### Convene out of Committee of the Whole

Date of Next Meeting: April 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

### Adjourn

By: Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair

Posted: March 6, 2020

Reviewed by County Administrator:

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Nicholas Trimner

C: The Price County Review

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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

March 17, 2020

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: None – moment of silence in remembrance of Sheryl Slaby. Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance. Roll Call: Present (12): Larry Palecek, James Adolph, 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 February 18, 2020 meeting: Motion Hintz/Houdek to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: Thank you to John Vlach and Sue Bocock who are not seeking re-election to the County Board.

Public Comments: Waldemar Madsen, City of Phillips addressed Second Amendment rights and sanctuary county.

Resolutions:

**Resolution 9-20  
Declaration of Public Health Emergency – COVID-19**

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus known as COVID-19 was detected, and COVID-19 has continued to spread throughout the world, including to the United States and the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the federal government, state governments and local governments are working together to contain the further spread of the disease and treat existing cases; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, and on March 12, 2020 the Governor of the State of Wisconsin declared a Health Emergency in the State; and

WHEREAS, Price County (the “County”) has been working to protect the health and well-being of its residents from the spread of COVID-19, and to prepare for the impacts the disease is likely to have on the County; and

WHEREAS, the County Board (the “Board”) has determined that it is necessary to make all possible resources and means available to the County in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents from the threat posed by the continued spread of COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.11 the Board finds and declares that an emergency exists within the County by reason of an imminent threat of disaster impairing medical care, health, and other critical systems of the County due to the spread of COVID-19; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the period of emergency prescribed by this Resolution, the Board may order, by ordinance or resolution, whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within the County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed by the Board to coordinate and administer the County’s emergency management response and to carry out the orders of the Board related thereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Emergency Management Coordinator of the County is authorized and directed to carry out her duties under the County’s Emergency Management Plan under the supervision and direction of the County Administrator and perform such other duties as may be directed by further resolution of the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Supervisors are hereby authorized to attend meetings of the Board remotely, and the Board shall take all actions necessary to effectuate the same in compliance with all other applicable laws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, based upon the information available to the Board and the ongoing threat posed by the spread of COVID-19, the period of emergency shall continue for one hundred (100) days from the effective date of this Resolution unless terminated sooner or extended by further resolution of the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all actions heretofore taken by the Board and other appropriate public officers and agents of the County with respect to the matters contemplated under this Resolution are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Done at the Price County Courthouse this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

s/Robert D. Kopisch; Chairperson – Price County Board of Supervisors

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chairperson; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Teeters/Jilka to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Palecek, Adolph, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

#### **Resolution 10-20**

#### **Provide County Administration Emergency Administrative Flexibility for COVID-19**

WHEREAS, the United States is experiencing an expanding COVID-19 pandemic; and  
WHEREAS, Wisconsin has had confirmed cases of COVID-19; and  
WHEREAS, Price County desires to be as strategic as possible to ensure the health and safety of Price County staff, residents and those traveling throughout Price County; and  
WHEREAS, Price County desires to maintain the highest level of services related to the general public, such as Public Safety, Health and Human Services, Emergency Management and those departments directly related to the general welfare of all residents; and  
WHEREAS, Price County desires flexibility to manage operations throughout this national pandemic; and  
WHEREAS, Price County is providing administrative flexibility to allow the County Administrator, in consultation with Public Health and the County Board Chair, the ability to, but not limited to:

- Close Price County government buildings as necessary,
- Implement strategic staffing *and policy* changes to ensure enough healthy staff are in place to carry out necessary and critical services, and
- Maintain employee benefit status regardless of hours worked; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator and County Board Chair shall, within reasonable time, but no later than 24 hours after implementing necessary decisions, inform the Price County Board of Supervisors of the situation at hand by email and/or phone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby acknowledge, accept and support the County Administrator and County Board Chair to strategically implement necessary plans to ensure the safety and health of the Price County staff, residents and those traveling throughout the county; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will remain in effect *for one hundred (100) days, until repealed unless extended* by the Price County Board of Supervisors.

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Jeff Hallstrand; Robert Kopisch; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Wartgow/Spacek to consider resolution for adoption. Motion Houdek/Palecek to amend language to include “and policy” and replace “until repealed” with “for one hundred (100) days, unless extended”. Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (12): Palecek, Adolph, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried. Motion Jilka/Vlach to change language from “County Board Chair” to “Emergency Management Committee”. Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (3): Bocock, Vlach, Jilka; No (9): Palecek, Adolph, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Spacek, Kopisch, Teeters; No (0). Motion failed. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Palecek, Adolph, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

#### **Resolution 11-20 (a)**

#### **Approve Price County 2020 Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be Financed with Short-Term Debt**

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has identified the need for financing a portion of the 2020 Highway Department road constructions projects to the extent of \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has reviewed the financial impact of the proposed construction and recommends financing the projects through the use of short-term borrowing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Executive Committee to proceed with the implementation of financing 2020 Highway Department road construction projects in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to be financed through the issuance of short-term debt and to include such debt payment in the 2021 Price County budget.

Fiscal Impact: \$1,000,000 in 2021 (budgeted).

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Adolph; James Hintz; Bruce Jilka; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair;

Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 9, Against: 3. Motion Palecek/Hintz to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (9): Palecek, Adolph, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch; No (3): Vlach, Jilka, Teeters. Motion originally announced as failed. With further clarification defining requirement of 3/4 vote of "members elect" after the meeting adjourned determined the motion carried.

**Resolution 11-20 (b)**  
**Regular Non-benefit Eligible and Casual Employee Wage Schedule**

WHEREAS, the Administration Committee has been charged by the Price County Board of Supervisors with the responsibility for all matters pertaining to salary and wages for all County employees and has also been charged with the responsibility to review wage/salary data and make appropriate recommendations; and

WHEREAS, after review of these wages, the Administration Committee recommends the Regular Non-benefit Eligible and Casual Employee Wage Schedule as attached.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors adopt the attached Regular Non-benefit Eligible and Casual Employee Wage Schedule, effective April 5, 2020.

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Jeff Hallstrand; Robert Kopisch; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; s/Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0, Abstain: 1. Motion Spacek/Wartgow to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Palecek, Adolph, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0); Abstain (1): Hallstrand. Motion carried.

Resolution to Ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Price County and Price County Deputies Union LAW Local 116 – not available for this meeting.

Reports on File

2. Financial Policies and Procedures Manual

Convene to Committee of the Whole at 10:00 a.m.

5. Highway Road Construction Plan – Nick Trimner and Joe Baratka provided information during discussion of resolution adoption.
6. Board Chair Report – Kopisch: Attended the WCA Board Chairs meeting. Received information on per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), Milwaukee County Sales Tax lawsuit, definition of racism and labeling.
7. Committee Chair Reports
  - a. Administration – Wartgow: Work on employee handbook and supervisor policy and procedure manual. Deputy Union contract negotiations have stalled.
  - b. Executive – Kopisch; Financial policy and procedure manual.
  - c. Forestry & Parks – Hintz: Planning for summer park opening.
  - d. Health and Human Services – Jilka: Attended WCA webinar regarding fiscal impact of COVID-19. There has been a spike in calls to Economic Support.
  - e. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Continuing with winter maintenance. Preparing for spring melt. Recruiting for several department positions. County Highway W bridge project starting. Maintaining dam water levels. Annual dam inspections scheduled. Becher Hoppe is the engineer for the Airport Improvement project.
  - f. Land Use & UW-Extension – no meeting held.
  - g. Law Enforcement – Hintz – no meeting held.
8. County Administrator's Report – Trimner: 4-H Youth Development Coordinator will be a shared position with Taylor County, recruitment in progress. Reviewing Mass Assembly ordinance in anticipation of upcoming events (Quadtobefest, Rodeo).
  - a. Price County Government: Office of Administration Strategies for a Pandemic: Plan for response. Updating employees on a regular basis. HR6201 addresses time off for employees affected by COVID-19. Need to get proper information out.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 10:47 a.m.

Date of Next Meeting: April 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.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 March 17, 2020 and the whole thereof.

**EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE: April 2, 2020                      TIME: 2:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Courthouse County Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI 54555

There will be a meeting of the **Price County Board of Supervisors** at the time and place indicated. The meeting is open to the public pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 19, Subchapter V. (Open Meeting Law).

PUBLIC ACCESS IS BEING LIMITED TO ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS.  
IF A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WISHES TO ATTEND THIS MEETING, PLEASE CALL  
THE COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE AT 715-339-3325 TO REQUEST ACCESS.  
CONFERENCE CALL: 1-408-418-9388  
CONFERENCE CODE: 961 225 430

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Communications and Announcements**

**Public Comments**

**Resolutions:**

- 1. Filling Vacancies on the Price County Board of Supervisors if the April 7, 2020 Spring Election is Postponed (Board Chair)
- 2. Adopt Emergency Resolution #ER2020-01: Designation of “Emergency Responder” and “Healthcare Provider” Employees (Board Chair – signed March 30<sup>th</sup>)

**Convene to Committee of the Whole:**

- 9. Update on COVID-19 Status
  - a. Public Health
  - b. Emergency Operations
  - c. Elections – April 7<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup>

**Convene out of Committee of the Whole**

**Date of Next Meeting:** April 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

**Adjourn**

By: Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair

Posted: March 31, 2020; 12:05 p.m.

Reviewed by County Administrator:

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Nicholas Trimner

C: The Price County Review

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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

April 2, 2020

County Board Room 101, 126 Cherry St, Phillips, WI 54555

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Robert Kopisch, County Board Chairperson. Roll Call: Present (9): Larry Palecek, James Adolph, Jeffrey Hallstrand, James Hintz, Paula Houdek, Dennis Wartgow, Jordan Spacek, Robert Kopisch, John Vlach. Present via teleconference (3): Sue Bocock, Bruce Jilka, William Teeters. Also present: Nick Trimner. The teleconference was provided for public attendance.

Communications and Announcements: Per diem would be paid per roll call. Public Comments: None

Resolutions:

**Resolution 12-20**

**Filling Vacancies on the Price County Board of Supervisors if the April 7, 2020 Spring Election is Postponed**

WHEREAS, the 2020 Spring Election is scheduled to occur on April 7, 2020; and  
WHEREAS, due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, related declarations of emergency and recent State orders limiting operations, including State of Wisconsin DHS Emergency Order #12 - "Safer at Home", there are concerns that the 2020 Spring Election may be postponed; and  
WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 59.10, Wis. Stats. a County Board Supervisor's term is two years with newly elected supervisor's terms starting on the third Tuesday in April following the election; and  
WHEREAS, if the 2020 Spring Election is postponed, the County Board Supervisor offices will be vacant as of the third Tuesday in April (April 21, 2020) unless the vacancies are filled by Board action; and  
WHEREAS, Price County has enacted Ordinance Code Chapter 191, Article I to operate under Sec. 59.10(1), Wis. Stats. as a self-organized county; and  
WHEREAS, Sec. 59.10(1){d}, Wis. Stats. authorizes a self-organized County's Board of Supervisors to determine the procedure for filling of Board of Supervisor vacancies; and  
WHEREAS, the action contemplated here is allowable, and falls within the duties and powers of a county during an emergency, under Sec. 323.14, Wis. Stats.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Price County Board of Supervisors that if the Spring 2020 election is postponed beyond April 20, 2020, *then* each current incumbent seeking reelection to the County Board of Supervisors and receiving ballot status is hereby appointed to serve a temporary, interim term beginning April 21, 2020 and continuing only until the election is held and supervisors are elected for a full term and take office; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any County Board of Supervisor position that does not have a designated ballot status incumbent will remain vacant until the election is held; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the Spring 2020 election is postponed beyond April 20, 2020, *then* the Sec. 59.11, Wis. Stats. Organizational Meeting is adjourned until a date and time to be determined by the County Clerk and County Board Chairperson pursuant to the law; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the current chairperson, vice-chairperson as well as committee, commission and board assignments (whether appointed or elected) will continue until such time as reorganization is possible.  
Submitted by the Price County Board Chairperson: s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chairperson;  
Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chairperson; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.  
For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Hintz/Spacek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Palecek, Adolph, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

**Adopt Emergency Resolution #ER2020-01  
Designation of "Emergency Responder" and "Healthcare Provider" Employees**

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus was detected, now named COVID-19, and it has spread throughout the world, including every state in the United States; and  
WHEREAS, on January 3, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and  
WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Tony Evers declared a public health emergency to direct all resources needed to respond to and contain COVID-19 in Wisconsin; and  
WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump proclaimed a National Emergency concerning COVID- 19; and  
WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, President Donald Trump signed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act ("FFCRA"), which expands the Family and Medical Leave Act (Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act), and creates a paid sick leave entitlement for certain eligible employees (Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act); and  
WHEREAS, the provisions of the FFCRA allows employers to exempt "emergency responders" and "health care provider" from provisions of the FFCRA; and  
WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the State of Wisconsin issued a Safer at Home Emergency Order, Emergency Order #12, in response to the emergency; and  
WHEREAS, Paragraphs 1 and 12 recognize that all services provided by local governments to ensure the continuing operation of the government body and provide and support the health, safety, and welfare of the public are considered "Essential Governmental Functions" that must continue during the duration of Emergency Order #12; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Order #12 categorically exempts broad categories of local government employees from the restrictions contained therein and otherwise provides local governments with broad discretion to identify employees and contractors necessary for the performance of a local government's "Essential Governmental Functions;" and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to provide the process for identifying employees, categories of employment, positions and/or departments that are "emergency responders" or "health care providers" under the FFCRA and, as a result, exempt from the provisions of the FFCRA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County positions as defined in the Families First Coronavirus Act (FFCRA) Policy – Addendum to Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Policy are hereby designated as "emergency responder" and "health care provider" for purposes of the application and implementation of the FFCRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that It is the intent of this Resolution to define the terms "emergency responder" and "health care provider" in the broadest sense possible consistent with the law in an effort to ensure and continue our essential functions during this time of emergency. Final determinations regarding the definition of emergency responder and/or health care provider as applied to any employment position with Price County shall be determined by the Price County Board of Supervisors with such decision being final; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is effective immediately.

Issues by the Chairperson of the Price County Board of Supervisors this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chairperson. Attest: s/Jean Gottwald, Price County Clerk

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Adolph/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on adoption of Emergency Resolution #ER2020-01: Yes (12): Palecek, Adolph, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Convene to Committee of the Whole at 2:12 p.m.

1. Update on COVID-19 Status – Nick Trimmer

- a. Public Health: Working with area health agencies to get the message out regarding what they are doing with response and what they need to function. Aware of supplies available through the national stockpile. Doing surge planning – reviewing emergency plans. Explanation of process if a positive case is identified in the county.
- b. Emergency Operations: Explanation of "FFCRA" and County's policy for covering employees' need to have time off. Status of limiting exposure to employees by reducing hours and provide for working from home when possible. Discussed Stay at Home order.
- c. Elections – April 7<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup>: Both elections are still on schedule. Municipalities are gearing up for an increase of absentee voting and planning safety measures for the polling locations.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 3:08 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: April 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 3:09 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 April 2, 2020 and the whole thereof.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE: April 21, 2020

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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

There will be a meeting of the **Price County Board of Supervisors** at the time and place indicated. The meeting is open to the public pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 19, Subchapter V. (Open Meeting Law).

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Conference call number: 1-408-418-9388

Conference code: 261 661 586

**Call to Order**  
**Invocation**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Elections**

1. Chairperson
2. Vice-chairperson
3. Executive Committee (3 members) – Chair and Vice-chair are automatic members
4. Highway and Transportation Committee:
  - a. North (Dist. 1, 3, 5, 7 and 10)
  - b. Central (Dist. 8, 9, 11 and 13)
  - c. South (Dist. 2, 4, 6 and 12)
  - d. 2 (two) members at-large

**Approve minutes of the February 18, March 17, April 2, 2020 meetings**

**Communications and Announcements**

**Resolutions:**

1. Adopt Price County Board Policy and Procedure Manual (Board Chair)

**Reports on File**

3. Clerk of Circuit Court – 2019 Annual Report

**Convene to Committee of the Whole:**

10. Highway Road Construction Plan
11. Board Chair Report
12. Committee Assignments
13. Responsibilities of committee members and committee chairs
  - a. Meeting dates
  - b. Meeting agendas
  - c. Policy and Procedure Manual Items
14. County Official Workshops (COWS)
15. WCA Survey
16. County Administrator's Report
  - a. 2019 Financial Summary
  - b. 2020 Financial Summary – March 31, 2020
  - c. COVID-19 Pandemic Update
  - d. Damage to Fairground Buildings

**Convene out of Committee of the Whole**

**Date of Next Meeting:** May 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

**Adjourn**

By: Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair

Posted: April 9, 2020

Reviewed by County Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_

Nicholas Trimner

C: The Price County Review

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**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

April 21, 2020

County Board Room 101, 126 Cherry St, Phillips, WI 54555

Oaths of Office administered by Judge Klein prior to start of meeting.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Invocation: Pastor Matthew Arneson. Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance. Roll Call: Present (11): Larry Palecek, Jeffrey Hallstrand, James Hintz, Paula Houdek, Dennis Wartgow, Alan Barkstrom, Jordan Spacek, Robert Kopisch, Waldemar Madsen, Bruce Jilka, William Teeters. Also present: Nick Trimner. Due to COVID regulations, the public was given the opportunity to call in via teleconference.

Elections:

1. Chairperson: Palecek nominated Robert Kopisch. Three calls for further nominations. Motion Houdek/Hallstrand to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Robert Kopisch for County Board Chairperson. Motion carried on voice vote. Mr. Kopisch took over running of the meeting.

2. Vice-chairperson: Hintz nominated Paula Houdek. Spacek nominated Bruce Jilka. Three calls for further nominations. Vote: Houdek 7, Jilka 4. Paula Houdek declared winner of the County Board Vice-chairperson position.

3. Executive Committee (3 members) – Chair and Vice-chair are automatic members.

Member #1: Spacek nominated James Hintz, Houdek nominated Larry Palecek. Three calls for further nominations. Vote: Hintz 5, Palecek 6. Larry Palecek declared winner of the Executive Committee #1 position.

Member #2: Palecek nominated James Hintz. Jilka nominated Jordan Spacek (declined). Houdek nominated Bill Teeters. Three calls for further nominations. Vote: Hintz 8, Teeters 3. James Hintz declared winner of the Executive Committee #2 position.

Member #3: Spacek nominated Bruce Jilka. Teeters nominated Dennis Wartgow. Jilka nominated Alan Barkstrom. Three calls for further nominations. Vote 1: Jilka, 4, Wartgow 4, Barkstrom 3. Vote 2: Jilka 3, Wartgow 4, Barkstrom 3, Teeters 1. Vote 3: Jilka 4, Wartgow, 4, Barkstrom 3. Vote 4: Jilka withdrew, Wartgow 6, Barkstrom 5. Dennis Wartgow declared winner of Executive Committee #3 position.

4. Highway and Transportation Committee:

a. North (Dist. 1, 3, 5, 7 and 10): Wartgow nominated Larry Palecek. Jilka nominated Robert Kopisch (declined). Three calls for further nominations. Motion Teeters/Hallstrand to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Larry Palecek to the Highway and Transportation North position. Motion carried on voice vote.

b. Central (Dist. 8, 9, 11 and 13): Palecek nominated Jordan Spacek. Wartgow nominated Bill Teeters. Three calls for further nominations. Vote: Spacek 4, Teeters 7. Bill Teeters declared winner of the Highway and Transportation Committee central position.

c. South (Dist. 2, 4, 6 and 12): Jilka nominated Jeff Hallstrand. Kopisch nominated Bruce Jilka. Three calls for further nominations. Vote: Hallstrand 9, Jilka 2. Jeff Hallstrand declared winner of the Highway and Transportation south position.

d. 2 (two) members at-large:

Member #1: Teeters nominated Jordan Spacek. Three calls for further nominations. Motion Palecek/Teeters to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jordan Spacek for Highway and Transportation Committee member at-large #1. Motion carried on voice vote.

Member #2: Teeters nominated Paula Houdek. Palecek nominated James Hintz. Kopisch nominated Bruce Jilka. Spacek nominated Dennis Wartgow (declined). Three calls for further nominations. Vote 1: Houdek 2, Hintz 5, Jilka 4. Vote 2: Houdek (withdrew), Hintz 6, Jilka 5. James Hintz declared winner of the Highway and Transportation Committee at-large member #2.

Approve minutes of the ~~February 18~~, March 17, April 2, 2020 meetings: Kopisch noted title of meetings should be changed to “special” on both minutes. Motion Hintz/Teeters to approve the minutes of the March 17 and April 2, 2020 meetings as presented with changes noted. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: Palecek thanked Jean Gottwald for the ease of the board elections. Spacek thanked the poll workers and municipal clerks for the work they did at the April 7<sup>th</sup> election and dealing with COVID Safer at Home order. Teeters thanked Nick Trimner and all County employees for how they are handling the COVID situation.

Resolutions:

**Resolution 13-20**  
**Adopt Price County Board Policy and Procedure Manual**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors initially adopted their Policy and Procedure Manual on April 16, 1991, and has subsequently adopted the manual every even-numbered year since, with or without changes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby adopt the revised Price County Board Policy and Procedure Manual.

Motion Wartgow/Houdek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Palecek, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Barkstrom, Spacek, Kopisch, Madsen, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Reports on File

1. Clerk of Circuit Court – 2019 Annual Report  
Convene to Committee of the Whole at 9:45 a.m.

1. Board Chair Report – Kopisch: WCA district meetings have been cancelled. Supervisor District 3 position is being recruited. Appointment should be at the May 21st County Board meeting. Mr. Kopisch is taking on the NWCEP interim appointment until a member can be appointed. He will also sit on the Executive Committee. Auditors have completed their field work (remotely). There may be possible cash flow issues with disruption from COVID affecting property tax and stumpage payments. The Executive Committee will need to monitor.
2. Committee Assignments: Board chair will make appointments. Members should get preferences to him.
3. Responsibilities of committee members and committee chairs
  - a. Meeting dates: Discussed County Board dates and committee meeting dates. All committee meetings have been postponed due to COVID.
  - b. Meeting agendas: Discussed responsibility of the committee chair to get the agenda approved timely.
  - c. Policy and Procedure Manual Items: Discussed several items in the manual.
4. County Official Workshops (COWS): Have been postponed. Kopisch encouraged new members to attend when they are rescheduled.
5. WCA Survey: Members asked to fill out and return.
6. County Administrator’s Report: Nick Trimner
  - a. 2019 Financial Summary: Reviewed overages in various departments.
  - b. 2020 Financial Summary – March 31, 2020: Reviewed.
  - c. COVID-19 Pandemic Update: Michelle Edwards, Public Health Officer, offered input. Michelle has daily web meetings with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. Emergency Operations Center team meets weekly for briefings. Governor Evers’ Badger Bounce Back initiative has been announced. Emergency Management and chambers of commerce are meeting with businesses. Finetuning Emergency Plans for preparation and potential implantation. Several employees are working from home. A few have been granted COVID childcare exemption.
  - d. Damage to Fairground Buildings: Snow load damage to the cattle barn. Structural damage to the open class building. Initial estimates \$700,000 and \$350,000 respectively. Getting ideas, plans and estimates from insurance and engineer. Final decision to move forward will be decided by the County Board.
7. Highway Road Construction Plan – Joe Baratka: Proceeding with 2020 construction plan but will postpone purchase of \$400,000 Gradall. Moving forward with design, rut wedging and chip seal projects. Weight limits should be lifted on some County roads on May 4<sup>th</sup>. County Highway W causeway project in process and going well.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 11:29 a.m.

Date of Next Meeting: May 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.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 April 21, 2020 and the whole thereof.

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: May 19, 2020

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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

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### Call to Order

### Invocation

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call

### **County Board Supervisor District 3**

1. Term of Office for Appointee
2. Call for Special Election
3. Appoint County Board Supervisor District 3
4. Oath of Office

### **Approve minutes of the April 21, 2020 meeting**

#### **Communications and Announcements**

##### **Resolutions:**

2. 2019 Budget Amendments (Executive)

##### **Elections and Appointments:**

2. Appointments – Board Chair
  - a. Phillips TIF District Board (Nick Trimner)
3. Appointments - Administrator
  - a. Health and Human Services Board – fill remaining term to expire December 31, 2020 (Ginny Strobl)
  - b. Health and Human Services Board – three-year term ending December 31, 2022 (Paula Houdek)
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  - l. Traffic Safety (Dennis Wartgow)

##### **Convene to Committee of the Whole:**

1. Board Chair Report
2. Committee/Board/Council
  - a. Appointments
  - b. Meeting Schedule
  - c. Elect Chairperson
    - i. Administration Committee (Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Kopisch, Spacek, Wartgow)
    - ii. Forestry & Parks (Hallstrand, Houdek, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl)
    - iii. Highway & Transportation (Hallstrand, Hintz, Palecek, Spacek, Teeters)
    - iv. Land Use / UW-Extension (Barkstrom, Jilka, Kopisch, Teeters, Vacant)
    - v. Law Enforcement (Hintz, Jilka, Madsen, Palecek, Vacant)
3. WCA Fall Convention
  - a. Attendance
  - b. Resolutions for Submission
4. County Administrator's Report
  - a. 2019 Financial Summary
  - b. 2020 Financial Summary – April 30, 2020
  - c. 2021 Budget
  - d. COVID-19 Pandemic Update
  - e. Damage to Fairground Buildings
    - i. Authorize Ad Hoc Committee
      1. Number of Members
      2. Number of Meetings

##### **Convene out of Committee of the Whole**

##### **Closed Session**

1. Announcement and motion to adjourn to closed session pursuant to the exemptions in Wis. State Statute 19.85 (1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session and (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the

governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved for the purpose of:

- a. Delinquent Property Taxes – Park Falls Development LLC
  - b. Return to Open Session
2. Take action, as needed, on closed session item

**Date of Next Meeting:** June 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

**Adjourn**

By: Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair

Posted: May 8, 2020

Reviewed by County Administrator:

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Nicholas Trimner

C: The Price County Review

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

May 19, 2020

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: None. Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance. Roll Call: Present (12): Larry Palecek, Jeffrey Hallstrand, James Hintz, Paula Houdek, Dennis Wartgow, Alan Barkstrom, Jordan Spacek, Robert Kopisch, Waldemar Madsen, Bruce Jilka, Ginny Strobl, William Teeters. Also present: Nick Trimner. Due to COVID regulations, the public was given the opportunity to call in via teleconference.

County Board Supervisor District 3

1. Term of Office for Appointee: The term will run through the third Tuesday in April 2021.
2. Call for Special Election: The contest will be on the ballot at the April 2021 election.
3. Appoint County Board Supervisor District 3: Board Chair recommended Mark Kyle. Motion Wartgow/Hintz to approve the appointment of Mark Kyle as County Board Supervisor, District 3. Roll call vote: Yes (7): Palecek, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Kopisch, Teeters; No (5): Strobl, Barkstrom, Spacek, Madsen, Jilka. Motion carried.
4. Oath of Office: Delivered by Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Approve minutes of the April 21, 2020 meeting: Motion Palecek/Barkstrom to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: None.

Resolutions:

**Resolution 14-20**

**Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2019 (4)**

WHEREAS the Price County Board of Supervisors at their November 13, 2018 meeting, after public hearing, adopted the 2019 budget for Price County; and

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Price County Board of Supervisors on May 14, 2020 were advised to make various adjustments to department budgets; and

WHEREAS the Wisconsin Statutes 65.90(5)(a)(1) states "A budget...may not be changed unless authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the membership of the governing body of the municipality"; and

WHEREAS the proposed amendments recommended by the Price County Executive Committee does not change the amount of tax levied and the proposed amendments will more accurately record the financial activities of Price County departments during 2019.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Price County Board of Supervisors at their May 19, 2020 meeting that the 2019 budget as adopted be amended to include the amendments as attached; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be instructed to publish a Class 1 notice within 10 days of these amendments informing the public of these particular changes.

Fiscal Impact: 0

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee: s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Hintz/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Strobl, Kyle, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Barkstrom, Spacek, Kopisch, Madsen, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Fund	Account Name	Acct Code	Description	Amount	2019 BUDGET	New Budget
General	BUDGET PLACE HOLDER FOR CIP	100-00-48930-000-000-00000	Resolution 29-19 prior year capital improvement fund calculation	(218,226.00)	-	(218,226.00)
	TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	100-00-59000-788-000-00000	Resolution 29-19 prior year capital improvement fund calculation	218,226.00	-	218,226.00
LAND INFO	2016 GRANT AD169040	100-22-51709-759-006-00000	RECEIVED ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEY WLIP	10,640.00	-	10,640.00
	2017 SURVEY GRANT AD179039	100-22-51709-759-008-00000	RECEIVED ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEY WLIP	11,610.00	9,000.00	20,610.00
	2018 BASE BUDGET AD189038	100-22-51709-759-010-00000	RECEIVED ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEY WLIP	16,300.00	-	16,300.00
	2019 GRANT AD 199038	100-22-51709-759-011-00000	RECEIVED ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEY WLIP	14,000.00	-	14,000.00
	2019 STRATEGIC INITIATIVE	100-22-51709-759-012-00000	RECEIVED ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEY WLIP	173,000.00	-	173,000.00
	STATE AID - WLIP GRANT	100-22-43513-000-000-00000	RECEIVED ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEY WLIP	(225,550.00)	(50,000.00)	(275,550.00)
DAMS	CAP OUTLAY - MUSSER DAM	100-83-56210-834-001-00000	Dams-Capital Outlay - special Projects	31,812.93	-	31,812.93
	DAMS GRANT - MUSSER CAP OUTLAY - SOLBERG DAM	100-83-43508-000-001-00000	Dams-Capital Outlay - special Projects	(15,838.00)	-	(15,838.00)
	DAMS GRANT - SOLBERG TRANS FROM CAP IMP FUND	100-83-56210-834-004-00000	Dams-Capital Outlay - special Projects	50,841.56	-	50,841.56
		100-83-43508-000-004-00000	Dams-Capital Outlay - special Projects	(25,708.00)	-	(25,708.00)
		100-83-49270-000-000-00000	Dams-Capital Outlay - special Projects	(41,108.49)	-	(41,108.49)
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	HOMELAND SECURITY EQUIP	100-41-47110-000-000-00000	Grant Funding	(13,500)	-	(13,500.00)
	HOMELAND SECURITY EXERCISE	100-41-52500-755-000-00000	Grant Funding	13,500	-	13,500.00
Land Conserv	ST AID-SNOWMOBILE TRAILS	100-91-43573-000-000-00000	ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEY SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE	(80,000.00)	(180,000.00)	(260,000.00)
	PAYMENTS TO ORGANIZATIONS	100-91-55300-724-000-00000	ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEY SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE	80,000.00	180,000.00	260,000.00
Public Health	CONTRACT/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	115-53-54120-219-000-00000	additional funding	8,000.00	800.00	8,800.00
	FAMILY PLANNING PRIVATE PAY	115-53-46513-000-000-00000	additional funding	(8,000.00)	(5,000.00)	(13,000.00)
	FISCAL AGENT - FAMILY PLANNING	115-53-54120-290-000-00000	Additional Fiscal Agent Funding	279,000.00	334,000.00	613,000.00
Forestry	SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT IPAD	100-79-56110-701-001-00000	SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT IPAD	22,500.00	-	22,500.00
	SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT RAHM	100-79-56110-701-002-00000	SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT RAHM	24,900.00	-	24,900.00
	SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT IPAD	100-79-43578-000-001-00000	SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT	(20,200.00)	-	(20,200.00)
	SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT	100-79-43578-000-000-00000	SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT	(2,300.00)	-	(2,300.00)
	SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT RAHM	100-79-43578-000-002-00000	SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT	(24,900.00)	-	(24,900.00)
	ATV GRANT 3703	100-79-56110-702-000-00000	ATV Grant	92,371.00	-	92,371.00
	STATE AID - ATV TRAILS	100-79-43539-000-000-00000	ATV Grant	(92,371.00)	(27,410.00)	(119,781.00)
Human Sv	BASE - FAMILY CARE	220-60-54420-919-725-00561	Correct budget between behavior hlt and long term	140,000.00	50,000.00	190,000.00
	BASE	220-61-54420-919-725-00561	Correct budget between behavior hlt and long term	(140,000.00)	150,000.00	10,000.00

	BASE-MH/AODA	220-60-54420-919-729-00561	Correct budget between behavior hlt and long term	60,000.00	-	60,000.00
	BIRTH TO THREE	220-60-54420-919-550-00550	Correct budget between behavior hlt and long term	55,000.00	20,789.00	75,789.00
	BASE MH AODA	220-61-54420-919-729-00561	Correct budget between behavior hlt and long term	(115,000.00)	521,691.00	406,691.00
SHERIFF	INSURANCE RECOVERIES	100-35-48400-000-000-00000	Insurance recoveries for totaled vehicle purchase	(42,000.00)	(4,000.00)	(46,000.00)
	CAPITAL OUTLAY - AUTO	100-35-52110-811-000-00000	Insurance recoveries for totaled vehicle purchase	36,220.00	-	36,220.00
	PROPERTY INSURANCE CLAIMS	100-35-52110-525-000-00000	Insurance recoveries for totaled vehicle purchase	5,780.00	7,000.00	12,780.00
SHERIFF	PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT	100-35-52110-740-000-00000	Correct Placement of budget for K9	(7,500.00)	7,500.00	-
	K9-CONTRACT/PROFESSIONAL SVCS	100-35-52180-219-000-00000	Correct Placement of budget for K9	7,500.00	-	7,500.00

Elections and Appointments:

1. Appointments – Board Chair

- a. Phillips TIF District Board (Nick Trimner): Motion Wartgow/Houdek to approve the appointment of Nicholas Trimner to the Phillips TIF District Board. Motion carried.

2. Appointments - Administrator

- a. Health and Human Services Board – fill remaining term to expire December 31, 2020 (Ginny Strobl)
- b. Health and Human Services Board – three-year term ending December 31, 2022 (Paula Houdek)
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- l. Traffic Safety (Dennis Wartgow)

Motion Wartgow/Hintz to approve the appointments as presented. Motion carried.

Convene to Committee of the Whole at 9:20 a.m.

1. Board Chair Report: Robert Kopisch

- Act 185 – Waiver of interest and penalty on delinquent property taxes. Consensus of the Executive Committee to not adopt this waiver.
- Tax Deed / In Rem process: 2015 process complete and properties are set for auction, 2016 court petition needs to be filed and trigger final redemption date, 2017 process has started.
- 2020 Census is in progress – encouraged to report compliance.
- Report on status of delinquent property taxes for Park Falls Development, LLC and Phillips Lionite Wood Products Company, LLC.
- County Official Workshops will be conducted online. Available for new and veteran members.
- Roxanne Kahan will contact new supervisors regarding Emergency Management training.

2. Committee/Board/Council

- a. Appointments: Appointments have been made to standing committees.
- b. Meeting Schedule: Committees will start meeting in June, following COVID-19 protocol.
- c. Elect Chairperson
- i. Administration Committee: Spacek nominated Dennis Wartgow for committee chairperson. Three calls for further nominations. Motion Hallstrand/Spacek to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Dennis Wartgow for committee chairperson. Motion carried.

- ii. Forestry & Parks Committee: Madsen nominated Jeff Hallstrand for committee chairperson. Three calls for further nominations. Motion Houdek/Spacek to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jeff Hallstrand for committee chairperson. Motion carried.
  - iii. Highway & Transportation Committee: Teeters nominated Larry Palecek for committee chairperson. Three calls for further nominations. Motion Hallstrand/ Teeters to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Larry Palecek for committee chairperson. Motion carried.
  - iv. Land Use / UW-Extension Committee: Jilka nominated Bill Teeters for committee chairperson. Three calls for further nominations. Motion Jilka/Barkstrom to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Bill Teeters for committee chairperson. Motion carried.
  - v. Law Enforcement Committee: Palecek nominated Jim Hintz for committee chairperson. Three calls for further nominations. Motion Marsden/Palecek to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jim Hintz for committee chairperson. Motion carried.
3. WCA Fall Convention: September 20 – 22 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells
- a. Attendance: Motion Palecek/Spacek to authorize up to three Supervisors to attend. Motion Palecek/Houdek to amend motion to authorize up to four Supervisors to attend. Motion carried.
  - b. Resolutions for Submission: Any resolutions for consideration need to be submitted by June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
4. County Administrator’s Report: Nick Trimner
- a. 2019 Financial Summary: Reviewed report explaining current versus budget and budget overages.
  - b. 2020 Financial Summary – April 30, 2020: Reviewed report.
  - c. 2021 Budget: Letter will go out to departments instructing no increase in operating expenses. Starting assumptions of 2% wage increase and 8-10% health insurance increase. Will have preliminary report to the County Board in August, approval in October and public hearing and adoption of tax levy in November.
  - d. COVID-19 Pandemic Update: Free testing was held in Prentice on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Assisted by 30 National Guard Soldier volunteers. Both he and Michelle Edward, Public Health Nurse, are keeping up with information via several meetings each day and/or week with various groups – local, regional and state. Also meetings with area partners group (clinics, hospital, schools, EMT, law enforcement, cities). County campgrounds opened May 15<sup>th</sup>, but not playgrounds, beaches or pavilions. Tracking costs associated with group meeting setups and sanitation supplies. Supreme Court struck down the Governor’s Safer at Home Order. Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation has developed guidelines for business to reopen. Need to develop a County ordinance for reaction to public health emergency issues.
  - e. Damage to Fairground Buildings: Damage to the Barn and Open Class Building. Presented information from insurance company’s engineer indicating neither building is structurally sound. Barn qualified for minimal insurance coverage. Repair/replacement costs for both buildings will be approximately \$750,000.
    - i. Authorize Ad Hoc Committee: To review information on damage and options available. Chairperson will be Paula Houdek.
      - 1. Number of Members: Three – to be appointed by committee chairperson.
      - 2. Number of Meetings: Three.
- Motion Marsden/Wartgow to authorize formation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Damage to Fairground Buildings to consist of three County Board members to hold up to three meetings. Motion carried.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 11:49 a.m.

Closed Session: Determined Closed Session was not needed. Did not move into Closed Session and no action on agenda item listed.

- 5. Announcement and motion to adjourn to closed session pursuant to the exemptions in Wis. State Statute 19.85 (1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session and (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who

is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved for the purpose of:

- a. Delinquent Property Taxes – Park Falls Development LLC
- b. Return to Open Session

6. Take action, as needed, on closed session item

Date of Next Meeting: June 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.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 19, 2020 and the whole thereof.

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: June 16, 2020

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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

There will be a meeting of the **Price County Board of Supervisors** at the time and place indicated. The meeting is open to the public pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 19, Subchapter V. (Open Meeting Law).

DUE TO THE INABILITY TO ADEQUATELY ACCOMMODATE  
PROPER SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOL IN MEETING ROOMS,  
IN-PERSON SEATING IS LIMITED

The public is being asked to attend meetings via conference call.

All public attendee lines will be muted for participation.

Conference call number: 1-408-418-9388

Conference code: 963 060 124

### Call to Order

### Invocation

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call

### Approve minutes of the May 19, 2020 meeting

### Communications and Announcements

### Public Hearing- 9:05 a.m. (approximate)

**Public comment will be available via conference call.**

**Please pre-register to speak or send**

**written comments to [jean.gottwald@co.price.wi.us](mailto:jean.gottwald@co.price.wi.us)**

An Ordinance to Amend the Price County Code by Adding a New Chapter Section XX

Therefore, Entitled "Local Health Officer's Duties and Authority during Public Health Emergency

### Ordinance

1. Local Health Officer's Duties and Authority during Public Health Emergency

### Resolutions:

1. Price County Six Year Plan (Highway & Transportation)
2. Appointment of Price County Audit Firm (Executive)
3. Declare Price County to be a "Second Amendment Sanctuary County" (Law Enforcement) **amended June 12, 2020**
4. Opposing the Relocation of Problem Wolves in Price County (Forestry & Parks)
5. Extension of Resolution 9-20: Declaration of Emergency in Response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus (Board Chair)
6. Extension of Resolution 10-20: Provide County Administration Emergency Administrative Flexibility for COVID-19 (Board Chair)
7. Ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Price County and Price County Deputies Union LAW Local 116 (Administration)

### Elections and Appointments:

1. Appointments
  - a. ADRC-N Governing Board – three-year term ending May 31, 2022 (Bill Teeters)
  - b. Board of Adjustment – three-year term ending June 30, 2023 (XX, Margaret Novak, Thomas Frane)
  - c. Council on Aging Advisory Committee – fill remaining term ending April 30, 2021 (Bill Teeters)

- d. Nutrition Advisory Council – two-year term ending April 30, 2022 (Judith Anderson, Shirley Cress, David Schmidt)

**Convene to Committee of the Whole:**

- 1. Board Chair Report
- 2. Committee Chair Reports
  - a. Administration
  - b. Executive
  - c. Forestry & Parks
  - d. Health and Human Services
  - e. Highway & Transportation
  - f. Land Use & UW-Extension
  - g. Law Enforcement
- 3. County Administrator's Report
  - a. 2019 Financial Summary
  - b. 2020 Financial Summary – May 31, 2020
  - c. 2021 Budget
  - d. COVID-19 Pandemic Update

**Closed Session:** Announcement and motion to adjourn to closed session 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

Take Action, as needed, on closed session items

**Date of Next Meeting:** August 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

**Future Agenda Items**

**Adjourn**

By: Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair

June 5, 2020

Reviewed by County Administrator:

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Nicholas Trimner

C: The Price County Review

WCQM/WPFP

Corporation Counsel

Posting locations: Courthouse bulletin board, Normal Building bulletin board, Park Falls Public Library, Phillips Public Library, Ogema Public Library. The Board reserves the right to take appropriate action on any item timely noticed on this agenda. Persons having a disability may request special accommodations in keeping with ADA requirements. Requests will be kept confidential. Please contact the County Clerk's office at 715-339-3325

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

June 16, 2020

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 Jason Thomas. Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance. Roll Call: Present (13): Larry Palecek, Ginny Strobl, Mark Kyle, Jeffrey Hallstrand, James Hintz, Paula Houdek, Dennis Wartgow, Alan Barkstrom, Jordan Spacek, Robert Kopisch, Waldemar Madsen, Bruce Jilka, William Teeters. Also present: Nick Trimner. Due to COVID regulations, the public was given the opportunity to attend via teleconference.

Approve minutes of the May 19, 2020 meeting: Motion Hintz/Strobl to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: None

Public Hearing declared open at 9:11 a.m. for An Ordinance to Amend the Price County Code by Adding a New Section 55.11 Therefore, Entitled "Local Health Officer's Duties and Authority during Public Health Emergency. Public comment heard via teleconference call from: Anne Oswald-Balsavich, City of Park Falls; Marc Morrone, Town of Worcester; Rodney Price, Town of Ogema. Also, from Janene Ravet, Town of Catawba. Written comments read from Steve Ravet, Town of Catawba; Mike Reed; Town of Worcester; Krista Stebig; Town of Kennan; Deb Callahan; Town of Catawba. Public hearing declared closed at 9:42 a.m.

Ordinance:

### **Ordinance – POSTPONED FOR SIX MONTHS**

Amend the Code of Price County Chapter 55, Thereof Entitled “Emergency Management”, to add a New Section Providing for Local Health Officer’s Duties and Authority during Public Health Emergency  
Chapter 55, Emergency Management  
Article II, Public Health Emergencies

§ 55-11. Declared state of emergency. [Ch. 323, Wis. Stats.]

A. Declaration by County Board of Supervisors.

(1) Sec. 323.11, Wis. Stats. (as it currently exists or is hereafter revised) is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.

(a) The Price County Board of Supervisors (“County Board”) may declare, by ordinance or resolution, an emergency (including a public health emergency per Sec. 323.02(16), Wis. Stats.) existing within Price County whenever conditions arise by reason of a riot or civil commotion, a disaster, or an imminent threat of a disaster, that impairs transportation, food or fuel supplies, medical care, fire, health or police protection, or other critical systems of the local unit of government.

(b) The period of the emergency shall be limited by the ordinance or resolution to the time during which the emergency conditions exist or are likely to exist.

(2) If, because of the emergency conditions, the County Board is unable to meet promptly, the County Board Chair and/or the Emergency Management Committee, as defined in the Emergency Operations Plan (per Sec. 323.14 Wis. Stats.), will exercise by proclamation all the powers conferred upon the County Board under Subsection A above that are deemed to be necessary and expedient.

(a) The proclamation shall be subject to ratification, alteration, modification, or repeal by the County Board as soon as that body can meet.

(b) The subsequent action taken by the County Board shall not affect the prior validity of the proclamation.

B. The County Board or its designated Emergency Management Committee shall review all reports submitted by the local health officer under § 55-12A(1) below, and, within seven business days, confirm, modify or cancel any measures taken by the local health officer. Any modification or cancellation of such measures by the County Board or its designee in no way invalidates the local health officer’s investigation findings, decisions or orders issued prior to review.

§ 55-12. Local health officer’s duties and authority. [Sec. 252.03, Wis. Stats.]

A. Sec. 252.03, Wis. Stats. (as it currently exists or is hereafter revised) is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.

(1) The Price County health officer, upon the appearance of any communicable disease in Price County, will immediately investigate all the circumstances and make a full report to the County Board and Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

(2) The Price County health officer will promptly take all measures necessary to prevent, suppress and control communicable diseases, and will report to the County Board the progress of the communicable diseases and the measures used against them, as needed to keep the County Board fully informed, or at such intervals as the Wisconsin Secretary of Health may direct.

(3) The Price County health officer may inspect schools and other public buildings within his or her jurisdiction as needed to determine whether the buildings are kept in a sanitary condition.

(4) The Price County health officer may do what is reasonable and necessary for the prevention and suppression of disease; may forbid public gatherings when deemed necessary to control outbreaks or epidemics; and shall advise the Wisconsin Department of Health Services of measures taken.

(5) No person may interfere with the investigation under this article of any place or its occupants by the Price County health officer or his or her assistants.

§ 55-13. Violation, penalty and enforcement procedures.

A. Any person who violates or obstructs this ordinance, or an order of the Price County Health Officer under § 55-12A above is subject to:

(1) The issuance of a citation pursuant to Ch. 290 of the Price County Code and Sec. 66.0113, Wis. Stats. A citation may be issued by the local health officer or his or her designee.

(2) Shall be subject to a forfeiture as provided in Chapter 290 of the Price County Code, together with the cost of prosecution.

(3) The issuance of a summons and complaint, and entry of a civil judgment for a forfeiture and (temporary or permanent) injunctive relief.

- B. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.
- C. Proceeding under any other ordinance or law relating to the same or any other matter shall not preclude enforcement under this article.

§ 55-14. Severability.

Should any portion of this article be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this article shall not be affected.

§ 55-15. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to promote public health, safety, and general welfare.

§ 55-16. When effective.

This article shall take effect on the day following the date of publication.

Motion Palecek/Houdek to consider resolution for adoption. Motion Hintz/Barkstrom to postpone for six months. Roll call vote: Yes (7): Strobl, Hallstrand, Hintz, Barkstrom, Spacek, Madsen, Teeters; No (6): Palecek, Kyle, Houdek, Wartgow, Jilka, Kopisch. Motion carried.

Resolutions:

**Resolution 15-20  
Price County Airport Six Year Plan**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes require a Statement of Project Intentions from airport owners contemplating federal and/or state aid within the next six years; and

WHEREAS, this Six-Year Statement of Project Intentions is used by the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics for planning and budgeting purposes and is not a petition for federal and/or state aid; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Price County Highway and Transportation Committee that the attached list of proposed improvements are in the best interest of the Price County Airport.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this governing body contemplates requesting federal and/or state aid for the projects listed on the attached schedule of airport improvements recognizing this plan is subject to change during this period due to unanticipated future requirements.

Submitted by the Price County Highway and Transportation Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Jeff Hallstrand; James Hintz; Jordan Spacek; William Teeters. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Hintz/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Strobl, Kyle, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Barkstrom, Spacek, Kopisch, Madsen, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

**Resolution 16-20  
Appointment of Price County Audit Firm**

WHEREAS, there are numerous requirements for Price County to have an annual financial audit performed; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County Board to appoint the county's audit firm with the installation of each new board; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee, along with recommendation from the County Administrator, determined that the current firm we have contracted with is doing a satisfactory job.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP is hereby designated Price County's audit firm for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2020 and 2021, or such time as the Board wishes to make a change; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Price County agrees that the annual fees will not exceed \$69,100 and \$71,200 respectively.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Wartgow/Hallstrand to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Strobl, Kyle, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Barkstrom, Spacek, Kopisch, Madsen, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

**Resolution 17-20**  
**Opposing the Relocation of Problem Wolves in Price County**

WHEREAS, in April 2010, with Resolution 24-10, the Price County Board of Supervisors supported delisting the gray wolf to allow for the effective management of the gray wolf population by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR); and

WHEREAS, although Price County supported a population goal of 350 wolves in 2010, gray wolf population has increased to approximately 950 wolves as of April 2019; and

WHEREAS, with the increase in the gray wolf population, Wisconsin residents have experienced depredation as well as threats to human safety and other animals resulting in reduced hunting opportunities and compromised agricultural operations; and

WHEREAS, one management control method the DNR has used to address depredation by wolves is to relocate problem wolves to other counties in the state; and

WHEREAS, such methodology has been found to be ineffective in eliminating depredation as these wolves continue to cause damage after relocation; and

WHEREAS, considering Price County has a large County forest and many agricultural operations, Price County is concerned that the relocation of problem wolves in the County would significantly impact recreational opportunities and agricultural operations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby opposes the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources relocating problem wolves into Price County from other counties and/or states; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall mail copies of this resolution to Governor Evers, the State Legislators for Price County, the Secretary of the DNR, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration.

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: s/Jeff Hallstrand, Chair; Paula Houdek; Waldemar Madsen; Jordan Spacek; Ginny Strobl. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Houdek/Hallstrand to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Strobl, Kyle, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Barkstrom, Spacek, Kopisch, Madsen, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

**Amend Resolution 9-20**  
**Declaration of Emergency in Response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus**

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus known as COVID-19 was detected, and COVID-19 has continued to spread throughout the world, including to the United States and the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the federal government, state governments and local governments are working together to contain the further spread of the disease and treat existing cases; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, and on March 12, 2020 the Governor of the State of Wisconsin declared a Health Emergency in the State; and

WHEREAS, Price County (the "County") has been working to protect the health and well-being of its residents from the spread of COVID-19, and to prepare for the impacts the disease is likely to have on the County; and

WHEREAS, the County Board (the "Board") has determined that it is necessary to make all possible resources and means available to the County in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents from the threat posed by the continued spread of COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.11 the Board finds and declares that an emergency exists within the County by reason of an imminent threat of disaster impairing medical care, health, and other critical systems of the County due to the spread of COVID-19; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the period of emergency prescribed by this Resolution, the Board may order, by ordinance or resolution, whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within the County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed by the Board to coordinate and administer the County's emergency management response and to carry out the orders of the Board related thereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Emergency Management Coordinator of the County is authorized and directed to carry out her duties under the County's Emergency Management Plan under the supervision and direction of the County Administrator and perform such other duties as may be directed by further resolution of the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Supervisors are hereby authorized to attend meetings of the Board remotely, and the Board shall take all actions necessary to effectuate the same in compliance with all other applicable laws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, based upon the information available to the Board and the ongoing threat posed by the spread of COVID-19, the period of emergency shall continue for ~~one hundred (100)~~ *one hundred sixty (160)* days from the effective date of this Resolution unless terminated sooner or extended by further resolution of the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all actions heretofore taken by the Board and other appropriate public officers and agents of the County with respect to the matters contemplated under this Resolution are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Done at the Price County Courthouse this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch; Chairperson, Price County Board of Supervisors. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chairperson; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Amended by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 7, Against: 6. Motion Houdek/Hintz to amend Resolution 9-20 to change "one hundred (100) days" to "one hundred sixty (160) days". Roll call vote on resolution amendment: Yes (7): Palecek, Kyle, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Kopisch, Teeters; No (6): Strobl, Hallstrand, Barkstrom, Spacek, Madsen, Jilka. Motion carried.

#### **Amend Resolution 10-20 Provide County Administration Emergency Administrative Flexibility for COVID-19**

WHEREAS, the United States is experiencing an expanding COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has had confirmed cases of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Price County desires to be as strategic as possible to ensure the health and safety of Price County staff, residents and those traveling throughout Price County; and

WHEREAS, Price County desires to maintain the highest level of services related to the general public, such as Public Safety, Health and Human Services, Emergency Management and those departments directly related to the general welfare of all residents; and

WHEREAS, Price County desires flexibility to manage operations throughout this national pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Price County is providing administrative flexibility to allow the County Administrator, in consultation with Public Health and the County Board Chair, the ability to, but not limited to:

- Close Price County government buildings as necessary,
- Implement strategic staffing and policy changes to ensure enough healthy staff are in place to carry out necessary and critical services, and
- Maintain employee benefit status regardless of hours worked; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator and County Board Chair shall, within reasonable time, but no later than 24 hours after implementing necessary decisions, inform the Price County Board of Supervisors of the situation at hand by email and/or phone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby acknowledge, accept and support the County Administrator and County Board Chair to strategically implement necessary plans to ensure the safety and health of the Price County staff, residents and those traveling throughout the county; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will remain in effect for ~~one hundred (100)~~ *one hundred sixty (160)* days, unless extended by the Price County Board of Supervisors.

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Jeff Hallstrand; Robert Kopisch; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Amended by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 1. Motion Hintz/Wartgow to amend Resolution 10-20 to change "one hundred (100) days" to "one hundred sixty (160) days". Roll call vote on resolution amendment: Yes (12): Palecek, Kyle, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Barkstrom, Spacek, Kopisch, Madsen, Jilka, Teeters; No (1): Strobl. Motion carried.

#### **Resolution 18-20**

**Ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Price County  
and Price County Deputies Union LAW Local 116**

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Price County Administration Committee to negotiate labor agreement contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Administration Committee has reached an agreement between Price County and Price County Deputies Union LAW Local 116 for the 2020 Contract; and

WHEREAS, the contract agreed upon is for a three-year period; and

WHEREAS, the contract, with amendments identified, is attached in its entirety.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Price County and Price County Deputies Union LAW Local 116 covering the periods from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022.

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee.

Fiscal Impact: \$90,000. Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Alan Barkstrom; Jeff Hallstrand; Robert Kopisch; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0.

Motion Spacek/Wartgow to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Strobl, Kyle, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Barkstrom, Spacek, Kopisch, Madsen, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Elections and Appointments:

**4. Appointments**

- a. ADRC-N Governing Board – three-year term ending May 31, 2022 (Bill Teeters): Motion Spacek/Houdek to approve the appointment. Motion carried.
- b. Board of Adjustment – three-year term ending June 30, 2023 (Margaret Novak, Thomas Frane, Mark Luoma): Motion Strobl/Hintz to approve the appointments. Motion carried.
- c. Council on Aging Advisory Committee – fill remaining term ending April 30, 2021 (Bill Teeters): Motion Wartgow/Spacek to approve the appointment. Motion carried.
- d. Nutrition Advisory Council – two-year term ending April 30, 2022 (Judith Anderson, Shirley Cress, David Schmidt): Motion Strobl/Houdek to approve the appointments.

Convene to Committee of the Whole at 11:11 a.m.

1. Board Chair Report – Kopisch: Report from meetings attended: Northwest Regional Planning Corporation and NW CEP. WCA Board meets June 18<sup>th</sup>. Encouraged members take advantage of the County Officials Workshops.

**2. Committee Chair Reports**

- a. Administration – Wartgow: Will continue work on the Employee Handbook and Administration Manual. Union negotiations. Recruiting for two Sheriff Deputies, two jailer/dispatch, investigator, HHS Program Assistant, Dam Keeper/Operator I and Operator II.
- b. Executive – Kopisch: Delinquent taxes are in process with In Rem being on schedule.
- c. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: \$729,939 stumpage revenue. Summer work at parks and campgrounds. DNR grant application for dam repair. Working of 15 Year Plan. Possible expansion of County rifle range.
- d. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Eliminated the Finance Sub-committee. Staff have been working on-site and remotely. Accepting appointments. Quarterly unit updates. COVID-19 update. World Elder Abuse Day. BART Bus still doing well.
- e. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Summer maintenance and equipment repairs. Some high water issues. Document culvert data. County Road W bridge project ahead of schedule. Road tour August 4<sup>th</sup>. Dams have dealt with high water issues. Dams keeper resigned. DNR grant for power gates at Weimers. Airport travel is picking up. Becher Hoppe chosen for project engineer.
- f. Land Use & UW-Extension – Hallstrand. Have not met. New 4-H Educator has been hired. Shared position with Taylor County.
- g. Law Enforcement – Hintz: Interviews scheduled for Deputy position. Vehicle purchases have been baked up.
- h. Ad Hoc Committee on Damage to Fairground Buildings – Houdek: Committee had first meeting which included visit to view damage to the Barn and Open Class Building, which have been cordoned off for safety reasons. Fair is still scheduled. Executive Committee

authorized \$7,500 to contract with Samuels Group to do analysis and recommendation.  
Next meeting July 9<sup>th</sup>.

3. County Administrator's Report – Trimner
  - a. 2019 Financial Summary: Audit work is wrapping up.
  - b. 2020 Financial Summary – May 31, 2020: Sales tax is on track so far. Campgrounds have opened. Stumpage revenue expected to slow down. Refinanced Safety Building loan from 4% - 2.15%. Eligible for \$240,000 to cover COVID expenses.
  - c. 2021 Budget: Instructions went out to departments with 0% change in operating expenses. Assumptions: 2% wage increase, 8-10% health insurance increase. Variables: debt service, Sheriff's Department radio upgrades, Fairground building repairs.
  - d. COVID-19 Pandemic Update: Opened park playgrounds with sanitation stations and extra cleaning. Pavilions are not open for group gatherings. County departments will continue working with public by appointment only through July 6<sup>th</sup>. Weekly meetings with WCA, Executives/County Administrators, Local Partners, EOC Group. Also daily updates with Public Health and Emergency Management.

Closed Session: Announcement and motion Hintz/Palecek to adjourn to closed session at 12:01 pm 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:

- c. County Administrator Performance Review
- d. Motion to Return to Open Session

Roll call vote: Yes (13): Palecek, Strobl, Kyle, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Barkstrom, Spacek, Kopisch, Madsen, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Motion Spacek/Strobl in closed session to return to open session at 12:18 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes (13): Palecek, Strobl, Kyle, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Barkstrom, Spacek, Kopisch, Madsen, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Take Action, as needed, on closed session item: Motion Houdek/Hallstrand to approve the performance review of Nicholas Trimner, Price County Administrator. Motion carried.

Date of Next Meeting: August 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Future Agenda Items: None listed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 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 June 16, 2020 and the whole thereof.

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: August 18, 2020                      TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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

There will be a meeting of the **Price County Board of Supervisors** at the time and place indicated. The meeting is open to the public pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 19, Subchapter V. (Open Meeting Law).

DUE TO THE INABILITY TO ADEQUATELY ACCOMMODATE  
PROPER SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOL IN MEETING ROOMS,  
IN-PERSON SEATING IS LIMITED

The public is being asked to attend meetings via conference call.

All public attendee lines will be muted for participation.

Conference call number: 1-408-418-9388

Conference code: 146 803 2300

*Amended August 13, 2020*

**Call to Order**

**Invocation**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Approve minutes of the June 16, 2020 meeting**

**Communications and Announcements**

**Resolutions:**

1. Refinancing of the 2018 Safety Building Expansion and Renovation Project Borrowing (Executive)
2. Ratifying 2020 Price County Spring Land Sale (Executive)
3. Encourage Price County Municipalities Adopt a Room Tax (Executive)
4. Support the Commitment to Veterans Support and Outreach (CVSO) Act (Executive)
5. 2019 Transfer into Capital Improvement Fund (Executive)
6. 2019 Transfer into Highway Facilities Fund (Executive)
7. 2019 Transfer into Highway Equipment Fund (Executive)
8. Town Of Knox Bridge and Culvert Aid Request (Highway & Transportation Committee)
9. Town Of Emery Bridge and Culvert Aid Request (Highway & Transportation Committee)
10. Price County Highway Department 2022-2026 Equipment Improvement Program and 2022-2024 Facilities Improvement Program (Highway & Transportation Committee)

**Convene to Committee of the Whole:**

1. Board Chair
  - a. Reports: Northwest Regional Planning Commission, Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation, Northwest Wisconsin Concentrated Employment Program (CEP)
  - b. Emergency Management Information Packet
  - c. Q&A: COVID-19 Pandemic – County Issues
  - d. Discussion on Declaration of Emergency and County Administration Emergency *Administrative Flexibility Resolutions*
    - i. *Extend Resolution 9-20: Declaration of Emergency in Response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus (Board Chair)*
    - ii. *Extend Resolution 10-20: Extension of Resolution 10-20: Provide County Administration Emergency Administrative Flexibility for COVID-19 (Board Chair)*
  - e. *RollCall Systems – Automated Meetings*
2. Committee Chair Reports
  - a. Administration
  - b. Executive
  - c. Forestry & Parks
  - d. Health and Human Services
  - e. Highway & Transportation
  - f. Land Use & UW-Extension
  - g. Law Enforcement
3. County Administrator’s Report
  - a. 2020 Financial Summary – July 31, 2020
  - b. 2021 Budget
  - c. COVID-19 Pandemic Update

**Date of Next Meeting:** September 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room  
**Adjourn**

By: Robert D. Kopsch, County Board Chair August 7, 2020

Reviewed by County Administrator:

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Nicholas Trimner

C: The Price County Review

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Corporation Counsel

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

August 18, 2020

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 Larry Tenut. Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance. Roll Call: Present (12): Ginny Strobl, Mark Kyle, Jeffrey Hallstrand, James Hintz, Paula Houdek, Dennis Wartgow, Alan Barkstrom, Jordan Spacek, Robert Kopisch, Waldemar Madsen, Bruce Jilka, William Teeters. Excused: Larry Palecek. Also present: Nick Trimner.

Due to COVID protocol, the public was given the opportunity to attend via teleconference.

Approve minutes of the June 16, 2020 meeting: Motion Houdek/Spacek to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: None

Resolutions:

**Resolution 19-20**  
**Refinancing of the 2018 Safety Building Expansion and Renovation Project Borrowing**

WHEREAS, per Resolution 40-18, 2018 Safety Building Expansion and Renovation Project Borrowing, the Price County Board of Supervisors approved borrowing \$3,500,000 at an interest rate of 3.35%, and WHEREAS, with current national financial situations, interest rates for borrowing have significantly decreased, and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors deems in the best interest of the County that, pursuant to the provisions of Wisconsin State Statutes §67.04(1) and §67.12, the sum of \$3,088,750 be borrowed for the purpose of refunding (refinancing) the current loan with Forward Bank.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that for the purposes herein above set forth, the County borrow from the lender as indicated below, a maximum aggregate amount of three million eight hundred eighty-eight thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$3,088,750) for the term of ten (10) years, with a balloon payment of any remaining principal as of that tenth year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to evidence such indebtedness, the County Clerk shall make, execute and deliver to the Lender (Prevail Bank) for and on behalf of the County the promissory note of the County, in said principal amount (\$3,088,750) with interest at the rate of 2.15% per annum for a term of ten (10) years with principal payments in each year's budget and interest payments transferring from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Fiscal Impact: savings of \$270,000 over the ten year period

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Hallstrand/Houdek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Strobl, Kyle, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Barkstrom, Spacek, Kopisch, Madsen, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

**Resolution 20-20**  
**Ratifying 2020 Price County Spring Land Sale**

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; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Hintz/Teeters to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Strobl, Kyle, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Barkstrom, Spacek, Kopisch, Madsen, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

**Resolution 21-20**  
**Encourage Price County Municipalities Adopt a Room Tax**

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin allows municipalities in the state to implement a 3% room tax on short-term rentals; and

WHEREAS, there are currently three municipalities in Price County that take advantage of this funding source; and

WHEREAS, 70% of the moneys collected go to a source designated by the municipality for promoting tourism and economic growth in the area; and

WHEREAS, Price County has been contributing \$30,000 a year to the local chambers of commerce to promote tourism in Price County; and

WHEREAS, collection of a 3% room tax by each municipality would generate well in excess of \$30,000 and would eliminate the need for the current County tax levy of \$30,000; and

WHEREAS, these moneys would not affect Price County residents but would be collected from visitors in the area, who are accustomed to paying room tax wherever they travel; and

WHEREAS, Price County, like other government entities, is finding it harder every year to come up with the funding to provide mandated services to its residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Price County encourages all municipalities in Price County to adopt the 3% room tax to provide funding for tourism and economic growth in Price County and could potentially eliminate the current County Tax Levy of \$30,000.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 8, Against: 4. Motion Houdek/Teeters to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (8): Kyle, Hallstrand, Houdek, Wartgow, Spacek, Kopisch, Jilka, Teeters; No (4): Strobl, Hintz, Barkstrom, Madsen. Motion carried.

**Resolution 22-20**  
**Support the Commitment to Veterans Support and Outreach (CVSO) Act**

WHEREAS, the number of veteran suicides continues to rise nationwide. Approximately fourteen (14) of the twenty (20) veterans who die by suicide each day are not under the care of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). We must undertake a national approach to identify these veterans and where they live; and

WHEREAS, County Veterans Service Officers (CVSOs) are normally the first point of contact when a veteran transitions from active duty status to civilian life. CVSOs provide assistance on a wide range of benefits, including service-connected benefits, enrollment in the VA health care system, VA home loans, VA education benefits, and assistance with job placement where available; and

WHEREAS, transitioning veterans are not always aware of benefits they may be eligible for, and CVSOs are often the first person to inform veterans of these available benefits; and

WHEREAS, CVSOs are employed by counties and are nationally accredited to prepare, present, and prosecute these claims on behalf of veterans; and

WHEREAS, there is no direct federal funding currently available for CVSOs; and

WHEREAS, there is legislation currently pending in both houses of Congress, known as the "Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act (SB-3020 / AB-5516), which would authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with the individual states, or to award grants to states to promote health and wellness, help prevent veteran suicide, and improve outreach to veterans; and

WHEREAS, the CVSO Act would provide for \$50 Million annually for five (5) years to expand outreach and support CVSOs or similar entities who currently assist veterans in obtaining over \$50 Billion annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Price County Board of Supervisors that it hereby supports this pending legislation in both houses of Congress, known as the "Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act (SB-3020 / AB-5516) that authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts or award grants directly to individual states to help prevent suicide, and to promote the health and wellness and improve outreach to veterans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Price County Board of Supervisors that it directs the Price County Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to all other Wisconsin counties, the Price County Veterans Service Officer, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs, the National Association of Counties (NACo), Veterans and Military Services Committee, the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO), the County Veterans Service Officer Association of Wisconsin (CVSOAWI), and the Wisconsin State Association of County Veterans Service Commissions (WSACVSC).

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Hallstrand/Strobl to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Strobl, Kyle, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Barkstrom, Spacek, Kopisch, Madsen, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

**Resolution 23-20**  
**2019 Transfer into Capital Improvement Fund**

WHEREAS, the Price County Board of Supervisors approved resolution #33-07, Capital Improvement Fund, at a regular meeting held August 21, 2007; and

WHEREAS, resolution #33-07 calls for providing a funding mechanism in development of a Capital Improvement Fund as set forth:

- Sale of County-owned land (upon receipt of the sale proceeds less all sale expenses), and
- 20% of County sales tax revenues or ½ of the excess of General Fund (100) Revenues over General Fund (100) Expenditures for the fiscal year after adjustments for continued appropriations (carryovers), whichever is greater; and

WHEREAS, the sales tax revenue for 2019 was \$997,228 which would provide \$199,446 transfer as per above provision; and

WHEREAS, the audited General Fund revenues for 2019 were \$8,814,750 and General Fund expenses for 2019 were \$8,486,991 resulting in a profit of \$327,759 of which an additional \$52,864 in continued appropriations and restricted fund balance has been deducted leaving a net profit of \$137,447 which would provide no transfer as per above provision; and

WHEREAS, the profit from the 2019 land sales was \$37,890 as well as the sale of the Red Apple building being \$125,000, the entire amount of which shall be transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the greater amount of \$199,446 plus \$162,890 profit from land and property sale for a total of \$362,335 be transferred from the General Fund into the Capital Improvement Fund for the year 2019.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Wartgow/Hintz to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Strobl, Kyle, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Barkstrom, Spacek, Kopisch, Madsen, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

**Resolution 24-20**  
**2019 Transfer into Highway Facilities Fund**

WHEREAS, the Price County Board of Supervisors approved resolution #20-15, Creating a Non-Lapsing Committed Fund for Highway Buildings and Grounds Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Board of Supervisors approved resolution #21-15, Non-Lapsing Committed Highway Facilities Fund for Buildings and Grounds Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, resolution #21-15 calls for providing a funding mechanism in development of a Non-Lapsing Committed Facilities Fund; and

WHEREAS, the DOT storage reimbursements for 2019 was \$91,407 and the amount of depreciation recorded for 2019 was \$108,767 and the amount of expenditures for 2019 was \$54,983 resulting in a transfer amount of \$53,784 to the Highway Facilities Fund.

WHEREAS, such transfer shall not create the fund balance to exceed \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, the designated transfer of \$53,784 would bring the 2019 ending fund balance to \$353,784.

WHEREAS, the Highway Facilities Fund balance cannot exceed \$300,000, therefore the designated transfer is none.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the amount of \$0 be transferred from the Highway Fund into the Highway Facilities Fund for the year 2019.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Teeters/Houdek to consider resolution for

adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Strobl, Kyle, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Barkstrom, Spacek, Kopisch, Madsen, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

**Resolution 25-20**  
**2019 Transfer into Highway Equipment Fund**

WHEREAS, the Price County Board of Supervisors approved resolution #9-14, Non-Lapsing Committed Highway Equipment Fund Policy (amended September 15, 2015; September 19, 2017 and August 21, 2018); and

WHEREAS, resolution #9-14 calls for providing a funding mechanism in development of a Non-Lapsing Committed Equipment Fund; and

WHEREAS, the gross receipts from sale of Highway equipment for 2019 were none. and the amount of depreciation recorded for 2019 was \$234,955 and the net amount of any profit from the annual equipment audit for 2019 not to exceed net operating income per the audit report for matching revenues (cash in) with expenditures (cash out) was \$58,220 and the equipment purchases were \$628,308 resulting in a transfer amount of \$335,134 from the Highway Equipment Fund.

WHEREAS, such transfer shall not reduce the general cash fund below \$600,000; and

WHEREAS, the designated transfer of \$335,134 would bring the 2019 ending equipment fund balance to \$116,561 and the ending general cash fund to \$1,399,071.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the amount of \$335,134 be transferred from the Highway Equipment Fund into the Highway General Cash Fund for the year 2019.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 1. Motion Hintz/Wartgow to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Strobl, Kyle, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Barkstrom, Spacek, Kopisch, Madsen, Teeters; No (1): Jilka. Motion carried.

**Resolution 26-20**  
**Town of Knox Bridge and Culvert Aid Request**

WHEREAS, the Town of Knox is requesting Federal Aid for design and installation of a new culvert on Pokela Road over Little Somo Creek; and

WHEREAS, project costs are estimated at \$15,000, such costs to be determined upon project completion; and WHEREAS, the funding criteria for the above mentioned project is as follows:

50% Price County; 50% Town of Knox; and

Whereas, the County portion will be recovered by a direct/special tax levy per § 82.08(2)(a), Wis. Stats.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the Town of Knox Bridge Aid Request.

Fiscal Impact: \$7,500 (estimated)

Submitted by the Price County Highway and Transportation Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Jeffrey Hallstrand; James Hintz; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner/ Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; s/Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Teeters/Wartgow to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Strobl, Kyle, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Barkstrom, Spacek, Kopisch, Madsen, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

**Resolution 27-20**  
**Town of Emery Bridge and Culvert Aid Request**

WHEREAS, the Town of Emery is requesting Federal Aid for design and installation of a new culvert on Hillcrest Road; and WHEREAS, project costs are estimated at \$44,000, such costs to be determined upon project completion; and WHEREAS, the funding criteria for the above mentioned project is as follows:

50% Price County; 50% Town of Emery;

WHEREAS, the County portion will be recovered by a direct/special tax levy per § 82.08(2)(a), Wis. Stats.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the Town of Emery Bridge Aid Request.

Fiscal Impact: \$22,000 (estimated)

Submitted by the Price County Highway and Transportation Committee: Larry Palecek, Chair; Jeffrey Hallstrand; James Hintz; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner  
Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Spacek/Houdek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Strobl, Kyle, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Barkstrom, Spacek, Kopisch, Madsen, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

#### **Resolution 28-20**

#### **Price County Highway Department 2022-2026 Equipment Improvement Program and 2022-2024 Facilities Improvement Program**

WHEREAS, per Resolutions 8-14 and 9-14 adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors, a Non-lapsing Committed Fund for Highway Equipment was created and implemented; and  
WHEREAS, per Resolutions 20-15 and 21-15 adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors, a Non-lapsing Committed Fund for Highway Buildings and Grounds Facilities was created and implemented; and  
WHEREAS, per said resolutions, on an annual basis, a five-year equipment plan and a three-year facilities improvement plan is to be developed by the Price County Highway Department, approved by the Highway and Transportation Committee and presented to the County Board for adoption; and  
WHEREAS, the list of equipment and facility improvements defined on the plans presented can be changed by the Highway Department, based on need, but may not exceed the total amount budgeted or purchase equipment or make facility improvements not included in the plans without County Board approval; and  
WHEREAS, the five-year equipment plan and the three-year facilities improvement plan have been presented to and reviewed by the Executive Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the 2022-2026 Equipment Improvement Program and the 2022-2024 Facilities Improvement Program.

Submitted by the Price County Highway and Transportation Committee: Larry Palecek, Chair; Jeffrey Hallstrand; James Hintz; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 10, Against: 2. Motion Teeters/Wartgow to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (10): Kyle, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Barkstrom, Spacek, Kopisch, Madsen, Jilka; No (2): Strobl, Teeters. Motion carried.

Convene to Committee of the Whole at 9:43 am:

1. Board Chair

- a. Q&A: COVID-19 Pandemic – County Issues: Reviewed and provided answers for the five questions submitted by County Board Supervisors.
- b. Reports: Northwest Regional Planning Commission, Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation, Northwest Wisconsin Concentrated Employment Program (CEP): No report provided.
- c. Emergency Management Information Packet: Reviewed information in packet: Emergency Management and Local Health Officer Powers, Duties, Structure and Policy.
- d. Discussion on Declaration of Emergency and County Administration Emergency Administrative Flexibility Resolutions
  - i. Extend Resolution 9-20: Declaration of Emergency in Response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus:

Motion Wartgow/Houdek to adopt the amendment to Resolution 9-20 to extend the deadline to November 30, 2020. Motion Strobl/Madsen to amend the resolution to add: "WHEREAS: it is imperative that there is transparency and input from taxpayers in open meetings even in a declared emergency; and" and add: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board of Supervisors reinstates public comment for all county meetings and makes accommodations for limited attendance at said meetings." Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (10): Strobl, Kyle, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Barkstrom, Spacek, Madsen, Jilka, Teeters; No (2): Wartgow, Kopisch. Motion carried. Motion Kopisch/Wartgow to amend the resolution to add to paragraph 11: "...due to the spread of COVID-19 ", excluding, and not conflicting with, any action deemed necessary to be taken by the local Public Health Officer per the authority granted per Wis. Stat. 252.03 to prevent, suppress and control communicable disease". Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (12): Strobl, Kyle, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Barkstrom, Spacek, Kopisch, Madsen, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried. Roll call vote on adoption of amended resolution: Yes (6): Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Spacek, Kopisch; No (6): Strobl, Kyle, Barkstrom, Madsen, Jilka, Teeters. Motion failed.

- ii. Extend Resolution 10-20: Extension of Resolution 10-20: Provide County Administration Emergency Administrative Flexibility for COVID-19  
Motion Hintz/Houdek to adopt the amendment to Resolution 10-20 to extend the deadline to November 30, 2020. Roll call vote on amended resolution: Yes (10): Kyle, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Barkstrom, Spacek, Kopisch, Madsen, Jilka; No (2): Strobl, Teeters. Motion carried.
- e. RollCall Systems – Automated Meetings: Information provided. Will consider at the next County Board meeting.
- 2. Committee Chair Reports
  - a. Administration – Wartgow: Committee has not met.
  - b. Executive – Kopisch: Working on 2021 budget issues.
  - c. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: \$781,723 in stumpage. Six active sales. County campgrounds have been full. Working on 15-year plan process. Gates were vandalized in Town of Georgetown. Pine Line Trail has been logged.
  - d. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Several new employees. Presentation and contract discussion with Embrace. Quarterly reports. New BART bus purchased for Minocqua route, but drivers are needed before starting. Held public participation meeting for department programs.
  - e. Highway & Transportation – Teeters: Highway and Dams are dealing with high water. Summer road projects and maintenance. Weimers Dam grant project moving forward. Annual dam inspections. Hired new dams keeper. Airport traffic has been good. Highway Improvement Projects are moving forward.
  - f. Land Use & UW-Extension – Teeters: Zoning permits have increased. Septic tracking and pumping schedules being maintained. Two new snowmobile bridges were approved. Finishing up summer cost share projects. Hired new 4-H Youth Development Educator. UW-Extension staff continue virtual operation.
  - g. Law Enforcement – Hintz: No report.
- 3. County Administrator's Report: Ad Hoc Committee on Damage to Fairground Buildings postponed last meeting. Next meeting September 8 or 9. Flooding in some buildings delayed soil borings. Open Class building closed. Need to relocate electric service. Not budgeting any project in 2021 budget. Moving some of the maintenance to the County Buildings and Grounds Department. Update on activity in Chambers of Commerce offices. Actively discussing merging into one County Chamber of Commerce.
  - a. 2020 Financial Summary – July 31, 2020: Election budget is over due to five elections in 2020. Surveyor expenses reflects additional time allowed through Land Information.
  - b. 2021 Budget: Detailed review. Current variance to balance is \$273,667. Waiting for health insurance premiums. Executive Committee approved using \$53,922 in new construction.
  - c. COVID-19 Pandemic Update: County offices continue to operate by appointment only. Providing masks for employees. Tracking COVID grant funding. Continue various meetings with various partners.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 12:54 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: September 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

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**Call to Order**

**Invocation**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Approve minutes of the August 18, 2020 meeting**

**Communications and Announcements:**

1. Resignation of County Board Supervisors, District 13; Bill Teeters

**Presentations:**

1. 2019 Financial Audit – Baker Tilly
2. RollCall Systems

**Resolutions (Referred from Committee):**

1. Amend Resolution 33-19, Town of Fifield Bridge Aid Request (Highway & Transportation)

**Resolutions (Pending Referral from Committee):**

1. Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grant (Forestry & Parks and Executive)
2. Approve Transfer to Offset 2019 Budget Overages (Executive)
3. Approve Price County 2021 Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be Financed with Short-term Debt - \$300,000 (Executive)
4. Approve Price County 2021 Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be Financed with Short-term Debt - \$400,000 (Executive)
5. Implement Price County 2021 Capital Projects to be Financed with Short-term Debt - \$650,000 (Executive)
6. Approve Revisions to the Price County Board of Supervisors Policy and Procedure Manual (Electronic Meeting Policy) (Administration)

**Reports on File:**

1. Price County Health & Human Services – 2019 Annual Report

**Convene to Committee of the Whole:**

1. County Administrator's Report
  - e. 2020 Financial Summary – August 31, 2020
  - f. 2021 Budget
  - g. COVID-19 Pandemic Update
2. Board Chair
  - a. Reports: Northwest Regional Planning Commission, Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation, Northwest Wisconsin Concentrated Employment Program (CEP)
  - b. RollCall Systems – Automated Meetings
3. Committee Chair Reports
  - a. Administration
  - b. Executive
  - c. Forestry & Parks
  - d. Health and Human Services
  - e. Highway & Transportation
  - f. Land Use & UW-Extension
  - g. Law Enforcement
  - h. Ad Hoc Committee on Damage to Fairground Buildings
    - i. Update
    - ii. Request Additional Meetings

**Date of Next Meeting:** October 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

**Adjourn**

By: Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair

September 3, 2020

Reviewed by County Administrator:

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Nicholas Trimner  
WCQM/WFPF

C: The Price County Review

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

September 15, 2020

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: None. Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance. Roll Call: Present (12): Alan Barkstrom, Jeffrey Hallstrand, James Hintz, Paula Houdek, Bruce Jilka, Robert Kopisch, Mark Kyle, Waldemar Madsen, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, Ginny Strobl, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Nick Trimner.

Due to COVID protocol, the public was given the opportunity to attend via teleconference.

Approve minutes of the August 18, 2020 meeting: Motion Palecek/Houdek to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements:

1. Resignation of County Board Supervisors, District 13; Bill Teeters: Resignation received and filed with the Sheriff. Notice of interest posted until September 15<sup>th</sup>. Board Chair and Vice-Chair will interview potential candidates. May have appointment for the October Board meeting.

Presentations:

1. 2019 Financial Audit – Baker Tilly: Kim Shult presented via web conference.
2. RollCall Systems: Company representatives went through how the program operates. Presented via web conference.

Resolutions:

### **Amend Resolution 33-19 Town of Fifield Bridge Aid Request**

Whereas, the Town of Fifield is requesting Federal Aid for design and construction of a new bridge on Turner Road over Squaw Creek; and

Whereas, project costs are estimated at ~~\$1,050,000~~ \$ 894,622 such costs to be determined upon project completion; and

Whereas, the funding criteria for the above-mentioned project is as follows:

~~87.5%~~ \$ 673,774 Federal Forest Aid  
~~6.25%~~ \$ 110,424 Price County  
~~6.25%~~ \$ 110,424 Town of Fifield; and

Whereas, the County portion will be recovered by a direct/special tax levy per § 82.08(2)(a), Wis. Stats.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the Town of Fifield Bridge Aid Request.

Fiscal Impact: ~~\$50,000~~ \$ 110,424 (estimated)

Committee signatures on file on original resolution.

Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner

Amended by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

For: 11, Against: 0, Abstain: 1. Motion Spacek/Palecek to consider resolution for amendment. Roll call vote on resolution amendment: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Houdek, Jilka, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Abstain: (1): Hintz. Motion carried.

### **Resolution 29-20 Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grant (Shooting Range Improvement Project)**

WHEREAS, Price County is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of the Cranberry Creek Shooting Range Improvement and Expansion Project (as described in the proposal); and

WHEREAS, the respondent attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the proposal; and

WHEREAS, an Agreement is required to carry out the project; and

WHEREAS, anticipated estimated cost for the project will be \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the State share for the project will be \$75,000 of eligible project costs with a County share of \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, Price County must designate an authorized representative to: sign and submit proposal, enter into an Agreement with the WDNR, submit annual and final reports to the WDNR to satisfy the Agreement, submit reimbursement request(s) to the WDNR per the Agreement, sign a Public Access Easement, sign and submit other documentation as necessary to complete the project per the Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and empowers the Price County Forest Administrator to be the aforementioned representative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Price County will meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the respondent will comply with all local, state and federal rules, regulations and ordinances relating to this project and the cost-share agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Price County's share of funding shall be covered by donations from outside entities. If said donations are not received, the project will be returned to committee for reconsideration.

Financial Impact: Total estimated cost for this project is \$100,000. State share is estimated to be \$75,000 and County share is estimated to be \$0 (\$25,000 received in donations).

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee

s/Jeff Hallstrand, Chair; Paula Houdek; Waldemar Madsen; Jordan Spacek; Ginny Strobl

Reviewed and Approved by the Price County Executive Committee: s/Robert Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek; Dennis Wartgow

Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

s/Robert Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Hallstrand/Strobl to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Jilka, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

**Resolution 30-20**  
**Approve Transfer to Offset 2019 Budget Overages**

WHEREAS, per County Board Policy, if a department exceeds its approved expenditure budget by 10% or greater, or for all General Fund Accounts (account code 100) any such spending that exceeds the approved expenditure budget by \$25,000 or 10% or greater, whichever is less, shall be referred to the Board for funding determination upon recommendation of the Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, the unexpected and unbudgeted expenditures of the following departments have occurred resulting in an average of the 2019 allowable expenditure budget, as stipulated above:

100-23	Register of Deeds	\$ 23,700	
100-31	Buildings & Grounds	\$ 34,521	
100-35	Sheriff	\$ 60,774	
100-36	Jail	\$ 43,236	
100-79	Forestry & Parks	\$ 67,693	
100-83	Dams	\$	34,419

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Price County Board of Supervisors that the transfer is made from the general fund to cover the 2019 budget expenditure overage.

Fiscal Impact: \$264,343. (not budgeted)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Wartgow/Hintz to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Jilka, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

**Resolution 31-20**  
**Approve Price County 2021 Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be Financed with Short-term Debt - \$300,000**

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has identified the need for financing a portion of the 2021 Highway Department road constructions projects to the extent of \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has reviewed the financial impact of the proposed construction and recommends financing the projects through the use of short-term borrowing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Executive Committee to proceed with the implementation of financing 2021 Highway Department road construction projects in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 to be financed through the issuance of short-term debt and to include such debt payments to begin with the 2021 Price County budget.

Fiscal Impact: \$104,000 in 2021, 2022, 2023 (budgeted)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Palecek/Spacek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Jilka, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

#### **Resolution 32-20**

### **Approve Price County 2021 Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be Financed with Short-term Debt - \$400,000**

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has identified the need for financing a portion of the 2021 Highway Department road constructions projects to the extent of \$400,000; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has reviewed the financial impact of the proposed construction and recommends financing the projects through the use of short-term borrowing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Executive Committee to proceed with the implementation of financing 2021 Highway Department road construction projects in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to be financed through the issuance of short-term debt and to include such debt payments to begin with the 2021 Price County budget.

Fiscal Impact: \$402,250 in 2021 (budgeted)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Madsen/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Jilka, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

#### **Resolution 33-20**

### **Implement Price County 2021 Capital Projects to be Financed with Short-term Debt - \$650,000**

WHEREAS, the following capital projects have been identified by the Price County Executive Committee:  
Courthouse roof repairs (Buildings & Grounds), pickup truck with plow and sander (Dams), phone system update (IT), two squad cars (Sheriff's Office), emergency response radio system (Sheriff's Office)

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has reviewed the financial impact of these projects and recommends short-term borrowing to finance these projects; and

WHEREAS, the project components and estimated cost is approximately \$650,000; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Executive Committee to proceed with the implementation of the 2021 Capital Projects in an amount not to exceed \$650,000, to be financed with short-term debt and to include such debt payments to begin with the 2021 Price County budget.

Fiscal Impact: \$653,700 for 2021 (budgeted)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Hintz/Kyle to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Jilka, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

#### **Resolution 34-20**

### **Approve Revisions to the Price County Board of Supervisors Policy and Procedure Manual (Electronic Meeting Policy)**

WHEREAS, there currently exists public health concerns regarding COVID-19 to the extent that federal, state and local public health emergencies have been declared and guidelines and mandates have been issued to properly deal with these public health concerns; and

WHEREAS, during public health emergencies, “the emergency power of the governing body conferred under Wis. Stat. 323.11 includes the general authority to order, by ordinance or resolution, whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection and welfare of persons or property within the local unit of government in the emergency”; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Board adopted Resolution 9-20, Declaration of Emergency In Response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus, whereby “the County Supervisors are hereby authorized to attend meetings of the Board remotely, and the Board shall take all actions necessary to effectuate the same in compliance with all other applicable laws”; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Justice’s (DOJ) Office of Open Government (OOG) issued advisories dated March 16, 2020 and March 20, 2020 in response to inquiries as to the applicability of the Wisconsin’s open meeting law in light of current public health concerns regarding COVID-19 pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.98; and

WHEREAS, governmental bodies typically can meet their open meetings obligations, while practicing social distancing to help protect public health, by conducting meetings via telephone conference calls if the public is provided with an effective way to monitor such calls; and

WHEREAS, per the above advisories, the open meetings law “does not require that all meetings be held in publicly owned places but rather in places ‘reasonably accessible to members of the public’”, 69 Op. Att’y Gen. 143, 144 (1980) (quoting 47 Op. Gen. 126 (1978)), and, further, the DOJ’s longstanding advice is that a telephone conference call can be an acceptable method of convening a meeting of a governmental body, *Id.* at 146; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of any specific policy, the Price County Board of Supervisors has adopted to be governed by the “most current revised Robert’s Rules of Order” on any parliamentary questions; and

WHEREAS, per Robert’s Rules of Order, an electronic meeting (i.e. conference calls or other electronic means) 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; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 9-20, as amended, has expired as of August 23, 2020 and Executive Order #82 issued by Wisconsin Governor Evers is due to expire on September 28, 2020, leaving Price County without the ability to exercise the emergency powers allowed per Wis. Stat. 332.10, 323.11 and 323.14 (4).

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; Alan Barkstrom; Jeff Hallstrand; Robert Kopisch, Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 9, Against: 3. Motion Wartgow/Hallstrand to consider resolution for adoption. Motion Hintz/Jilka to add to the policy: “It is the responsibility of the committee member to notify the chairperson and the County Clerk if it is their intention to attend a meeting electronically. This notice needs at least a 24 hour notice.” Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (9): Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Jilka, Kopisch, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Wartgow. No (3): Strobl, Barkstrom, Madsen. Motion carried.

Reports on File:

1. Price County Health & Human Services – 2019 Annual Report

Convene to Committee of the Whole at 10:59 a.m.

1. County Administrator’s Report – Nick Trimner

- h. 2020 Financial Summary – August 31, 2020: Budget is tracking well.

- i. 2021 Budget: Deficit is currently at \$221,963. Books-by-mail and funding to Park Falls and Prentice airports are not included. 3.8% health insurance increase. Administration Committee will discuss plan and HSA/HRA options. Reduced funding to the Price County Fair Association, but the County will do more of the fairground maintenance.

- j. COVID-19 Pandemic Update: Grants: County \$231,000, Health Department \$250,000, election security \$38,000, Emergency Management \$10,000, Airport \$30,000. Continue to monitor positive cases. Working with schools during their re-openings. Received a supply of free masks for County and non-profit employees. Will reach out to County municipalities who can transfer any unused COVID funding to the County.

2. Board Chair – Robert Kopisch
  - a. Reports: Northwest Regional Planning Commission: have received additional funding. Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation: moving toward county-wide organization. Requesting contributions from municipalities. Northwest Wisconsin Concentrated Employment Program (CEP): Offices have been closed due to COVID. Wisconsin Counties Association: There was a Board meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Roles and Responsibilities presentation at the August 29<sup>th</sup> Board meeting – will include legislative updates.
  - b. RollCall Systems – Automated Meetings: Discussion. Motion Wartgow/Houdek to proceed with purchase of RollCallPro with COVID funding. Motion carried. Administration will work with vendor to implement.
3. Committee Chair Reports
  - a. Administration – Wartgow: Electronic meeting policy. Health insurance options. Employee handbook. Recruitments.
  - b. Executive – Kopisch: 2021 budget. 2016 tax delinquent properties In Rem court petition has been filed. Expect to be final in November. 2017 tax delinquent process is starting.
  - c. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: County campgrounds were busy but winding down. Fall timber sale set up. DNR grant for rifle range improvements.
  - d. Health and Human Services – Houdek: COVID updates. Program updates. Recommendation for Board member and various sub-committee members will wait until vacant County Board Supervisor position is filled. Minocqua BART Bus route is starting.
  - e. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Patching, tree removal, culvert replacements, Counties C and YY project preparation, gearing up for winter maintenance. Adam Nelson hired as the new Dams Keeper. Winter drawdown in October. Preparing for 2021 Airport Improvement Project.
  - f. Land Use & UW-Extension – Barkstrom: Special exemption, condition use permit and land division approvals. Two new snowmobile bridges installed. New 4-H Youth Educator hired.
  - g. Law Enforcement – Hintz: Several large drug warrants with use of K-9 unit.
  - h. Ad Hoc Committee on Damage to Fairground Buildings – Houdek
    - i. Update: Engineer report on soil borings indicated area is not suitable for building. Discussed issues, options, funding. Engineer will present options. Need to demo the Open Class Building and Barn wing that were damaged and relocate electric service. No project would be scheduled for 2021. Trying to get more of an insurance settlement.
    - ii. Request Additional Meetings: Motion Palecek/Madsen to approve an additional four committee meetings. Motion carried.

Date of Next Meeting: September 29 and October 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room  
 Meeting adjourned at 12:10 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 September 15, 2020 and the whole thereof.

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

~~DATE: September 29, 2020 TIME: 9:00 a.m.~~

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

~~There will be a meeting of the Price County Board of Supervisors at the time and place indicated. The meeting is open to the public pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 19, Subchapter V. (Open Meeting Law).~~

~~DUE TO THE INABILITY TO ADEQUATELY ACCOMMODATE  
 PROPER SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOL IN MEETING ROOMS,  
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~~All public attendee lines will be muted for participation.~~

~~Conference call number: 1-408-418-9388~~

~~Conference code: 146 168 7175~~

Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call  
Approve minutes of the August 18, 2020 meeting  
Communications and Announcements  
County Board Supervisor District 13  
5. Term of Office for Appointee  
6. Call for Special Election  
7. Appoint County Board Supervisor District 13  
8. Oath of Office  
Presentations:  
1. Wisconsin Counties Association  
a. Board Member Roles and Responsibilities  
b. WCA Legislative Agenda  
Date of Next Meeting: October 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room  
Adjourn

By: Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair \_\_\_\_\_ September 17, 2020 \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by County Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_

Nicholas Trimner

C: The Price County Review \_\_\_\_\_ WCQM/WPEP \_\_\_\_\_ Corporation Counsel \_\_\_\_\_

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

There will be a meeting of the **Price County Board of Supervisors** at the time and place indicated. The meeting is open to the public pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 19, Subchapter V. (Open Meeting Law).

### ***Amended October 8, 2020***

Due to the administrative policy in all Price County buildings regarding mask usage, social distancing and access by appointment only, all in-person attendance by the public at public meetings is prohibited. Members of the public may access all public meetings via conference call.

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Conference call number: 1-408-418-9388

Conference code: 146 268 9259

**Date: October 13, 2020      Time: 9:00 a.m.**  
**Place: Courthouse County Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI 54555**  
**Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call**  
**Invocation**  
**Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Roll Call**  
**Public Comment**  
**Communications and Announcements**  
**Presentation:**  
1. Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation  
**Approve minutes of the September 15, 2020 meeting**  
**Resolutions (Referred from Committee):**



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: None. Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance. Roll Call: Present (10): Alan Barkstrom, James Hintz, Paula Houdek, Bruce Jilka, Robert Kopisch, Mark Kyle, Waldemar Madsen, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, Dennis Wartgow. Attending remotely (1): Ginny Strobl. Excused: (1): Jeff Hallstrand. Also present: Nick Trimmer.

Due to COVID protocol, the public was given the opportunity to attend via teleconference.

Public Comment: None

Communication and Announcements: Comments from Supervisor Strobl indicating her inability and refusal to wear a face covering (which is required to attend meetings in person) and that it is unacceptable for her to attend remotely.

Presentation:

1. Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation: Representatives not present. There will be information to hand out.

Approve minutes of the September 15, 2020 meeting: Motion Spacek/Madsen to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Resolutions:

**Rescind 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 (and amendment thereof)**

*WHEREAS, the city of Park Falls and the Village of Prentice presently own and maintain municipal airports without financial assistance from Price County, and*

*WHEREAS, each such municipal airport provides beneficial aviation services to the electors and industrial and commercial establishments primarily located in the northern and southern portions of Price County and similar services for all electors and business concerns located within Price County, and*

*WHEREAS, §114.11(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes authorizes the Price County Board of Supervisors to appropriate money to any city or village for the operation and improvement of an airport owned by such city or village,*

*NOW, THEREFORE, the Price County Board of Supervisors does resolve as follows:*

1. *The sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars shall be appropriated in 1986 to each of the City of Park Falls and Village of Prentice for their use in the operation and improvement of the municipal airport facilities owned and maintained by each such municipality.*
2. *Similar appropriations shall be made to the City of Park Falls and the Village of Prentice for subsequent calendar years for such period of time that each municipality owns and maintains a municipal airport.*

*The above resolution was duly and regularly introduced and passed at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors for Price County, State of Wisconsin on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1986, by the following vote: Ayes: 18, Nays: 1. Abstain: 1. s/Edgar Granberg, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Attest: s/Clarence Cvengros, County Clerk.*

*Amended thereof: October 25, 1988: Amendment to Resolution No. 5126 – Airport Support. Moved by Blomberg, seconded by Tenut to amend Resolution No. 5126 to replace the sum of \$5,000 with the sum of \$4,500 to both airports named. Roll call vote: Ayes (8), Nays (6). Motion carried.*

Motion Wartgow/Jilka to rescind Resolution 5126 and all amendments thereof. Roll call vote: Yes (6): Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Palecek, Wartgow. No (5): Barkstrom, Jilka, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl. Motion carried.

**Resolution 35-20**

**Approve Price County 2021 Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be Financed with Short-term Debt**

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has identified the need for financing a portion of the 2021 Highway Department road construction projects to the potential extent of \$1,500,000; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has reviewed the financial impact of the proposed construction projects and recommends financing the projects through the use of short-term debt.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Executive Committee to proceed with the implementation of financing 2021 Highway Department road construction projects in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 to be financed through the issuance of short-term debt and to include such debt payment in the 2022 Price County budget.

Fiscal Impact: \$1,500,000 (2022 budget)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0. Motion Palecek/Wartgow to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Hintz, Houdek, Jilka, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

#### **Resolution 36-20**

#### **Waiver of Interest and Penalty for Late Payment of 2019 Property Tax Payment – Biewer-WI Sawmill, Inc.**

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of Price County property owners to timely pay annual property taxes assessed on their property; and

WHEREAS, payment of property tax liability is considered timely if it is mailed in a properly addressed envelope, postmarked by the last day prescribed for making the payment and is received by the proper official not more than five days after the prescribed date for making the payment; and

WHEREAS, neither the Village of Prentice or the County of Price have record of receiving timely payment of 2019 property tax liability from Biewer Wisconsin Sawmill, Inc. and John A. Biewer of Wisconsin, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, when said taxes went unpaid as of the due date of July 31, 2020, a delinquent notice was sent to the property owner; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Treasurer received correspondence from Gary Olmstead, Chief Financial Officer of the above-named entities on September 28, 2020 with the following:

- Checks in the amount of \$25,278.00 and \$8,031.19 which include tax liability of \$29,740.34 and \$3,568.85 in interest and penalty
- Statements indicating the original checks in the amount of \$22,569.64 and \$7,170.70 were mailed on July 24, 2020
- Stop payment orders from Bank of America, indicating the original checks had not cleared their bank accounts
- A request that the interest and penalties be waived since their contention is that the checks were mailed but never received by the Village of Prentice.

WHEREAS, Mr. Olmstead has made request per Wisconsin State Statute 74.69(3)(b) which states:

Any person required to pay interest or a penalty because of a late payment may, within 10 days of payment of interest or a penalty, but not later than December 1 of the year that the general property tax, special tax, special charge or special assessment was due, file a written request with the county treasurer requesting that the county board find that the late payment was timely under sub. (1) because the sole reason it was not timely was a delay or administrative error on the part of the U.S. postal service.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby believes there was sufficient evidence that the 2019 property tax payments for Biewer Wisconsin Sawmill, Inc. and John A. Biewer of Wisconsin, Inc. were timely mailed and the failure of payment reaching the Village of Prentice in a timely manner lies with the U.S. Postal Service and hereby waive the interest and penalties assessed in the amount of \$3,568.85.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Price County Treasurer be directed to refund Biewer Wisconsin Sawmill, Inc. \$2,708.36 and John A. Biewer of Wisconsin, Inc. \$860.49.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 9, Against: 1.

Motion Hintz/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption.

Jilka left meeting at 9:51 a.m.

Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (9): Barkstrom, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl. No (1): Wartgow. Motion carried.

#### **Resolution 37-20**

#### **Release of Gravel and Marl Rights – Town of Ogema**

WHEREAS, the Price County Highway Department has reviewed a request to relinquish rights of ingress and egress, road and highway rights, and gravel and marl rights to a property located at SE ¼ of the SW ¼, Section 24, Township 39N, Range 1 West, Town of Fifield, Price County, Wisconsin; and  
WHEREAS, the requestor has filed the necessary application; and  
WHEREAS, the Price County Highway Department has approved said request per Price County policy for release of said rights and recommends approval by County Board.  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby relinquish the gravel and marl rights to the property described above subject to the receipt of the acreage fee and execution of all of the appropriate documents within 45 days of the passage of this resolution; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the case of non-performance by the applicant within the aforementioned 45-day period, this resolution shall become null and void.  
Submitted by the Price County Highway and Transportation Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Jeffrey Hallstrand, James Hintz, Robert Kopisch, Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 10, Against: 0. Motion Spacek/Kyle to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (10): Barkstrom, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

**Resolution 38-20**  
**Provision of General Assistance Services 2021-2022**

WHEREAS, Price County's General Assistance Program has been established to meet temporary and basic needs of county residents who are determined to be in need of such assistance; and  
WHEREAS, the program has proven to be a valuable, cost-effective, temporary mechanism for County residents who have needed short-term economic assistance; and  
WHEREAS, after review and consideration of the policy, Price County Health and Human Services Board has determined that the program is a necessary resource for eligible county residents.  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Price County continues its General Assistance program for calendar years 2021 - 2022.

Fiscal Impact: It is anticipated that this resolution will be budget neutral over time due to the repayment requirement of the program however; due to current economic conditions this program could have a levy impact of up to \$5,100. Additional expenditures beyond \$5,100 will require further County Board action in the form of an amended resolution.

Submitted by the Price County Health and Human Services Board: s/Paula Houdek, Chair; Peter Dahlie; Sally Huml; Bruce Jilka (PH); Suzanne Ocker; Ginny Strobl (PH); Gerald Swenson; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 10, Against: 0. Motion Houdek/Spacek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (10): Barkstrom, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Appointments and Elections:

1. Ogema Public Library Board: Three-year term to expire November 30, 2021: Motion Houdek/Madsen to confirm the appointment of Jeff Hallstrand to the Ogema Public Library Board. Motion carried.
2. Council on Aging Advisory Committee – fill remaining term to expire April 30, 2021 – County Board Supervisor (vacated by Bill Teeters): Motion Palecek/Spacek to confirm the appointment of Paula Houdek to fill the remaining term to expire April 30, 2021. Motion carried.

Convene to Committee of the Whole at 10:07 a.m.:

1. County Board Supervisor District 13 Vacancy
  - a. Call for Special Election: Motion Barkstrom/Houdek to call for a Special Election April 6, 2021 for a one-year term for County Board Supervisor District 13. Motion carried.
2. County Administrator's Report
  - p. 2020 Financial Summary – September 30, 2020: COVID funds are being spent and received. Sales tax collections remain good.
    - i. 2020 Highway Department Equipment Fund Purchases: Highway Department reviewed working of the program.
  - q. 2021 Budget: \$28,700,079. 9.7% increase.
    - i. 2021 Highway Department Equipment Fund Purchases: \$207,500 facilities and \$379,000 equipment.

- ii. Approve 2021 Budget and Forward to Public Hearing: Motion Hintz/Barkstrom to forward the 2021 budget with a levy of \$10,541,892 to the November 10<sup>th</sup> public hearing. Motion carried.
  - r. Updated Administration Manual: Will be presented for approval at the November 10<sup>th</sup> County Board meeting.
  - s. Updated Employee Handbook: Will be presented for approval at the November 10<sup>th</sup> County Board meeting.
  - t. COVID-19 Pandemic Update: The County and various individual departments are taking advantage of COVID funding. Several municipalities are transferring their unused funds to the County. Face covering mandate in all County buildings. Register of Deeds office was closed for 10 days due to positive and contacts. Six departments have been affected by quarantine requirements. Averaging 10 positives a day. 40-50% contact quarantines becoming positive.
- 3. Board Chair
  - u. COVID-19 Update #15: Reviewed.
    - i. Adhering to County Administrative Policy: Wisconsin County Association is providing information on COVID protocols.
  - v. Northwest Regional Planning Commission 2020-2024 CEDS Report: In public comment phase.
  - w. Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation Status: Looking at name change and expansion initiative, which will require a \$100,000 budget. Reaching out to municipalities for additional funding.
  - x. Levy Caps – WCA Agenda Items: Levy limit/caps will be a Wisconsin County Association legislative agenda. Will attempt various program specific limit overrides.
- 4. Committee Chair Reports
  - a. Administration – Wartgow: Finalized changes to Employee Handbook and Administration Manual. Reviewed health insurance options.
  - b. Executive – Kopisch: 2021 budget.
  - c. Forestry & Parks – Spacek: Applied for DNR grant for shooting range improvements. Approved increase in campground fees.
  - d. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Quarterly unit reports. COVID updates and discussion. Resignation of the Behavioral Health Unit Manager.
  - e. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Continuing with summer maintenance and road projects as weather permits. Readyng equipment for winter service. Accident involving the road sweeper and employee driver. Dams have remained at normal levels. Winter drawdown to begin. Airport Improvement Project planning. Readyng for winter maintenance.
  - f. Land Use & UW-Extension – Barkstrom: Two special exceptions and land divisions approved. Drafting resolution to request State return more local control regarding short-term rentals. Reviewed UW-Extension programming.
  - g. Law Enforcement – Hintz: Donation offered for second K-9 Unit.
  - h. Ad Hoc Committee on Damage to Fairground Buildings – Houdek: Waiting for information from Samuels Group. Have sent out requests for proposals for removal of barn wing and Open Class Building. Lead paint was identified. \$28,000 to move electric service.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 11:32 a.m.

Date of Next Meeting: November 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.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 13, 2020 and the whole thereof.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

There will be a meeting of the **Price County Board of Supervisors** at the time and place indicated. The meeting is open to the public pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 19, Subchapter V. (Open Meeting Law).

### PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is further given that at 9:05 a.m. a Public Hearing will be held on the proposed 2021 budget as mandated by law, a summary of which was duly published in The Price County Review newspapers. Written comments sent to the County Clerk and comments from the public in attendance will be heard.

Due to the administrative policy in all Price County buildings regarding mask usage, social distancing and access by appointment only, all in-person attendance by the public at public meetings is prohibited. Members of the public may access all public meetings via conference call.

Conference call number: 1-408-418-9388

Conference code: 146 660 0086

***Amended November 4, 2020***

**Date:** November 10, 2020

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

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

**Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call**

**Invocation**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment**

**Communications and Announcements**

**9:05 a.m. – Public Hearing on Proposed 2021 Budget**

**Approve minutes of the October 13, 2020 meeting**

**Resolutions (Referred from Committee):**

1. 2021 Property Tax Levy (Board Chair)

**Resolutions (Pending Referral from Committee):**

2. Authorize the Issuance of Tax Deed for 2017 (Executive)
3. Price County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan (Forestry and Parks)
4. Adopt Revised Employee Handbook and Administration Manual (Administrative)
5. *Extend Resolution 10-20: Extension of Resolution 10-20: Provide County Administration Emergency Administrative Flexibility for COVID-19 (Board Chair)*

**Appointments and Elections:**

Health and Human Services Board – three-year term to expire 12/31/2023 (Suzanne Ocker, Sally Huml), temporary appointment until May 31, 2021 (Ginny Strobl)

1. Indianhead Federated Library Board – three-year term to expire 12/31/2023 (Susan Marshall)
2. Veterans Service Commission – three-year term to expire 12/31/2023 (Gail Redmond, Theodore Harvey, Mitchel Surman)
3. *Price-Taylor Rail Trail Corridor Commission (Ron Kendziera)*

**Miscellaneous**

1. Forestry and Parks – 2021 Annual Work Plan

**Convene to Committee of the Whole:**

1. County Board Supervisor District 12 Vacancy
  - a. Call for Special Election
2. County Administrator's Report
  - a. 2020 Financial Summary – October 31, 2020
  - b. 2021 Budget
  - c. COVID-19 Pandemic Update
  - d. Claims Against the County
3. Board Chair
  - a. Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC) Meeting Update
  - b. Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation (PFACDC) Update
  - c. Concentrated Employee Program (CEP) Restructuring Update
4. Committee Chair Reports
  - y. Administration
  - z. Executive
    - aa. Forestry & Parks
    - bb. Health and Human Services
    - cc. Highway & Transportation
    - dd. Land Use & UW-Extension
    - ee. Law Enforcement

ff. Ad Hoc Committee on Damage to Fairground Buildings

**Date of Next Meeting:** February 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

**Adjourn**

By: Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair

October 30, 2020

Reviewed by County Administrator:

Nicholas Trimner

C: The Price County Review

WCQM/WPFP

Corporation Counsel

Posting locations: Courthouse bulletin board, Normal Building bulletin board, Park Falls Public Library, Phillips Public Library, Ogema Public Library. The Board reserves the right to take appropriate action on any item timely noticed on this agenda. Persons having a disability may request special accommodations in keeping with ADA requirements. Requests will be kept confidential. Please contact the County Clerk's office at 715-339-3325

## **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

November 10, 2020

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: None. Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance. Roll Call: Present (11): Alan Barkstrom, Jeff Hallstrand, James Hintz, Paula Houdek, Robert Kopisch, Mark Kyle, Waldemar Madsen, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, Ginny Strobl, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Nick Trimner.

Due to COVID protocol, the public was given the opportunity to attend via teleconference.

Public Comment: None. Communications and Announcements: Mr. Kopisch reviewed County COVID protocols. Several comments in support and opposed. Ms. Strobl is present in the room, not wearing a face covering. She was informed she will need to provide a valid medical exemption for not wearing a mask. Motion Barkstrom/Spacek to allow Ms. Strobl to remain in the meeting room without wearing a face covering. Roll call vote: Yes (8): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl. No (3): Houdek, Palecek, Wartgow. Motion carried.

Public Hearing on Proposed 2021 Budget declared open at 9:31 a.m. No public comments or communications received. Hearing declared closed at 9:33 a.m.

Approve minutes of the October 13, 2020 meeting: Motion Houdek/Hintz to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Resolutions:

### **Resolution 39-20 2021 Property Tax Levy**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Price County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled in Annual Session, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020, that the budget prepared by the Executive Committee, which has been approved by action of the Price County Board of Supervisors, be and hereby levied against the tax districts in Price County, and that the County Clerk be and hereby is authorized and directed to appropriate the levy to each tax district as provided by law: 2020 Property Tax Levy, payable in 2021: \$10,541,892.

Submitted by: s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; Price County Board of Supervisors. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0. Motion Palecek/Strobl to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

### **Resolution 40-20 Authorize the Issuance of Tax Deed for 2017**

WHEREAS, the Treasurer of Price County has issued 2017 tax certificates on properties for nonpayment of real estate taxes; and

WHEREAS, the owners or claimants of the parcels have not satisfied redemption of said tax certificates and that said parcels continue to remain unredeemed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Price County Board of Supervisors that the County Clerk be and is hereby ordered to issue tax deed against the properties listed as attached on the unredeemed tax certificates for 2017 and also those prior years pursuant to §75.14 Wisconsin Statutes, excepting that

no tax deed will be taken for any property with visible evidence of contamination or determined to not be in the best interest of the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Committee will have final authority in deciding if said tax deed properties are processed as tax deed pursuant to §75.14 Wisconsin Statutes or processed as in rem pursuant to §75.521 Wisconsin Statutes.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0. Motion Spacek/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

**Resolution 41-20**  
**Price County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan**

WHEREAS, Price County has lands enrolled as County Forest pursuant to § 28.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, § (5)(a) of said statute requires that a Comprehensive County Forest Land Use Plan be prepared by the County Forestry Committee on or before December 31, 2020 with said plan to encompass a 15-year period with subsequent plan revisions to be completed at fifteen-year intervals thereafter; and

WHEREAS, said Plan is a dynamic document to be revised as changing conditions require, and

WHEREAS, said Plan is required pursuant to § 28.11 (5)(a) to contain land use designations, land acquisition, forest protection, annual allowable timber harvests, recreational developments, fish and game management activities, roads, silvicultural operations, an inventory of the County Forest documented with maps, records and priorities and a listing of the involved management activities needed during said plan period; and

WHEREAS, this plan highlights; the incorporation of third-party forest certification; the incorporation of the access management plan; re-establishment of the County Forest boundary, protection of unique natural resources; integrated resource management; implementation of geographical information system technology; and

WHEREAS, the County's goals, objectives, policies and operating procedures with respect to implementation of said Plan are also enumerated in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, § (5)(a) of the above referenced statute requires that said Plan be approved by the County Board of Supervisors and the Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Plan for the fifteen-year period encompassing 2021-2035 has been prepared by the Forestry and Parks Committee and submitted for approval of the Price County Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors, in consideration of the contents of said Plan hereby approve it, and direct the Chairman of the Forestry and Parks Committee to forward an official copy of the Plan to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for their approval.

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: s/Jeff Hallstrand, Chair; Paula Houdek; Waldemar Madsen; Jordan Spacek; Ginny Strobl (opposed). Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 10, Against: 1.

Motion Houdek/Madsen to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (10): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Wartgow. No (1): Strobl. Motion carried.

**Resolution 42-20**  
**Adopt Revised Employee Handbook and Administration Manual**

WHEREAS, the Administration Committee has been charged by the Price County Board of Supervisors with the responsibility of developing, maintaining and enforcing policies and guidelines for personnel management and has also been charged with the responsibility of periodically reviewing said policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Administration Committee has determined the need for various additions and/or edits to the language in the existing policies; and

WHEREAS, the Administration Committee has reviewed and approved the attached revisions to the Price County Employee Handbook and Personnel Administration Manual and recommends them for adoption by the County Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors adopt the revised Price County Employee Handbook and Administration Manual as presented, with an effective date of November 10, 2020 for policy language and January 1, 2021 for language pertaining to financial components. Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee: s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Alan Barkstrom; Jeff Hallstrand; Robert Kopisch; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0. Motion Hintz/Barkstrom to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

**Resolution 10-20 (AMENDED)**  
**Provide County Administration Emergency Administrative Flexibility for COVID-19**

WHEREAS, the United States is experiencing an expanding COVID-19 pandemic; and  
WHEREAS, Wisconsin has had confirmed cases of COVID-19; and  
WHEREAS, Price County desires to be as strategic as possible to ensure the health and safety of Price County staff, residents and those traveling throughout Price County; and  
WHEREAS, Price County desires to maintain the highest level of services related to the general public, such as Public Safety, Health and Human Services, Emergency Management and those departments directly related to the general welfare of all residents; and  
WHEREAS, Price County desires flexibility to manage operations throughout this national pandemic; and  
WHEREAS, Price County is providing administrative flexibility to allow the County Administrator, in consultation with Public Health and the County Board Chair, the ability to, but not limited to:

- Close Price County government buildings as necessary,
- Implement strategic staffing *and policy* changes to ensure enough healthy staff are in place to carry out necessary and critical services, and
- Maintain employee benefit status regardless of hours worked; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator and County Board Chair shall, within reasonable time, but no later than 24 hours after implementing necessary decisions, inform the Price County Board of Supervisors of the situation at hand by email and/or phone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby acknowledge, accept and support the County Administrator and County Board Chair to strategically implement necessary plans to ensure the safety and health of the Price County staff, residents and those traveling throughout the county; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will remain in effect ~~for one hundred (100) one hundred sixty (160) days, until repealed through November 30, 2020,~~ **February 28, 2021 unless extended** by the Price County Board of Supervisors.

Motion Wartgow/Houdek to consider amendment to the resolution. Motion Strobl/Barkstrom to amend the resolution by adding "while allowing the County Board Supervisors to continue to represent their constituents in the most effective ways possible while protecting themselves and others by choosing social distancing or a mask or both". Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (2): Barkstrom, Strobl. No (9): Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Wartgow. Motion failed. Roll call vote on resolution amendment as originally presented: Yes (10): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Wartgow. No (1): Strobl. Motion carried.

**Appointments and Elections:**

1. Health and Human Services Board – three-year term to expire 12/31/2023 (Suzanne Ocker, Sally Huml), temporary appointment until May 31, 2021 (Ginny Strobl): Motion Spacek/Wartgow to approve the appointments. Motion carried.
2. Indianhead Federated Library Board – three-year term to expire 12/31/2023 (Susan Marshall): Motion Houdek/Hintz to approve the appointment. Motion carried.
3. Veterans Service Commission – three-year term to expire 12/31/2023 (Gail Redmond, Theodore Harvey, Mitchel Surman): Motion Hallstrand/Strobl to approve the appointments. Motion carried.
4. Price-Taylor Rail Trail Corridor Commission (Ron Kendziera): Motion Spacek/Hallstrand to approve the appointment, Motion carried.

**Miscellaneous**

1. Forestry and Parks – 2021 Annual Work Plan: Motion Barkstrom/Palecek to approve the plan as presented. Motion carried.

Convene to Committee of the Whole at 10:04 a.m.

1. County Board Supervisor District 12 Vacancy
  - a. Call for Special Election: Motion Barkstrom/Strobl to call for a special election to fill the County Board Supervisor District 12 vacancy (to be held April 6, 2021 and to be for a one-year term). Motion carried.
2. County Administrator's Report – Nick Trimner
  - a. 2020 Financial Summary – October 31, 2020: Reviewed. COVID funds are being spent and reimbursed. Nothing concerning.
  - b. 2021 Budget: Finalized and adopted.
  - c. COVID-19 Pandemic Update: Funding deadline extended to November 17<sup>th</sup>. County has used all allocated funds. Health Department is keeping up. Have hired two additional nurses and three contact tracers/data entry. The County has exceeded 500 cases, averaging 10-12 per day. 40-50% of the contacts are becoming positive. Hospitalizations are up. Developing a plan for the Highway Department if employees are out during snowstorms.
  - d. Claims Against the County: Haven House/Pam Olson, breach of contract, has been dismissed. Lance Meier, land dispute and law enforcement, in pre-claim. Notified Aegis about news reports regarding Embrace.
3. Board Chair – Bob Kopisch
  - a. Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC) Meeting Update: CEDS finalized. 2021 budget.
  - b. Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation (PFACDC) Update: Working on restructure. Village of Prentice declined participation. Will be Phillips and Park Falls Area Development Corporation serving county-wide. But will offer limited services to non-participants.
  - c. Concentrated Employment Program (CEP) Restructuring Update: Separating two entities.
4. Committee Chair Reports
  - gg. Administration – Wartgow: Employee handbook, administration manual and health insurance plan options.
  - hh. Executive – Kopisch: Nothing more to add.
  - ii. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Fall timber sales established. Parks did well.
  - jj. Health and Human Services – Houdek: 2021 Transportation Funding hearing and application. Flu clinics. COVID updates. Deb Kronberger-Oswald transferred to Aging and Disability Resource Unit Manager and Chana Rymarkiewicz to Behavioral Health Unit Manager. Transportation funding has paid for garage construction. BART bus continues to do well.
  - kk. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Wrapping up summer projects and readying for winter maintenance. 2021 planning. New truck to be delivered. Two new Operator II hires. Dams to winter drawdown levels. Weimers Dam project on track. Airport wrapping up summer projects. Winter transition. 2021 Airport Improvement Project on schedule.
  - ll. Land Use & UW-Extension – Barkstrom: Working on resolution requesting State to return land use control back to counties. Land division. Permits up. Set prices and approved 2021 budget for USDA Wildlife Program. UWEX offering virtual programming. Reviewed County oversight of programs.
  - mm. Law Enforcement – Hintz: Donation available for second K-9 Unit.
  - nn. Ad Hoc Committee on Damage to Fairground Buildings – Houdek: Will meet in January. Insurance settlement offered \$22,000 for damage to Barn wing. Getting proposals for removal of Barn wing and Open Class Building.

Date of Next Meeting: February 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

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 November 10, 2020 and the whole thereof.

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### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

There will be a meeting of the **Price County Board of Supervisors** at the time and place indicated. The meeting is open to the public pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 19, Subchapter V. (Open Meeting Law).



Houdek, Robert Kopisch, Mark Kyle, Waldemar Madsen, Jordan Spacek, Ginny Strobl, Dennis Wartgow. Excused: Larry Palecek. Also present: Nick Trimmer, Leanna Samardich.

Due to COVID protocol, the public was given the opportunity to attend via teleconference.

Public Comment: None.

Communications and Announcements: Al Barkstrom read a communication he received from Erik Larsen, Town of Worcester resident, requesting a Board statement condemning the violence at the nation's capital.

Resolutions:

**Resolution 1-21**  
**Disallow Claim Against the County: Lance Meier**

WHEREAS, a Notice of Circumstances and Claim was filed against the Price County Sheriff's Department, Price County Sheriff and Price County Deputy Sheriffs by Lance Meier on September 30, 2020 in the office of the Price County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, said Notice of Circumstances and Claim alleges that the claimant was deprived of his right to life, liberty and property without due process of law; unlawful detainment; cruel and unusual punishment; abuse of official process and false imprisonment; and

WHEREAS, the County's liability insurance carrier, Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Company, has reviewed said claim and recommends that the Price County Board of Supervisors disallow said claim.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Price County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021, that the claim of Lance Meier seeking \$500,000 (five hundred thousand dollars) be disallowed, and no action on this claim may be brought against Price County or any of its officers, officials, agents or employees after six months from the date of service of this notice, pursuant to §893.80 Wis. State Statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the claimant Lance Meier; W1036 Apple Ave; Ogema, WI 54459 by certified mail, return receipt requested, as a notice of disallowing said claim; and also copy sent to claimant's attorney Max T. Lindsey; 220 6<sup>th</sup> Ave W; PO Box 677; Ashland, WI 54806.

Submitted by the Price County Board Chair: s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimmer. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021. s/ Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 10, Against: 0. Motion Hintz/Wartgow to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (10): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

**Resolution 2-21**  
**Transfer of Real Estate to State of Wisconsin, Department of Transportation**

WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission of Wisconsin undertook to establish a wayside along State Highway 13 between Phillips and Prentice, as shown by the Relocation Order dated November 3, 1958 attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, such wayside was, in fact, constructed by Price County at the direction and under the funding of the State Highway Commission of Wisconsin as established by the Certification as to Completion of Work dated July 27, 1959 attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, Price County did receive fee title to the original wayside property pursuant to the Quit Claim Deed from John Eder dated October 15, 1958 and recorded in the Price County Register of Deeds Office on October 27, 1958 in Quit Claim Deed Record Volume 130 at Page 585 as Document No. 157057, a copy of the record of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C, and which relates to the following described real estate:

A parcel in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ -SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) in Section Sixteen (16), Township Thirty-six (36) North, Range One (1) East described as follows:

Beginning at the south quarter corner of said Section 16; thence westerly along the south line of said Section 16, approximately 694 feet; thence N 35° 12' E approximately 416 feet to the intersection with the southwesterly right-of-way line of State Highway 13 as laid out and traveled January 1, 1958; thence S 54° 48' E along said highway right-of-way line approximately 560 feet to the east line of said SE-SW in said Section 16; thence south along the east line of said SE-SW in said Section 16, approximately 52 feet to the place of beginning.; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin, Department of Transportation has exercised their control of said wayside and has closed same and now has indicated its willingness to accept title from Price County for that portion of the wayside described above such that the overall former wayside property may be sold; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the taxpayers to transfer title to the above-described property inasmuch as Price County has determined that it has no equitable or practical interest in the property going forward; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to transfer to the State of Wisconsin, Department of Transportation, certain real property owned by Price County described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby specifically empowered to enter into such agreements as may be necessary to carry out the transfer of said property and to consummate such transfer by executing and delivering a Quit Claim Deed to the property for and on behalf of and under the seal of Price County.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee: s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk For: 10, Against: 0. Motion Spacek/Kyle to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (10): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

**Resolution 3-21**  
**Adopt Revised Employee Handbook (bereavement leave)**

WHEREAS, the Administration Committee has been charged by the Price County Board of Supervisors with the responsibility of developing, maintaining and enforcing policies and guidelines for personnel management and has also been charged with the responsibility of periodically reviewing said policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Administration Committee has determined the need for various additions and/or edits to the language in the existing policy; and

WHEREAS, the Administration Committee has reviewed and approved the attached revisions to the Price County Employee Handbook and recommends them for adoption by the County Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors adopt the revised Price County Employee Handbook as presented.

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Alan Barkstrom; Jeff Hallstrand; Robert Kopisch; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 10, Against: 0. Motion Wartgow/Hintz to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (10): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

**Resolution 4-21**  
**Designating Work Zone Awareness Week in Price County**

WHEREAS, National Work Zone Awareness Week is designated for a week in April each year; and

WHEREAS, construction and maintenance activities on our streets and highways periodically require that work zones be established; and

WHEREAS, work zones often require narrow lanes, lane shifts, temporary pavement, reduced speeds, and evening and overnight work hours; and

WHEREAS, work zones also include locations where emergency vehicles, utility vehicles, tow trucks, law enforcement, fire and EMS services are operating with their lights flashing, requiring motorists to move over or slow down; and

WHEREAS, on average, Wisconsin suffers approximately 1,600 accidents, 720 injuries, and eight fatalities per year in work zones.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Price County Board of Supervisors that the Work Zone Awareness Week in Price County shall be the week in April each year which is designated by the Federal Highway Administration and the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials.

Submitted by the Price County Highway and Transportation Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Jeff Hallstrand; James Hintz; Robert Kopisch, Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 10, Against: 0. Motion Spacek/Madsen to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (10): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

**Resolution 5-21**  
**Support Legislation to Align Detention Hearing Deadlines in Wisconsin Statutes Chapters 48 and 938**

WHEREAS, in Children in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) proceedings pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 48, when a child is taken into custody and not immediately released to a parent, guardian or legal custodian, the judge or circuit court commissioner in the county where the child is being held must hold a detention hearing within 48 hours of the time in which the decision to hold the child was made (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays); and

WHEREAS, in similar actions involving Juvenile Justice proceedings pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 938, when a juvenile is taken into custody and held by a county, the circuit court must hold a detention hearing within 24 hours after the end of the day on which the decision to hold the juvenile was made (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays); and

WHEREAS, as a result of the discrepancy in the timelines between the Chapter 48 and Chapter 938 proceedings, in Chapter 938 cases county circuit court judges, commissioners, juvenile intake workers, and other courthouse staff need to be prepared to conduct hearings in circumstances in which the county courthouse may otherwise be closed, such as the Friday after Thanksgiving, extreme weather days, etc. Failing to meet the statutory deadlines places the county at risk of losing jurisdiction over the pending matter. Additionally, concerns may arise regarding transportation of juveniles and children on non-workdays in order to accommodate hearings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Price County Board of Supervisors that it hereby supports legislation that would align the statutes that compute the detention hearing timelines for children in need of protection or services proceedings under Chapter 48 and juvenile delinquency proceedings under Chapter 938 by specifying that a day in which the Clerk of Circuit Courts Office is closed does not count toward the computation of the detention hearing timeline under Chapter 938. This will ensure county governments are in a better position to save limited resources and protect the safety of their employees and the public.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Price County Board of Supervisors that it hereby directs the Price County Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to all Wisconsin Counties, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and all state senators and assembly members representing Price County constituents.

Submitted by the Price County Health and Human Services Board: s/Paula Houdek, Chair; Peter Dahlie; Robert Kopisch; Suzanne Ocker; Ginny Strobl; Gerald Swenson; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 10, Against: 0. Motion Houdek/Hintz to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (10): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

**Resolution 6-21**  
**Revise Wisconsin Act 67 to Return Authority on Conditional Use Permits to Local Control**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Act 67, as revised in 2017, substantially impacted local governments within counties to control "Conditional Land Use"; and

WHEREAS, Price County has unique waterfront and other neighborhoods that should be protected; and

WHEREAS, certain uses could have a negative impact on resale or use of nearby properties; and

WHEREAS, local governments are in a better position to determine fair and equitable outcomes; and

WHEREAS, local county governments are accountable to local constituents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby petition the Wisconsin State Legislators to return authority on conditional use permits to local control.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Evers, the Legislative Committee on Housing and Real Estate, the state legislators for Price County, all Wisconsin counties and the Wisconsin Counties Association, for consideration at the WCA annual business meeting to become part of the WCA platform.

Submitted by the Land Use / UW-Extension Committee: s/Alan Barkstrom, Chairperson; Paula Houdek; Mark Kyle; Robert Kopisch; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk; For: 10, Against: 0. Motion Wartgow/Barkstrom to

consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (10): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Miscellaneous:

1. Addendum to Existing Engagement Letter with Auditors. Change of firm's name. Information only.
2. County Administrator Report – Nick Trimner: Work is being done at the Fairgrounds. Open Class Building demolition is being by American Relics, who will reclaim most of the materials. Barn wing will need to be dismantled. New electric service will need to be installed. Working on retention and recruitment issues, including department management in the discussion. Coddington & Butler will present wage schedule for presentation to the Administration Committee. Michelle Edwards gave an update on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic. Phase 1a of the vaccination protocol is underway with 1b starting soon. Working closely with health care providers.
3. County Board Chair Report – Robert Kopisch: Unemployment in the area is doing well. Reorganization of CEP and WIB continuing.

No closed session was requested for the purpose of: Claim Against the County – Lance Meier

Date of Next Meeting: February 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.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 January 19, 2021 and the whole thereof.

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

There will be a meeting of the **Price County Board of Supervisors** at the time and place indicated. The meeting is open to the public pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 19, Subchapter V. (Open Meeting Law).

Due to the administrative policy in all Price County buildings regarding mask usage, social distancing and access by appointment only, all in-person attendance by the public at public meetings is prohibited. Members of the public may access all public meetings via conference call.  
Conference call number: 1-408-418-9388  
Conference code: 146 958 8791

***Amended February 12, 2021***

**Date: February 16, 2021**

**Time: 9:00 a.m.**

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

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Approval of Minutes – November 10, 2020 and January 19, 2021
6. Communications and Announcements
7. Public Comments
8. Presentation
  - a. Board Room Enhancements
    - i. Use of New Board Room Technology in Board and Committee Meetings
9. Resolutions
  - a. Approve Price County Fairgrounds Electrical Service Project to be Funded with Money Transferred from the Capital Improvement Fund (Executive)
  - b. Elimination of Operating Levy Limits (Executive)
  - c. Establish a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) Assigned Fund (Executive)
  - d. *Establish a Highway Department Debt Assigned Fund (Executive)*
  - e. ~~Amend Resolution 27-19 – Price County Highway Department 2021 – 2025 Equipment Improvement Program (Highway & Transportation)~~



5. Approval of Minutes – November 10, 2020 and January 19, 2021: Motion Hintz/Barkstrom to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 and January 19, 2021 meetings as presented with changes as noted. Motion carried.
6. Communications and Announcements: Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) is sponsoring a series on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. WCA is also facilitating weekly leadership conference calls. OpenMeeting RollCall will be installed with training at the April Board meeting and implementation at the May Board meeting. New federal aid package could include \$2.6 million for Price County. Mr. Hallstrand requested future discussion of a Second Amendment Sanctuary County resolution. Mr. Madsen requested consideration of a Constitution Sanctuary resolution.
7. Public Comments: David Schmidt (remotely) from Town of Lake commended the County Board for having electronic meeting attendance.
8. Presentation:
  - d. Board Room Enhancements – Nick Trimner. Reviewed the new technology available in the County Board Room allowing for a better electronic meeting attendance experience.
    - i. Use of New Board Room Technology in Board and Committee Meetings: Administration Committee will need to discuss and develop any necessary policies. WCA put out a Q&A on electronic meeting protocol.
9. Resolutions:

**Resolution 7-21**

**Approve Price County Fairgrounds Electrical Service Project to be Funded with Money Transferred from the Capital Improvement Fund**

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Price County Buildings and Grounds Department to keep and maintain all County properties and buildings for the safe use by County residents; and  
 WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Open Class Building at the Price County Fairgrounds has deteriorated to a point that it is a public danger and no longer fit for public use; and  
 WHEREAS, it has further been determined that the only option for the current state of the Open Class Building is demolition of said building; and  
 WHEREAS, since the electric service for the Fairgrounds complex has been housed in the Open Class Building, an alternative location for said electric service is needed; and  
 WHEREAS, the anticipated cost of the project, consisting of new electric service and an outbuilding for housing the equipment, is approximately \$35,000; 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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors approve the project to provide new electric service to the Price County Fairgrounds in the amount of \$35,000 with funds to be transferred from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0.

Motion Spacek/Wartgow to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

**Resolution 8-21**

**Request Elimination of the 0% Levy Cap Imposed on Wisconsin Counties**

WHEREAS, in 2012, the State of Wisconsin imposed limits on town, village, city and county property tax levies under Wis. Stat. §66.0602; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. §66.0602 limits that increase to the local property tax levy to no more than the greater of (a) 0% of last year's actual levy or (b) a percentage equal to the percentage change in equalized value due to new construction less improvements removed; and

WHEREAS, the percentage of net new construction in Price County used to calculate the increase in the operating levy allowance has significantly lagged the CPI-U over this period; and

WHEREAS, as a result, Price County has been forced to absorb inflationary increases in normal operating expenditures with no offsetting increase in revenues; and

WHEREAS, unexpected increases in the expenditures for certain items, particularly unfunded mandates such as the cost of Child Protective Services, has compounded this issue; and

WHEREAS, Price County has taken measures to curb spending by cutting costs, eliminating positions, limiting employee wage increases, reducing program offerings and postponing necessary work on highway infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, to continue to provide essential services to county citizens, Price County has resorted to using debt to fund qualified expenditures previously funded in its operating levy resulting in a higher cost to Price County taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Price County will soon be unable to continue to fund operating levy by using debt; and

WHEREAS, the use of the referendum process to exceed the levy limit for normal operating and mandated costs presents an unacceptable risk for counties to be able to fund operations should such a referendum fail.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors requests complete elimination of the current 0% tax levy cap or replacing it with a levy allowance that adequately reflects annual inflationary increases and the continual escalating cost of state mandated services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Evers, the Joint Finance Committee of the Wisconsin Legislature, the state legislators for Price County and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration at the WCA annual business meeting to become part of the WCA platform.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 10, Against: 1.

Motion Hintz/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Motion Strobl to postpone. Failed due to lack of a second. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (10): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Wartgow. No (1): Strobl. Motion carried.

#### **Resolution 9-21**

#### **Establish a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) Assigned Fund**

WHEREAS, Price County has created a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) as part of the employee benefit package; and

WHEREAS, an HRA is designed to offset a portion of the high deductible the plan enrollees realize as a part of the County's current plan structure; and

WHEREAS, the Fund will be subsidized by amounts budgeted to each individual department, based on plan design and usage; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to establish an Unrestricted Net Position Fund to facilitate the County's Health Reimbursement Account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby establish the Health Reimbursement Account Unrestricted Net Position Fund to be assigned as 175-00-34290.

Fiscal Impact: To be determined based on the usage of the County's health insurance program.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner.

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0.

Motion Wartgow/Hintz to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

#### **Resolution 10-21**

#### **Establish a Highway Department Debt Assigned Fund**

WHEREAS, Price County has decided it to be in the best interest of county taxpayers to, when needed, utilize borrowing to fund a portion of the Highway Department construction projects; and

WHEREAS, it is determined in any given year what level of debt, if any, will be obtained for the following year's construction projects; and

WHEREAS, depending on various circumstances, the debt obtained in any particular year may, or may not, be completely spent for the proposed projects for that year; and

WHEREAS, development of a Highway Department Debt Assigned Fund will give the County a mechanism for tracking debt received and associated expenses incurred; and

WHEREAS the assigned fund will also identify required carryover of any unused debt revenue to be designated for future Highway Department construction projects.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby establish the Highway Department Debt Assigned Fund to be assigned as 700-00-34190.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0.

Motion Palecek/Houdek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

**Amend Resolution 10-20**  
**Price County Administration Emergency Administrative Flexibility for COVID-19**

WHEREAS, the United States is experiencing an expanding COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has had confirmed cases of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Price County desires to be as strategic as possible to ensure the health and safety of Price County staff, residents and those traveling throughout Price County; and

WHEREAS, Price County desires to maintain the highest level of services related to the general public, such as Public Safety, Health and Human Services, Emergency Management and those departments directly related to the general welfare of all residents; and

WHEREAS, Price County desires flexibility to manage operations throughout this national pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Price County is providing administrative flexibility to allow the County Administrator, in consultation with Public Health and the County Board Chair, the ability to, but not limited to:

- Close Price County government buildings as necessary,
- Implement strategic staffing *and policy* changes to ensure enough healthy staff are in place to carry out necessary and critical services, and
- Maintain employee benefit status regardless of hours worked; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator and County Board Chair shall, within reasonable time, but no later than 24 hours after implementing necessary decisions, inform the Price County Board of Supervisors of the situation at hand by email and/or phone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby acknowledge, accept and support the County Administrator and County Board Chair to strategically implement necessary plans to ensure the safety and health of the Price County staff, residents and those traveling throughout the county; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will remain in effect ~~for one hundred (100) one hundred sixty (160) days, until repealed through November 30, 2020, February 28, 2021 August 31, 2021 unless extended~~ by the Price County Board of Supervisors.

Original committee signatures on initially adopted resolution.

Spacek/Hintz to consider resolution for amendment. Roll call vote on resolution amendment: Yes (10): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Wartgow. No (1): Strobl. Motion carried.

10. Elections and Appointments

- a. Local Emergency Planning Committee: Motion Palecek/Hintz to approve the membership list as provided. Motion carried.
- b. Emergency Fire Wardens: Motion Houdek/Spacek to approve the list as presented. Motion carried.
- c. Reappointment of Highway Commissioner: Motion Hintz/Palecek to approve the reappointment of Joseph Baratka as Price County Highway Commissioner. Motion carried.
- d. Land Information Council: Motion Madsen/Strobl to appoint Sylvia Kerner and Joseph Grapa to the Land Information Council. Motion carried.

11. Reports on File

- a. 2019 Forestry & Parks
- b. 2020 Register of Deeds

12. Convene to Committee of the Whole at 10:20 a.m.

- a. County Administrator Report – Nick Trimner
  - i. 2020 Financial Summary Report as of 12/31/20: Need to do budget amendments for COVID funds and grants. Year will end in the positive.
  - ii. 2021 Budget Report: Good start. Has been a quiet winter.
  - iii. COVID-19 Pandemic Update: Will continue with internal policies with some rollbacks

expected. Averaging one positive case per day. Phase 1A vaccinations going well. 1B expected in early March.

- b. Board Chair Report – Robert Kopisch
  - i. 2021 Redistricting: Census is not coming out until September 30<sup>th</sup>. Redistricting will not be established by December 1<sup>st</sup>, the first day to circulate nomination papers for Spring Elections.
  - ii. NW ITBEC Report: 12 county group to promote regional tourism.
  - iii. Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation restructuring status: They are attempting to raise more revenue to expand their services. Not getting a good response from some municipalities.
  - iv. NW CEP update: Work needed to promote all of their services.
  - v. April 6, 2021 Election Update: Three County Board Supervisor contest: Districts 3, 11 and 12.
- c. Committee Chair Reports:
  - i. Administration – Wartgow: Working on retention and recruitment plan. Several vacancies need filling.
  - ii. Executive – Kopisch: Review of Books-by-Mail program. County Administrator performance review and contract renewal.
  - iii. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Eric Holm retired as the Forest and Parks Administrator. Interim replacement is Joe Grapa. Applied for DNR and NRA grants for the shooting range updates. 15 active sales. Spring timber sales. Potential campground expansion.
  - iv. Health and Human Services – Houdek: COVID updates. Senior nutrition sites are operating with pick-up or home delivery. Unit quarterly reports. Several staff updates.
  - v. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Has been a mild winter for road maintenance. Full staff. Received new broom from insurance claim. New Truck expected March 1<sup>st</sup>. Planning 2021 construction projects. DNR dam grant projects on schedule. Airport traffic has been seasonally slow. Prebid meeting for Airport Improvement Project. 2021 Air Show has been cancelled.
  - vi. Land Use & UW-Extension – Barkstrom: Several conditional use permits, special exemptions and land divisions. 11 properties for land sale in May or June. UW Extension meetings and programming is being done virtually and online.
  - vii. Law Enforcement – Hintz: Meeting scheduled March 12<sup>th</sup>. Sheriff and Jail budgets did well – no extraordinary events. Karl Kelz, the new District Attorney, started in January.
  - viii. Ad Hoc Committee on Damage to Fairground Buildings – Houdek: Committee met for a general update. Open Class Building demolished, with a lot of the materials being reclaimed. Damaged barn wing removed. Questionable state of remaining barn structure and pavilion. New electric service being installed at a cost of \$35,000.

Date of Next Meeting: April 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Reconvened from Committee of the Whole and meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.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 February 16, 2021 and the whole thereof.