



OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 20, 2021 – February 15, 2022

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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, all public in-person attendance at public meetings is by appointment only. Please call 715-339-3325 to reserve a seat. Seating is limited. Members of the public may also access all public meetings via conference call. Conference call number: 1-408-418-9388 Conference code: 187 722 7886

Amended April 14, 2021

Date: April 20, 2021

Time: 8:45 a.m. – New Supervisor Swearing in: Districts 3, 12 and 13

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. Renewal of Oath of Office
6. Elections
 - A. Highway and Transportation Committee
 - I. Central (Dist. 8, 9, 11, 13)
 - II. At-large (if needed)
7. Approval of Minutes – February 16, 2021
8. Communications and Announcements
9. Public Comments
10. Presentation
 - A. Chambers of Commerce – Status Report
 - B. Highway Work Zone Safety Awareness
11. Resolutions
 - A. Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020 (Executive)
 - B. Adopt Revised County Board Policy and Procedure Manual (Administration Committee)
 - C. 2021 Employee Wage Schedule (Administration Committee)
 - D. Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement – County Forest Roads 700, 702, 703 (Forestry & Parks)
 - E. Outdoor Recreation Grant Application (Trail System Maintenance) (Forestry & Parks)
 - F. Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grants (Big Falls and Timm’s Hill County Parks) (Forestry & Parks)
 - G. Amend Resolution 5-20 Request to Apply for WDNR 2020 Municipal Dam Grant Program (Weimers Dam) (Highway & Transportation and Executive)
 - H. Amend Resolution 29-20 Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grant (Shooting Range Improvement Project) (Forestry & Parks and Executive)
12. Elections and Appointments
 - A. Price County Library Committee – three-year term to end April 30, 2024 (Kathy Parpart, Lucille Ross)
 - B. Northwest Wisconsin Regional Economic Development Fund Administration Committee (Jeff Klaver)
13. Reports on File
 - A. Clerk of Circuit Court – 2020 Annual Report
 - B. Northwest Regional Planning Commission – 2020 Annual Report
 - C. 2020 Annual Report of Wages for Price County
14. Committee of the Whole
 - A. County Administrator Report
 - I. 2020 Financial Summary Report as of 12/31/20
 - II. 2021 Budget Report
 - III. COVID-19 Pandemic Update
 - IV. American Recovery Plan Update

- B. Board Chair Report
 - I. Committee Membership Realignment
 - II. Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation restructuring status
 - III. WCA Board Meeting of 3/26/21
 - IV. CEP Board Meeting of 4/21/21
- C. Committee Chair Reports:
 - I. Administration
 - II. Executive
 - III. Forestry & Parks
 - IV. Health and Human Services
 - V. Highway & Transportation
 - (1) 2021 Construction Plan
 - VI. Land Use & UW-Extension
 - VII. Law Enforcement
 - VIII. Ad Hoc Committee on Damage to Fairground Buildings
- 15. 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 for the purpose of:
 - A. County Administrator Performance Review
 - B. Motion to Return to Open Session
- 16. Take Action, as needed, on closed session items
- 17. Date of Next Meeting: May 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room
- 18. Training Session: OpenMeeting Automated Voting System.
- 19. Adjourn

By: Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair

April 9, 2021

Reviewed by County Administrator:

Nicholas Trimner

C: The Price County Review

WCQM/WFPF

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.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 20, 2021

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

8:45 a.m. Judge Kevin Klein administered the Oath of Office to newly elected County Board Supervisors: Douglas Erickson, Brian Ernst and Mark Kyle.

1. Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Robert Kopisch, County Board Chairperson.
2. Invocation: Pastor Christian Markle.
3. Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance.
4. Roll Call: Present (13): Alan Barkstrom, Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, 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.
5. Renewal of Oath of Office: All supervisors spoke and signed the Renewal of their Oath of Office.
6. Elections
 - a. Highway and Transportation Committee.
 - i. Central (Dist. 8, 9, 11, 13): Palecek nominated Alan Barkstrom. No other nomination. Signed ballot vote: Barkstrom (8), Spacek (2), no legal vote (3). Alan Barkstrom determined winner of the Central Representative on the Highway and Transportation Committee.
 - ii. At-large (if needed): Not needed.

7. Approval of Minutes – February 16, 2021: Motion Strobl/Madsen to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2021 County Board meeting as presented. Motion carried.
8. Communications and Announcements: Review of use of microphones. Communication from Bernie Hilgart, Town of Eisenstein, praising the Veterans Service Office. Notice of the Wisconsin Counties Association fall conference will be coming.
9. Public Comments: None.
10. Presentation: Chambers of Commerce – Status Report: Laurie Hanson from the Phillips Area Chamber of Commerce provided report of activities funded by the County's \$30,000 contribution. Highway Work Zone Safety Awareness: Joe Baratka, Highway Commissioner, offered video promoting the importance of work zone safety.
11. Resolutions

Resolution 11-21

Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020

WHEREAS the Price County Board of Supervisors at their November 12, 2019 meeting, after public hearing, adopted the 2020 budget for Price County; and

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Price County Board of Supervisors on April 15, 2021 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 2020.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Price County Board of Supervisors at their April 20, 2021 meeting that the 2020 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 20th day of April 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Hintz/Houdek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

2020 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Resolution #11-21						
Entry #						
PERIOD:		DATE: 4/20/2021				
12	13					
DESCRIPTION:		2020 Budget Amendments #1				
				12/31/2020	New Budget	
	ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT CODE	Amount	2020 BUDGET	Amount	
Airport	GAS FUEL OIL FOR OWN EQUIPMENT	160-49-53510-351-000-00000	(32,000.00)	50,000.00	18,000.00	Placement of budget funds to correct accounts
	AVIATION FUEL	160-49-53510-352-001-00000	31,000.00	-	31,000.00	
	AVIATION OIL PURCHASES	160-49-53510-352-002-00000	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	
County Board	CONTRACT/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	100-01-51110-219-000-00000	21,375.00	1,000.00	22,375.00	Covid - Open Meetings

	CARES GRANT	100-01-43529-000-000-00000	(21,375.00)	-	(21,375.00)	
COC	GUARDIAN AD LITEM GRANT	100-03-43515-000-000-00000	(8,707.00)	(15,000.00)	(23,707.00)	Additional GAL Grant Money
	GAL FEES-JUVENILE	100-03-51260-203-000-00000	3,000.00	6,000.00	9,000.00	
	GAL FEES-PROTECTIVE	100-03-51260-204-000-00000	5,707.00	15,000.00	20,707.00	
IT	SMALL ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT	100-12-51450-314-000-00000	170,000.00	10,500.00	180,500.00	COVID - COMPUTER & EQUIP PURCHASES
	CAP OUTLAY - COMP HARDWARE	100-12-51450-828-000-00000	5,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00	
	ROUTES TO RECOVERY GRANT	100-12-43529-000-000-00000	(175,000.00)	-	(175,000.00)	
ELECTION	SMALL ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT	100-15-51440-314-000-00000	41,266.00	-	41,266.00	COVID - ELECTIONS GRANT
	PRINTING & DUPLICATIONS	100-15-51440-313-000-00000	5,673.00	15,000.00	20,673.00	
	CARES - ELECTIONS SUBGRANT	100-15-43529-000-000-00000	(46,939.00)	-	(46,939.00)	
ELECTION	MUNICIPAL FEES	100-15-46105-000-000-00000	(7,500.00)	(8,000.00)	(15,500.00)	Election Fees
	PRINTING & DUPLICATIONS	100-15-51440-313-000-00000	7,500.00	15,000.00	22,500.00	
DA	ROUTES TO RECOVERY GRANT	100-19-43529-000-000-00000	(3,924.00)	-	(3,924.00)	COVID - EQUIPMENT & POSTAGE
	POSTAGE	100-19-51310-311-000-00000	440.00	1,200.00	1,640.00	
	SMALL ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT	100-19-51310-314-000-00000	3,484.00	700.00	4,184.00	
B&G	ROUTES TO RECOVERY GRANT	100-31-43529-000-000-00000	(19,334.00)	-	(19,334.00)	COVID - CLEANING SUPPLIES AND BLDG MAINT
	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	100-31-51600-344-000-00000	7,300.00	22,500.00	29,800.00	
	REPAIR & MAINT - BUILDING	100-31-51600-247-000-00000	12,034.00	20,000.00	32,034.00	
B&G	INSURANCE RECOVERIES	100-31-48400-000-000-00000	(14,600.00)	-	(14,600.00)	OFFSET FAIRGROUND INSURANCE CLAIMS
	CAP IMP-FAIRGRDS-BLDG	100-31-51600-835-000-00000	14,600.00	-	14,600.00	
B&G	RENT OF CO BLDGS & OFFICES	100-31-48210-000-000-00000	(11,400.00)	(27,000.00)	(38,400.00)	

	TRANS FROM CAP IMP FUND	100-31-49270-000-000-00000	(150,000.00)	-	(150,000.00)	PROBATION OFFICE REMODEL
	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT - BUILDING	100-31-51600-822-000-00000	161,400.00	-	161,400.00	
B&G	CAPITAL OUTLAY - AUTO	100-31-51600-811-000-00000	13,500.00	-	13,500.00	CORRECT PLACEMENT OF CAPITAL PURCHASES
	CAPITAL OUTLAY - EQUIPMENT	100-31-51600-818-000-00000	(13,500.00)	18,800.00	5,300.00	
Sheriff	INSURANCE RECOVERIES	100-35-48400-000-000-00000	(26,000.00)	(4,000.00)	(30,000.00)	INSURANCE CLAIMS RECOVERY
	PROPERTY INSURANCE CLAIMS	100-35-52110-525-000-00000	26,000.00	7,000.00	33,000.00	
Sheriff	DONATION K-9	100-35-48700-000-000-00000	(5,000.00)	-	(5,000.00)	K9 FUNDRAISING /DONATION
	K9 - FUNDRAISING EXPENSE	100-35-52180-390-000-00000	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	
Sheriff	DARE SUPPLIES	100-35-52165-309-000-00000	2,700.00	-	2,700.00	DARE GRANT
	SCHOOL AID - DARE	100-35-43700-000-000-00000	(2,700.00)	-	(2,700.00)	
Land Info	STATE AID - WLIP GRANT	100-22-43513-000-000-00000	(65,000.00)	(50,000.00)	(115,000.00)	LAND INFO WLIP GRANT
	2020 GRANT AD117366	100-22-51709-759-013-00000	65,000.00	-	65,000.00	
Emerg Mng	OTHER GRANT	100-41-43218-000-000-00000	(2,830.00)	-	(2,830.00)	GRANT FUNDING
	OTHER GRANTS	100-41-52500-778-000-00000	2,830.00	-	2,830.00	
Forest	STATE AID - ATV TRAILS	100-79-43539-000-000-00000	13,000.00	(27,410.00)	(14,410.00)	CORRECT PLACEMENT OF GRANT FUNDING
	STATE AID - UTV TRAILS	100-79-43539-100-000-00000	(13,000.00)	-	(13,000.00)	
Forest	SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT WAYNE	100-79-43578-000-003-00000	(14,904.00)	-	(14,904.00)	GRANT FUNDING - WAYNE
	SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT WAYNE	100-79-56110-701-003-00000	14,904.00	-	14,904.00	
Forest	DAM GRANT	100-79-43580-000-000-00000	(29,400.00)	-	(29,400.00)	CAMP 5 DAM GRANT
	CAMP 5 DAM GRANT	100-79-56110-730-000-00000	29,400.00	-	29,400.00	
Land Consv	ST AID-SNOWMOBILE TRAILS	100-91-43573-000-000-00000	(195,800.00)	(180,000.00)	(375,800.00)	Grant Funding

	STATE AID - WILDLIFE ABATEMT	100-91-43585-000-000-00000	(10,000.00)	(25,000.00)	(35,000.00)	
	STATE AID - LAND CONSERV PROJE	100-91-43587-000-000-00000	(16,000.00)	(120,000.00)	(136,000.00)	
	DATCP C/S GRANT	100-91-56230-751-000-00000	16,000.00	30,000.00	46,000.00	
	CAP OUTLAY - SPECIAL PROJ/BRID	100-91-55300-834-000-00000	60,000.00	-	60,000.00	
	WILDLIFE ABATEMENT-ADMIN	100-91-56220-389-000-00000	10,000.00	25,000.00	35,000.00	
	PAYMENTS TO ORGANIZATIONS	100-91-55300-724-000-00000	135,800.00	180,000.00	315,800.00	
Surveyor	WAGES - SURVEYOR	100-25-51720-111-000-00000	10,191.00	9,900.00	20,091.00	Surveyor Fees
	SOCIAL SECURITY	100-25-51720-151-000-00000	779.00	758.00	1,537.00	
	SURVEYORS FEES	100-25-46121-000-000-00000	(10,970.00)	(150.00)	(11,120.00)	
Home Del Meals	PROGRAM INCOME HD NUTRITION	110-68-46651-000-000-00000	(34,800.00)	(48,000.00)	(82,800.00)	Additional Delivered Meals
	MILEAGE/MEALS/LODGING	110-68-54600-339-000-00000	2,000.00	9,500.00	11,500.00	
	CONTRACTED SERVICES - FOOD	110-68-54600-299-000-00000	32,800.00	50,520.00	83,320.00	
Family Planning	FAMILY PLANNING GRANT	115-53-43556-000-000-00000	(95,800.00)	(543,536.00)	(639,336.00)	Increase Funding - Fiscal Agent
	FISCAL AGENT - FAMILY PLANNING	115-53-54120-290-000-00000	95,800.00	476,915.00	572,715.00	
Title X	TITLE TEN GRANT	115-59-43556-000-000-00000	(1,065,000.00)	(91,760.00)	(1,156,760.00)	Increase Funding - Fiscal Agent
	FISCAL AGENT - TITLE TEN	115-59-54120-256-000-00000	1,065,000.00	51,690.00	1,116,690.00	
Zoning	ZONING FEES - CO'S SHARE	100-27-44300-000-000-00000	(5,000.00)	(70,000.00)	(75,000.00)	Health Insurance
	HOSPITAL & HEALTH INSURANCE	100-27-56400-154-000-00000	5,000.00	23,208.00	28,208.00	
General	BUDGET PLACE HOLDER FOR CIP	100-00-48930-000-000-00000	(362,335.00)	-	(362,335.00)	Prior Year Capital Improvement Fund
	TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	100-00-59000-788-000-00000	362,335.00	-	362,335.00	
	PREPARED BY:	Carrie Kyle				

	DEPARTMENT:	Office of Administration	-	(159,665.00)	(159,665.00)
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Resolution 12-21

Approve Revisions to the County Board Policy and Procedure Manual

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors previously adopted the Price County Board Policy and Procedure Manual on April 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this revision is to make language updates, procedural updates and incorporate changes as approved by the County Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the proposed revisions 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 20th day of April 2021. 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): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 13-21

2021 Employee Wage Schedule

WHEREAS, the Price County Board of Supervisors provided for an employee wage increase in the 2021 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Administration Committee was given the responsibility of overseeing the employee wage schedule and has decided on an across-the-board wage increase of 1.25%; and

WHEREAS, the result of the 1.25% increase is incorporated into the attached 2021 Price County Wage Schedule; and

WHEREAS, upon approving base salaries for County elected officials, the County Board directed that any subsequent across-the-board increases given to the Price County Wage Schedule would also be given to County elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Administration Committee recommends this wage schedule be approved and become effective April 18, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors adopt the attached 2021 Price County Wage Schedule effective April 18, 2021.

Annual Fiscal Impact: \$ 81,000 (budgeted)

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 20th day of April 2021: s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Hallstrand/Spacek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 14-21

Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement - County Forest Roads 700, 702 and 703

WHEREAS, the functional/jurisdictional relationship of the proposed county forest and local road systems have been co-operatively reviewed by all entities; and

WHEREAS, changes in the jurisdiction of the designated road system in the Township of Georgetown have been agreed to by the township and Price County; and

WHEREAS, consistent with those agreed to changes, the Township of Georgetown has passed a resolution dated the 9th day of February 2021 approving the specific jurisdictional transfer described herein.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Price County agrees to transfer maintenance, jurisdiction and ownership of underlying right-of-way for 2.78 miles of County Forest Road 700 (Fairview Lane North), .23 mile of County Forest Road 702 (Georgetown Stub Road) and .5 mile of County Forest Road 703 (East Georgetown Fire Lane) as shown on the attached map; and

BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED that the effective date of jurisdictional transfer of road and right-of-way is upon the approval by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: s/Jeff Hallstrand, Chair; Paula Houdek; Jordan Spacek; Ginny Strobl. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner.

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 20th day of April 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Strobl/Hintz to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 15-21

Outdoor Recreation Grant Application (Trail System Maintenance)

WHEREAS, Price County is interested in acquiring or developing lands for public outdoor recreation purposes as described in the Stewardship Local Units of Government, Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and Recreational Trails Grant Programs application; and

WHEREAS, the project has been defined as Price County Forest Silent Sports Trail System Maintenance with an estimated cost of \$16,000, of which the State share for the project will be \$8,000 and a County share of \$8,000 which will be provided by in-kind services; and

WHEREAS, financial aid is required to carry out the project; and

WHEREAS, Price County has budgeted a sum sufficient to complete the project or acquisition.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Price County hereby authorizes the Forest and Parks Administrator of the Forestry and Parks Department to act on behalf of Price County to:

- Submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available; and
- Submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within six months of project completion date; and
- Submit signed documents; and
- Take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Price County will comply with state and/or federal rules for the programs; may perform force account work; will maintain the completed project in an attractive, inviting and safe manner; will keep the facilities open to the general public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility; and will obtain from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources or the National Park Service approval in writing before any change is made in the use of the project site.

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: s/Jeff Hallstrand, Chair; Paula Houdek; 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 20th day of April 2021. s/Robert Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Spacek/Kyle to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 16-21

Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grants

(Big Falls Electric Service Project and Timm's Hill Vault Toilet Building Project)

WHEREAS, Price County is interested in obtaining a cost-share grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose installing electric service to Big Falls County Park and constructing a new vault toilet building at Timm's Hill County Park (as described in the attached proposals); and

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

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

WHEREAS, anticipated estimated cost for the Big Falls County Park project will be \$75,000, of which the State share for the project will be \$37,500 of eligible project costs and a County share of \$37,500; and

WHEREAS, anticipated estimated cost for the Timm's Hill County Park project will be \$50,000, of which the State share for the project will be \$25,000 of eligible project costs and a County share of \$25,000; and

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

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 complete the projects fully and satisfactorily; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the respondent will comply with all local, state and federal rules, regulations and ordinances relating to the projects and the cost-share agreements.

Financial Impact: Total estimated cost for the projects is \$125,000, with the State share of \$62,500 and the County share of \$62,500.

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: s/Jeff Hallstrand, Chair; Paula Houdek; 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 20th day of April 2021. s/Robert 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): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Amend Resolution 5-20

Request to Apply for WDNR 2020 Municipal Dam Grant Program (Weimers Dam)

WHEREAS, Price County Board of Supervisor Resolution #4-12 was adopted as:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that Resolution #48-09 be amended to require Price County Board approval, by resolution, of any County funding required by the awarding of a grant to Price County under the WDNR Municipal Dams Grant Program prior to submitting any such application for financial aid from the Program for any specific County dam project.; and

WHEREAS, needed repairs have been identified at Weimers Dam, WDNR F.F. 50.08; and

WHEREAS, Price County, Wisconsin may make applications for grant monies for maintenance, repairs and modifications to their County owned dams from the Wisconsin State Statute §31.385 and §227.11 and Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter NR 335; and

WHEREAS, anticipated estimated cost for the project will be ~~\$646,660~~ 659,901; and

WHEREAS, the State share for such a project may not exceed 50% of the first \$400,000 of eligible project costs nor 25 percent (25%) of the next \$800,000 of total eligible project costs; and

WHEREAS, Price County must designate an authorized representative to: submit applications to the WDNR for financial aid; sign grant agreement documents; take all necessary action to complete the projects and submit for reimbursement claims associated with aforesaid grant program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Price County Highway Commissioner, Joe Baratka to be those aforementioned representatives; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Price County agrees to pay their share of the eligible costs which is equal to the total project cost minus the State share authorizing funds to be transferred on an as needed basis from the Capital Improvement Fund to the Dams Department account number 100-83-49270, Transfer from Capital Improvement Fund.

Financial Impact: Total estimated cost for this project is ~~\$646,660~~ 659,901 State share is estimated to be ~~\$261,665~~ 264,975 and County share is estimated to be ~~\$384,995~~ 394,926.

Submitted by the Price County Highway and Transportation Committee and Reviewed and Approved by the Price County Executive Committee. Original signatures on file on original resolution.

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

Amended 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, per the requirements of the grant application, Price County will provide funding for a land survey, not to exceed \$2,000, that will be covered by the grant and donations, if the grant is awarded, donations received and/or the project moves forward; 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: **Potentially \$2,000.** 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 and Reviewed and Approved by the Price County Executive Committee. Original signatures on file on original resolution.

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

12. Elections and Appointments

- a. Price County Library Committee – three-year term to end April 30, 2024 (Kathy Parpart, Lucille Ross): Motion Wartgow/Palecek to approve the appointments. Motion carried.
- b. Northwest Wisconsin Regional Economic Development Fund Administration Committee (Jeff Klaver): Motion Hallstrand/Spacek to approve the appointment. Motion carried.

13. Reports on File

- c. Clerk of Circuit Court – 2020 Annual Report
- d. Northwest Regional Planning Commission – 2020 Annual Report
- e. 2020 Annual Report of Wages for Price County

14. Convened into Committee of the Whole at 10:15 a.m.

- f. County Administrator Report – Nick Trimmer
 - i. 2020 Financial Summary Report as of 12/31/20: Reviewed expense overages.
 - ii. 2021 Budget Report: Reviewed expense overages. There are several jury trials scheduled. Buildings & Grounds is dealing with HVAC issues.
 - iii. COVID-19 Pandemic Update: Face coverings in County buildings will continue. Emergency sick leave will be adjusted to be for school and daycare closures. Reinstating employee travel as long as CDC guidelines are being followed. EOC continues to meet weekly.
 - iv. American Recovery Plan Update: County expects to receive \$2.6 million – half in May and other half one year later. Process is still unclear. Main areas will be utilities, broadband, economics, tourism.
- g. Board Chair Report – Robert Kopisch
 - i. Committee Membership Realignment: Chair is asking for input on assignments.
 - ii. Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation restructuring status: Update provided.
 - iii. WCA Board Meeting of 3/26/21: Reviewed meeting content.
 - iv. CEP Board Meeting of 4/21/21: Reviewed upcoming agenda.
- h. Committee Chair Reports:
 - i. Administration – Wartgow: County Board Policy and Procedure manual. 2021 wage schedule. Retention and recruitment initiative.
 - ii. Executive – Kopisch: Nothing more.
 - iii. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Possible campground expansions. Spring timber sales. DNR grants for projects.
 - iv. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Pending state budget. Reviewing bylaws. Quarterly unit reports. Looking at possible overlap with UW-Extension programming.
 - v. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Wrapping up winter maintenance and preparing for summer. Recruiting for two operators and mechanic. Weight limits lifted April 22nd. June 1st is scheduled for the road tour. Road School June 7-9. Dams are at summer levels. Weimers gate project moving forward. Airport traffic is up. Bids received for the airport improvement project. Summer readiness.
 1. 2021 Construction Plan: Reviewed.
 - vi. Land Use & UW-Extension – Barkstrom: Nine properties for online auction. Zoning permits are up. Land Conservation is working on design for campground expansions. 4-H programs are opening up to in-person. Partnering programs with HHSD. Master

Gardener on hold for 2021.

- vii. Law Enforcement – Hintz: Continue to have recruitment issues.
- viii. Ad Hoc Committee on Damage to Fairground Buildings: Open Class Building has been removed. Prepping site. Barn to be inspected.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 11:25 a.m.

- 15. Closed Session: Announcement and motion Houdek/Strobl to adjourn to closed session at 11:26 a.m. 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 for the purpose of:
 - i. County Administrator Performance Review
 - j. Motion to Return to Open SessionRoll call vote: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.
Motion Houdek/Hallstrand in closed session to return to open session at 11:43 a.m. Roll call vote: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.
- 16. Take Action, as needed, on closed session items: Motion Kyle/Madsen to approve the County Administrator's Performance Review. Motion carried.
- 17. Date of Next Meeting: May 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room
- 18. Training Session: OpenMeeting Automated Voting System.
- 19. Meeting adjourned at 12:35 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 20, 2021 and the whole thereof.



Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

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, all public in-person attendance at public meetings is by appointment only.
Please call 715-339-3325 to reserve a seat. Seating is limited.
Members of the public may also access all public meetings via conference call.
Conference call number: 1-408-418-9388
Conference code: 187 087 8797

Date: May 18, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes – April 20, 2021

Communications and Announcements

Public Comments

Presentation

- 1. May is Foster Care Month
- 2. Wisconsin Counties Association – Supervisor Roles and Responsibilities

Resolutions

- 1. Designating Public Depositories (Executive)
- 2. Support of Exempt Status for Property Owned by Regional Planning Commissions (Executive)
- 3. Adopting the Price County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (Executive)
- 4. 2021 Budget Amendments (Executive)

Appointments

- A. Health and Human Services Board – County Board Representatives: terms to expire:

- 1) December 31, 2021; 2) December 31, 2022 and 3) December 31, 2023
- B. Transportation Coordinating Committee – two-year terms to expire 4/30/23: Kathryn Stough, Dani Hoffman, Pam Snyder
- C. Council on Aging Advisory Committee – three-year terms to expire 4/30/24: Merilee Lealos, Paula Houdek, (?)
- D. Nutrition Advisory Council – two-year terms to expire 4/30/23: Jean Conrad, Dani Hoffman, (?),(?)
- E. ADRC-N Governing Board – three-year term to expire 5/31/24: Kathryn Shimkets

Reports on File

- 1. Price County Forestry & Parks Department – 2020 Annual Report

Committee of the Whole

- 1. County Administrator Report
 - a. 2020 Financial Summary Report as of 12/31/20
 - b. 2021 Financial Summary Report as of 4/30/21
 - c. COVID-19 Pandemic Update
 - d. American Recovery Plan Act Update
- 2. Board Chair Report
 - a. Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation restructuring status
 - b. Parliamentary Procedure
 - i. Public Comment vs Communications
 - ii. Rules of Decorum
 - iii. Abstentions from Voting
 - c. Wisconsin Counties Association
 - i. Fall Conference Attendance
 - ii. Conference Resolutions
- 3. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Administration
 - b. Buildings & Grounds
 - c. Executive
 - d. Forestry & Parks
 - e. Health and Human Services
 - f. Highway & Transportation
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension
 - h. Law Enforcement

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 for the purpose of:

- 1. County Administrator Employment Agreement
- 2. Motion to Return to Open Session

Take Action, as needed, on closed session items

Date of Next Meeting: June 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

~~Training Session: WCA~~

Adjourn

By: Robert D. Kopsisch, County Board Chair

May 6, 2021

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.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 18, 2021

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Robert Kopsisch, County Board Chairperson.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Robert Kopsisch, County Board Chairperson.

Invocation: Pastor Dean Arbs.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance.

Roll Call: Present (13): Alan Barkstrom, Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, James Hintz, Paula Houdek, Robert Kopisch, Mark Kyle, Waldemar Madsen, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, Ginny Strobl, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Nick Trimner.

Instructions were given to any members of the public attending electronically.

Presentation

1 May is Foster Care Month: Tammy Dahl, Foster Care Coordinator and Diana Lind, Foster Parent.

2 Wisconsin Counties Association – Supervisor Roles and Responsibilities: Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf.

Approval of Minutes – April 20, 2021: Motion Hintz/Madsen to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: None.

Public Comments: Supervisor Strobl questioned why there is so much turnover and expressed the need for civil rights training. Also indicated the Second Amendment issue should go to the Law Enforcement Committee.

Resolutions:

Resolution 17-21

Designating Public Depositories

WHEREAS, Associated Bank, Community Financial Bank, Forward Bank, Heritage Credit Union, Nicolet National Bank, Northwoods Community Credit Union, Prevail Bank and the State of Wisconsin Local Government Investment Pool all qualify as public depositories under Wis. Stats. §34.05 and §59.61; and WHEREAS, these institutions are designated as depositories in which the funds of Price County may from time to time be deposited; that any account under the Federal ID #39-6005733 be opened and maintained in the name of Price County; that the persons listed below are hereby authorized for and on behalf of Price County to sign order checks, as provided in Wis. Stat. §66.0607, for payment or withdrawal of checks, drafts, notes, bills, certificates of deposit or other instruments or orders for the payment of money owned or held by Price County; and

WHEREAS, the endorsement for deposit be in writing, by stamp or otherwise, with or without designation of signature of the person so endorsing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following officers and officials be designated as the "Authorized Persons" to deposit or withdraw money from said accounts:

Price County Board Chair
Price County Clerk
Price County Treasurer
Price County Administrator

All account withdrawals shall be effective only if countersigned by two (2) of the Authorized Persons listed herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Price County Board of Supervisors, that it hereby designates all of the above-named banks and credit unions chartered under state and U.S. laws and located in the State of Wisconsin and the Local Government Investment Pool as County depositories under Wis. Stats. §34.05 and §59.61. For purposes of enumeration, the financial institutions named above have made requests to be named a Price County depository and are so approved this 18th day of May 2021.

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 18th day of April 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Strobl/Madsen to adopt resolution. Motion carried on voice vote.

Resolution 18-21

In Support of Adding a Specific Reference in Wis. Stat. § 70.11(2) to Property Owned by Regional Planning Commissions as Exempt from Real Property Taxes

WHEREAS, Regional Planning Commissions are created pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0309 by the Governor upon petition of local units of government and are comprised of Counties and Municipalities located within their defined geographical area; and

WHEREAS, Regional Planning Commissions are granted broad powers in order to address the "physical, social and economic development of the region", which may include holding title to real property for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, Member Counties provide funds annually to Regional Planning Commissions for the purpose of meeting operational expenses pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0309(14); and

WHEREAS, Dissolution of a Regional Planning Commission would require that "all outstanding indebtedness of the commission has been paid and all unexpended funds returned to the local unit which supplied them" pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0309(15); and
WHEREAS, Regional Planning Commissions are therefore a direct instrument of and created for the benefit of the counties and municipalities that fund them; and
WHEREAS, all Real Property, Including Real Property owned by Wisconsin Regional Planning Commissions, is subject to the application of Wis. Stat. § 70.11 for the purpose of obtaining property tax exempt status; and
WHEREAS, because Wis. Stat. § 70.11(2) specifically references other joint "districts" of communities, such as joint water authorities created under § 66.0823, but not specifically planning commissions created under § 66.0309, ambiguity exists as to whether or not planning commissions qualify for exemption under § 70.11(2); and
WHEREAS, Regional Planning Commissions are created by local units of government and its assets are constructively assets of those local units of government.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that to rectify the existing ambiguity in Wis. Stat. § 70.11(2) the following language be added to specifically include Regional Planning Commissions as an additional exemption under this statute: "regional planning commissions created under Wis. Stat. § 66.0309"; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC) strongly encourages and supports the State Legislature in amending Wis. Stat. § 70.11(2) to include a specific reference of Regional Planning Commissions as exempt entities for the purpose of real property taxation, and
BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Wisconsin Counties Association, members of the Wisconsin Assembly and Senate representing the NWRPC region, and the member counties of the Northwest Regional Planning Commission.
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 18th day of April 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Wartgow/Hintz to recommend resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0).

Resolution 19-21

Adopting the Price County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

WHEREAS, hazard mitigation planning is the process of developing a set of actions designed to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards and their effects; and
WHEREAS, Price County has worked through its Local Emergency Planning Committee and in cooperation with the Northwest Regional Planning Commission to develop the Price County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, to assess the magnitude of hazard risks, and to develop strategies for minimizing or reducing these risks; and
WHEREAS, Price County Emergency Management provides emergency management planning, coordination, response, and recovery support on behalf of all communities of Price County; and
WHEREAS, the planning included a properly noticed special Public Open House held on August 27, 2020; and
WHEREAS, the Plan was reviewed and approved by Wisconsin Emergency Management and FEMA as meeting the required criteria for a multi-jurisdiction hazard mitigation plan outlined in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Chapter 1, Part 201; and
WHEREAS, adoption of the Plan by the Price County Board will make all unincorporated jurisdictions within Price County eligible to apply for federal grant dollars for hazard mitigation projects.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors adopts the Price County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the County with the intent of implementing the plan recommendations as funding and resources allow.
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 18th day of April 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Kyle/Madsen to consider resolution for adoption. Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0).

Resolution 20-21

Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021 (1)

WHEREAS the Price County Board of Supervisors at their November 10, 2020 meeting, after public hearing, adopted the 2021 budget for Price County; and
 WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Price County Board of Supervisors on May 13, 2021 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 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Price County Board of Supervisors at their May 18, 2021 meeting that the 2021 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.

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 18th day of April 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Houdek/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0).

2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT #1

Reorganizing between Disability & Protective and Behavioral Health

Resolution 20-21 5/18/2021

ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT CODE	Amount	2021 BUDGET	New budget
CHILDRENS COP REVENUE 377	220-60-43561-000-377-00000	8,000.00	(8,000.00)	-
CHILDRENS COP REVENUE 377	220-61-43561-000-377-00000	(8,000.00)	-	(8,000.00)
CLTS DD AUTISM FED	220-60-43561-000-427-00000	27,000.00	(27,000.00)	-
CLTS DD AUTISM FED	220-61-43561-000-427-00000	(27,000.00)	-	(27,000.00)
BIRTH TO THREE	220-60-43561-000-550-00000	20,789.00	(20,789.00)	-
BIRTH TO THREE	220-61-43561-000-550-00000	(20,789.00)	-	(20,789.00)
CLTS STATE MATCHED PARENTAL FE	220-60-43561-000-882-00000	200.00	(200.00)	-
CLTS STATE MATCHED PARENTAL FE	220-61-43561-000-882-00000	(200.00)	-	(200.00)
CHILDRENS COP REFUND	220-60-46610-000-377-37700	600.00	(600.00)	-
CHILDRENS COP REFUND	220-61-46610-000-377-37700	(600.00)	-	(600.00)
BIRTH TO THREE	220-60-46610-000-550-00550	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	-
BIRTH TO THREE	220-61-46610-000-550-00550	(25,000.00)	-	(25,000.00)
CLTS STATE MATCHED PARENTAL FE	220-60-46610-000-882-00882	200.00	(200.00)	-
CLTS STATE MATCHED PARENTAL FE	220-61-46610-000-882-00882	(200.00)	-	(200.00)
INTEREST - COP	220-60-48190-000-000-00999	15.00	(15.00)	-
INTEREST - COP	220-61-48190-000-000-00999	(15.00)	-	(15.00)
SALARIES	220-60-54420-111-000-00550	(23,659.00)	23,659.00	-
SALARIES	220-61-54420-111-000-00550	23,659.00	-	23,659.00
COMP TIME	220-60-54420-125-000-00550	(500.00)	500.00	-
COMP TIME	220-61-54420-125-000-00550	500.00	-	500.00

VACATION	220-60-54420-135-000-00550	(2,160.00)	2,160.00	-
VACATION	220-61-54420-135-000-00550	2,160.00	-	2,160.00
SICK LEAVE	220-60-54420-136-000-00550	(1,000.00)	1,000.00	-
SICK LEAVE	220-61-54420-136-000-00550	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	220-60-54420-151-000-00550	(2,205.00)	2,205.00	-
SOCIAL SECURITY	220-61-54420-151-000-00550	2,205.00	-	2,205.00
RETIREMENT	220-60-54420-152-000-00550	(1,945.00)	1,945.00	-
RETIREMENT	220-61-54420-152-000-00550	1,945.00	-	1,945.00
HEALTH INSURANCE	220-60-54420-154-000-00550	(762.00)	762.00	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	220-61-54420-154-000-00550	762.00	-	762.00
HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT	220-60-54420-155-000-00550	(75.00)	75.00	-
HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT	220-61-54420-155-000-00550	75.00	-	75.00
MILEAGE - BIRTH TO THREE	220-60-54420-160-550-00550	(1,000.00)	1,000.00	-
MILEAGE - BIRTH TO THREE	220-61-54420-160-550-00550	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
POSTAGE	220-60-54420-311-300-00550	(250.00)	250.00	-
POSTAGE	220-61-54420-311-300-00550	250.00	-	250.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	220-60-54420-312-300-00550	(250.00)	250.00	-
OFFICE SUPPLIES	220-61-54420-312-300-00550	250.00	-	250.00
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PREPARED BY:	Carrie Kyle			
DEPARTMENT:	Office of Administration			
		<u>(39,998.00) (39,998.00)</u>		

Resolution 21-21
Expanding Broadband Services in Price County

WHEREAS, Price County has established itself as a Broadband Forward! Community per Ordinance #2019-02, Chapter 492 and a Telecommuter Forward! Community per Resolution #24-19, and
WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Price County citizens to expand broadband services within the County, especially to its underserved areas, and
WHEREAS, the ability to receive grant funding to expand broadband services is enhanced when there are local partners participating financially in the grant application, and
WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocates funding directly to the State of Wisconsin and separately to Wisconsin counties for broadband infrastructure.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby gives express authority to the Price County Executive Committee to allocate up to \$100,000 from the above funding sources, directly from ARPA or State of Wisconsin funding, as a partner in any such application for funding to expand broadband services within Price County; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the underserved areas of Price County shall be a priority for any such grant applications.

Fiscal Impact: \$100,000

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 18th day of April 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Spacek/Madsen to consider resolution for

adoption. Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0).

Appointments

- A. Health and Human Services Board – County Board Representatives: terms to expire:
1) December 31, 2021: Mark Kyle; 2) December 31, 2022: Jeff Hallstrand and 3) December 31, 2023: Brian Ernst. Motion Houdek/Erickson to approve the appointments. Motion carried.
- B. Transportation Coordinating Committee – two-year terms to expire 4/30/23: Kathryn Stough, Pam Snyder
- C. Council on Aging Advisory Committee – three-year terms to expire 4/30/24: Merilee Lealos, Paula Houdek
- D. Nutrition Advisory Council – two-year terms to expire 4/30/23: Jean Conrad, Dani Hoffman, Philip Youngs
- E. ADRC-N Governing Board – three-year term to expire 5/31/24: Kathryn Shimkets

Reports on File

1. Price County Forestry & Parks Department – 2020 Annual Report

Convene to Committee of the Whole at 11:17 a.m.

1. County Administrator Report – Nick Trimmer
 - a. 2020 Financial Summary Report as of 12/31/20: No update. Audit in process.
 - b. 2021 Financial Summary Report as of 4/30/21: Reviewed new report format.
 - c. COVID-19 Pandemic Update: New CDC guidelines. Restrictions lifted for fully vaccinated individuals. May 28th is end of emergency leave. Employee travel reinstated. May continue work-from-home for some positions.
 - d. American Rescue Plan Act (AARP) update: Received first payment of \$1.29 million. Information and guidelines still being interpreted. Must designate spending by December 2024 and spend by December 2026.
2. Board Chair Report – Bob Kopisch
 - a. Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation (PFACDC) restructuring status: They are not getting the financial support they need.
 - b. Parliamentary Procedure
 - i. Public Comment vs Communications: Public comment is time to hear concerns from the public. Has time limits. Communications is time for Board members to present comments to the Board.
 - ii. Rules of Decorum: Following Robert's Rules of Order. Pertains to members and public.
 - iii. Abstentions from Voting: Member should state conflict and abstain from discussion and voting. Board member may question if another member should abstain.
 - c. Wisconsin Counties Association
 - i. Fall Conference Attendance: September 26 – 28. Turn in registrations by June 15th.
 - ii. Conference Resolutions: Deadline to submit is June 28th.
3. Committee Chair Reports: (items discussed at committee level)
 - a. Administration – Wartgow: Recruitment and retention initiative.
 - b. Buildings & Grounds – Spacek: First meeting of new committee. Office updates with LED lighting and carpet. Spring cleanup. New electric service at Fairgrounds.
 - c. Executive – Kopisch: PFACDC, economic development and tourism discussions. Resolution addressing Second Amendment support postponed indefinitely. Park Falls Paper Mill back in receivership. America Recovery Program Act funds. Forest carbon credits.
 - d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Spring timber sale bids. Tom Ernst hired as new Forester. Parks readied for summer use. Forest carbon credits.
 - e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Bylaws updated. Committee appointments. Wi Wins tobacco coalition. Health assessment survey.
 - f. Highway & Transportation: Spring maintenance and readying for spring projects. Adopted fee schedule. Normal spring water levels at dams. Weimers Dam project scheduled.
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Barkstrom: Set land auction prices. Conditional Use Permits for short-term rentals. Several land divisions. Zoning permits increasing. Two snowmobile bridge projects. DATC crop damage program transferring from County to State level. WE-Extension hired 4-H Summer Intern. State staff will be in-person. Tracking time spent.
 - h. Law Enforcement – Hintz: Second drone used for investigations. State Patrol trooper who conducts weight inspections is retiring. Replacement uncertain.

Convened out of Committee of the Whole at 12:03 p.m.

Closed Session: Announcement and motion Spacek/Hallstrand to adjourn to closed session at 12:03 p.m. 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 for the purpose of:

3. County Administrator Employment Agreement
4. Motion to Return to Open Session

Roll call vote: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0).

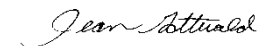
Motion in closed session to return to open session at 12:34 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0).

Take Action, as needed, on closed session items: Motion Wartgow/Madsen to approve the County Administrator Employment Agreement. Roll call vote: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0).

Date of Next Meeting: June 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 12:36 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 May 18, 2021 and the whole thereof.



Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Notice of Meeting

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: 187 087 8797

Date: June 15, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes – May 18, 2021

Communications and Announcements

Public Comments

Presentation

- 1 Bluesource LLC - Develop a Forest Carbon Offset Project for Price County Owned Lands

Resolutions

1. Amend Chapter 530 Article VI (Schienbeck Rezone) (Land Use / UW-Extension)
2. ~~Amend Chapter 530 Article VI~~ County Approval of an Amendment to the Town of Worcester Zoning Ordinance (Spacek Rezone) (Land Use / UW-Extension) **amended June 11, 2021**
3. Create Full-time Position – Additional Family Skills Worker (Administration Committee)
4. Create Full-time Position – Dementia Care Specialist (Administration Committee)
5. Adopt Revised Employee Handbook (Administration Committee)
6. Revisions to the Non-Represented Wage Matrix (Administration Committee)

Appointments

1. Council on Aging Advisory Committee – three-year terms to expire 4/30/24: Diane Gierman
2. Nutrition Advisory Council – two-year terms to expire 4/30/23: Tom Bader
3. Woodland Enhanced Health Services Commission: Jeff Hallstrand
4. Board of Adjustment – three-year terms to expire 5/31/2024 (David Schmidt, Mark Marsden)
5. NW Regional Planning – Visions NW – three-year term to expire 5/31/2024 (Dale Heikkinen)

Committee of the Whole

WHEREAS, the Price County Land Use and UW-Extension Committee has held a public hearing and hereby recommends that the Price County Board of Supervisors approve the rezoning of the following described parcel:

One (1) parcel of land located within part of the NW1/4 SE1/4, Section 36, Township 40N, Range 1W, Town of Eisenstein, (N14631 State Highway 13). Rezone request applies to a 200' x 350' parcel within the 20.5 acre property as indicated on the attached map. This petition is to rezone the parcel from RF-1 (Rural Residential-Forestry District) to CI-1 (Commercial-Industrial District).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors approve the rezoning petition for Patrick Schienebeck.

Submitted by the Land Use / UW-Extension Committee: s/Alan Barkstrom, Chairperson; Doug Erickson; Paula Houdek; Mark Kyle; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner
Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of June 2021: s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 1. Motion Palecek/Barkstrom to consider resolution for adoption. Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (1): Hintz.

Resolution 23-21

County Approval of an Amendment to the Town of Worcester Zoning Ordinance (Spacek Rezone)

WHEREAS, the Town of Worcester has undertaken the obligation and authority to control zoning and land use planning to the extent that such authority is granted to the Town pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes; and WHEREAS, the County of Price and the Town of Worcester have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding whereby the County and Town have agreed upon the division of such zoning and land use planning authority; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Worcester has deferred the decision regarding the following request for a rezone of a parcel under the jurisdiction of Price County Shoreland Zoning to the County:

Zoning amendment filed by Randy Spacek to rezone one (1) parcel of land located within part of Government Lot 5, Section 6, Township 37N, Range 1E, Town of Worcester, (N9651 Deer Lake Lane) as indicated on the attached map. This petition is to rezone the parcel from A-1 (Agricultural District) to CI-C (Commercial District).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the change to the Zoning District Map for the Town of Worcester attached hereto is hereby approved by the County Board of the County of Price.

BE IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this approval shall not be effective until this Resolution is published.

Submitted by the Land Use / UW-Extension Committee: s/Alan Barkstrom, Chairperson; Doug Erickson; Paula Houdek; Mark Kyle; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner
Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of June 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 1, Abstain: 1. Motion Erickson/Wartgow to consider resolution for adoption. Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (1): Hintz. Abstain (1): Spacek.

Resolution 24-21

Create Full-time Position – Additional Family Skills Worker

WHEREAS, in recent years the state of Wisconsin added numerous mandates and practice expectations which increased county Child Protective Services (CPS) workload and costs; and

WHEREAS, Price County's out-of-home care caseloads for children and youth has been increasing over the past several years, causing caseloads for CPS workers to grow to unreasonable levels, contributing to high levels of staff turnover and creating highly stressful working conditions with a significant increase in overtime worked, as well as an alarming decrease in resources available to the families served; and

WHEREAS, some of the tasks required for implementing and following individual case plans include transporting children, supervising family visits and teaching parenting skills; and

WHEREAS, the social workers who oversee these children and youth have had to take on some of these duties, taking their time away from conducting investigations, emergency removal of children and completing mandated reports; and

WHEREAS, duties that do not require caseworker supervision can be performed by the family skills worker but, since there is only one person in that position, many of these tasks fall back on the caseworker; and

WHEREAS, not only would there be better use of the caseworker's time to transfer some of these tasks to a family skills worker, but it would also be a significant cost savings; and

WHEREAS, Price County Health and Human Services is in need of an additional family skills worker to help alleviate the workload and time constraints put on social workers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the creation of an additional full-time family skills worker position in the Health and Human Services Department. Fiscal impact: \$60,500 (budgeted)
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 15th day of June 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Wartgow/Houdek to consider resolution for adoption. Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0).

Resolution 25-21

Create Full-time Position – Dementia Care Specialist

WHEREAS, taking into consideration the ever-increasing senior population in recent years, the state of Wisconsin has added numerous mandates and practice expectations which included the requirement for dementia care specialists; and

WHEREAS, until now, the Aging and Disability Resource Center of the North (ADRC-N), of which Price County is a member, has contracted for the dementia care specialist to serve member counties; and

WHEREAS, review of the contracted service by the ADRC-N Directors has resulted in a decision to discontinue the current contract and instead convert this to an employee level position within the ADRC-N.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the creation of a full-time Dementia Care Specialist position, per attached job description; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT funding for the position will continue to be provided by the ADRC-N, resulting in no direct cost to Price County.

Fiscal impact: 0

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 15th day of June 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Houdek/Hallstrand to consider resolution for adoption. Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0).

Resolution 26-21

Adopt Revised Employee Handbook

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, recruitment and retention of County employees has become increasingly difficult for certain positions and the Administration Committee has reviewed job classifications, pay rates and hiring practices to develop a 2021 Retention and Recruitment Plan; and

WHEREAS, to implement the 2021 Retention and Recruitment Plan, 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 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, with an effective date of July 11, 2021.

Fiscal Impact: \$49,040 (budgeted)

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 15th day of June 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Spacek/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0)

Resolution 27-21

Revisions to the Non-Represented Wage Matrix

WHEREAS, per resolution 57-09, the Price County Board adopted a Non-represented Wage Matrix for implementation on January 1, 2010, and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Administration Committee to review salary and wage data and to administer the policy on wage adjustments for individual job positions and job classifications and make recommendations to the Price County Board of Supervisors for revisions as needed, and
WHEREAS, recruitment and retention of County employees has become increasingly difficult for certain positions and the Administration Committee has reviewed job classifications, pay rates and hiring practices to develop a 2021 Retention and Recruitment Plan; and
WHEREAS, to implement the 2021 Retention and Recruitment Plan, the Administration Committee proposes the following adjustments to the following positions on the Non-represented Wage Matrix:

- Correction Officer/Civilian Dispatcher – Hire up to Step 6
- Sheriff Office Lieutenant – Hire at Step 6
- Children and Youth Social Worker – Hire at Step 6
- Highway Department Foreman – Hire at Step 6

Individual employees who are currently in any of these positions will move to Step 6 if they are currently below Step 6 and if they are above or at Step 6 they will move one step or receive a 1.5% wage increase; and

WHEREAS, also included in the 2021 Retention and Recruitment Plan is elimination of the distinction between Highway Department Operator I and Operator II, transitioning to a general classification of Operator. Individual employees currently classified as Operator I or Operator II will move to the Operator position and placed on the closest step on the wage schedule that would not result in a decrease to their current wage; and

WHEREAS, another aspect of the 2021 Retention and Recruitment Plan is offering three additional steps for employees in Grades I – R who have reached Step 10, movement to be obtained after a positive job performance review from the Office of Administration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the changes to the Non-represented Wage Matrix as presented and reflected in the attached wage schedule, with an effective date of July 11, 2021. Fiscal Impact: \$53,223 (budgeted) 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 15th day of June 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Barkstrom/Wartgow to consider resolution for adoption. Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0).

Appointments

- A. Council on Aging Advisory Committee – three-year terms to expire 4/30/24: Diane Gierman
- B. Nutrition Advisory Council – two-year terms to expire 4/30/23: Tom Bader
- C. Woodland Enhanced Health Services Commission: Jeff Hallstrand.
- D. Board of Adjustment – three-year terms to expire 5/31/2024 (David Schmidt, Mark Marsden): Motion Spacek/Madsen to approve the appointment. Motion carried.
- E. NW Regional Planning – Visions NW – three-year term to expire 5/31/2024 (Dale Heikkinen): Motion Houdek/Strobl to approve the appointment. Motion carried.

Convene to Committee of the Whole at 9:35 a.m.

- 1. County Administrator Report – Nick Trimner
 - a. 2020 Financial Summary Report as of 12/31/20: Audits complete. Resulted in findings of filing deadlines being missed in the ADRC.
 - b. 2021 Financial Summary Report as of 5/31/21: Reviewed. Significant HVAC issues.
 - c. 2022 Preliminary Budget Goals: Budget instruction letters sent to departments with 0% increase. Starting with 2% wage increase and 5-8% health insurance increase. Will need to budget for the new Senior Nutrition site in Park Falls. Books-by-Mail will need to be reevaluated. Possible additional K-9 unit. Addition of a Recreation Officer would be funded 70-80% by DNR.
 - d. COVID-19 Pandemic Update: Emergency Leave will be ending.
 - e. American Recovery Plan Act Update and Spending: Working on options.

Presentation (10:00 a.m.): Bluesource LLC - Develop a Forest Carbon Offset Project for Price County Owned Lands

- 1. Board Chair Report
 - a. Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation restructuring status: Meeting July 1st.
 - b. WCA Conference Resolutions: None recommended.
 - c. Rules and Responsibilities – Follow-up: Review from last County Board meeting.
- 2. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Administration – Wartgow: Vetting health insurance vendors. Jacqueline Adams retired from DA's Office. Continued recruitment for Sheriff Deputies and Social Worker. \$90,000 left from money budgeted for retention and recruitment.

- b. Buildings & Grounds – Spacek: Finishing work at the Fairgrounds including handrail repair on the grandstand bleachers. VA Office getting drop ceiling and furniture. Normal Building AC failed. Portable units provided.
- c. Executive – Kopisch: Interest in rejoining Northwoods Rail Transit Commission.
- d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Two active sales. Revenues of \$1,376,000. Campgrounds are off to a good summer season. Received donations for improvements to the Cranberry Lak Shooting Range.
- e. Health and Human Services: Reestablished congregate senior meal sites. New site in Park Falls. June 15th is Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Change in the structure of the Dementia Care Specialist position. Janine Dobson resignation as of July 16th.
- f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Summer maintenance and construction projects. County Road C bridge project being completed and the County Road A bridge project to start. Conducted the 2021 road tour. Dams and Airport are busy with summer activities.
- g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Barkstrom: Several conditional use permits, gravel pit reclamations and land divisions. Animal crop damage program administration moving from local to state level. Working on summer cost share projects. UW-Extension transitioning to in-person programming.
- h. Law Enforcement – Hintz: Introduction of the K-9 unit. Recognition of officer actions at building fire in Park Falls.

Date of Next Meeting: August 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 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 June 15, 2021 and the whole thereof.

Jean Gottwald

Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Notice of Meeting

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Date: July 13, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes – June 15, 2021

Communications and Announcements

Public Comments

Resolutions (Executive Committee)

1. **Project Approval - ~~Funding for~~ Price County Normal Building Cooling/Air Handling – Chiller Replacement amended July 2, 2021**
2. Approve Additional 2021 Funding for the Books-by-Mail Program
3. Amend Resolution 21-21 Expanding Broadband Services in Price County
4. 2020 Transfer into Highway Facilities Fund
5. 2020 Transfer into Highway Equipment Fund

Committee of the Whole

1. County Administrator Report

- a. 2020 Financial Summary Report as of 12/31/20
- b. 2021 Financial Summary Report as of 6/30/21
- c. 2022 Preliminary Budget
2. COVID-19 Pandemic Update
3. American Recovery Plan Act
 - a. Update
 - b. Approve Spending Levels
4. **County Fairgrounds Property – Future Ownership/Operation amended July 8, 2021**
5. Repair/Replacement Projects
 - a. Normal Building
 - b. Safety Building
6. Continued Broadband Expansion
 - a. Bug Tussel
 - b. Other Projects
7. Park Falls Paper Mill
 - a. Update
 - b. Legislation
8. Redistricting
 - a. Legislation
 - b. Ad Hoc Committee
9. Opioid Settlement
10. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Administration
 - b. Buildings & Grounds
 - c. Executive
 - d. Forestry & Parks
 - e. Health and Human Services
 - f. Highway & Transportation
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension
 - h. Law Enforcement

Date of Next Meeting: August 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room
Adjourn

By: Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair

Posted: July 2, 2021

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.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

July 13, 2021

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, Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, James Hintz, Paula Houdek, Robert Kopisch, Mark Kyle, Waldemar Madsen, Larry Palecek, Ginny Strobl, Dennis Wartgow. Excused: Doug Erickson, Jordan Spacek. Also present: Nick Trimner.

Instructions were given to any members of the public attending electronically.

Approval of Minutes – June 15, 2021: Motion Madsen/Barkstrom to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: Ms. Strobl asked for clarification on requirement for requesting public attendance at meeting.

Public Comments: Peter Dahlie, Town of Elk and Lyn Ludwig, Town of Worcester regarding status of Fairgrounds property and ownership. Lynn Ludwig, Town of Worcester regarding Reimagine Price County. Resolutions:

Resolution 28-21

Project Approval - Price County Normal Building Cooling/Air Handling – Chiller Replacement

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, the Normal Building cooling and air handling system failed; and
WHEREAS, it has been determined that the most cost effective and energy efficient solution is replacement of the building chiller system; and
WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Committee reviewed the proposed project with a cost of \$357,600 and forwarded it to the Executive Committee for their consideration; and
WHEREAS, funding for the project will be determined by the Executive Committee.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors approve the project to improve cooling and air handling for the congregate and Health Department areas by replacing the Normal Building chiller system at an estimated cost of up to \$357,600 with funding to be determined by the Executive Committee.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of July 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0.

Fiscal Impact \$357,600.

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

Resolution 29-21

Approve Additional 2021 Funding for the Books-by-Mail Program

WHEREAS, Price County has funded a Books-by-Mail program for many years; and
WHEREAS, the number of current subscribers to the program is 131 Price County residents, primarily made up of senior citizens; and
WHEREAS, the total cost of the program in 2020 was \$17,500; and
WHEREAS \$8,900 has been budgeted for the program in 2021 with \$4,500 being levy dollars and \$4,400 being the balance of a dedicated library fund; and
WHEREAS, the Park Falls Public Library, which oversees the program, has spent the 2021 budgeted amount and fund balance and is requesting \$6,000 to continue operation of the program through the end of 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors approves exceeding the 2021 budget for library services by \$6,000 for the 2021 Books-by-Mail program.

Fiscal Impact: \$6,000

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of July 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 10, Against: 1.

Deb Hyde, Director Park Falls Public Library provided comment.

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

Amend Resolution 21-21

Expanding Broadband Services in Price County

WHEREAS, Price County has established itself as a Broadband Forward! Community per Ordinance #2019-02, Chapter 492 and a Telecommuter Forward! Community per Resolution #24-19, and
WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Price County citizens to expand broadband services within the County, especially to its underserved areas, and
WHEREAS, the ability to receive grant funding to expand broadband services is enhanced when there are local partners participating financially in the grant application, and
WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocates funding directly to the State of Wisconsin and separately to Wisconsin counties for broadband infrastructure.

WHEREAS, it is imperative to get involvement from local municipalities to reinforce their commitment to broadband expansion for their residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby gives express authority to the Price County Executive Committee to allocate up to \$100,000 for the 339 exchange broadband expansion project from the above funding sources, directly from ARPA or State of Wisconsin funding, as a partner with Norvado in an any-such application for funding to expand broadband services within Price County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors also gives express authority to the Price County Executive Committee to allocate up to another \$150,000 for any future broadband expansion projects from the above funding sources, directly from ARPA or State of Wisconsin funding, as a partner in any additional application for funding to expand broadband services within Price County; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Price County will contribute \$50,000, with another \$100,000 available based on contributions from local municipalities, to the extent that Price County's contribution will be a dollar-for-dollar match of any local municipality's contribution, with a minimum contribution from Price County of \$50,000 and a maximum of \$150,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the underserved areas of Price County shall be a priority for any such grant applications.

Fiscal Impact: ~~\$100,000~~ \$250,000

Original resolution signatures on file.

Motion Houdek/Hintz to consider resolution amendments. Roll call vote on resolution amendments: Yes (10): Barkstrom, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Wartgow. No (0). Abstain (1): Strobl. Motion carried.

Resolution 30-21

2020 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 2020 was \$78,258 and the amount of depreciation recorded for 2020 was \$117,642 and the amount of expenditures for 2020 was \$92,494 resulting in a transfer amount of \$25,148 to the Highway Facilities Fund.

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

WHEREAS, the designated transfer of \$25,148 would bring the 2020 ending fund balance to \$325,148.

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 2020.

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 13th day of July 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0.

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

Resolution 31-21

2020 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 2020 was 163,481 and the amount of depreciation recorded for 2020 was \$310,798 and the net amount of any profit from the annual equipment audit for 2020 not to exceed net operating income per the audit report for matching revenues (cash in) with expenditures (cash out) was \$0 and the equipment purchases were \$372,276 resulting in a transfer amount of \$102,003 into the Highway Equipment Fund.

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

WHEREAS, the designated transfer of \$102,003 would bring the 2020 ending equipment fund balance to \$218,564 and the ending general cash fund to \$2,011,609.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the amount of \$102,003 be transferred from the Highway General Cash Fund into the Highway Equipment Fund for the year 2020.

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 13th day of July 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0.

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

Committee of the Whole: 9:46 a.m.

1. County Fairgrounds Property – Future Ownership/Operation: Darin and Alexis Baratka have approached the County regarding purchasing/managing the Fairground properties. Nick is finding information on how ownership originated, what other counties do with their fairgrounds, what the options for selling or leasing the property. The County continues to face several expensive maintenance issues with property and buildings. The Open Class Building needed to be removed and the Barn has been deemed unusable. The County would need a guarantee that the County Fair, Antique Association and other entities are allowed to continue.
2. County Administrator Report – Nick Trimner
 - a. 2020 Financial Summary Report as of 12/31/20: Single audit needed to be expanded.
 - b. 2021 Financial Summary Report as of 6/30/21: Reviewed six-month report. High expenses with Buildings & Grounds for AC failure in the normal building. Relocating the Park Falls senior meal site to start September 1st. Sales tax revenue doing well.
 - c. 2022 Preliminary Budget: First budget August. 0% operations, 2% wage increase, 5-8% health insurance increase. Discussing Books-by-mail, fairgrounds, additional K-9 unit, recreational officer, project and highway borrowing, additional highway operator. Will state allow borrowing for high-cost placements? State budget passed. Will need to wade through the changes.
3. COVID-19 Pandemic Update: Within County operations. Continue to allow working remotely. Emergency sick leave ended. Distancing at meetings still in place. Following CDC guidelines. Continue to monitor cases in the County.
4. American Recovery Plan Act
 - a. Update: Explanation of how spending can be used and calculations involved.
 - b. Approve Spending Levels: Reviewed three spending levels.
5. Repair/Replacement Projects
 - a. Normal Building: Chiller failed and needed to be replaced. Safety Building.
 - b. Safety Building: Ventilation issues. Chillers and air handler replacement needed for Courthouse and Safety Building.
6. Continued Broadband Expansion
 - a. Bug Tussel: They requested the County guaranteeing a \$12 million bond. Have presented a downsized project.
 - b. Other Projects: Have received multiple requests from other vendors.
7. Park Falls Paper Mill
 - a. Update: Future still unknown.
 - b. Legislation: Governor Evers vetoed the paper mill bill because of using ARPA funding. Another bill is circulating with a different funding source and changing parameters of the funding.
8. Redistricting
 - a. Legislation: 2020 census information has not been released. Bill to alter the redistricting timeline did not pass.
 - b. Ad Hoc Committee: Will be formed when information becomes available.
9. Opioid Settlement: Passed and signed on the state level. Allocation to be determined. To be used for prevention going forward.
10. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Administration – Wartgow: No report.
 - b. Buildings & Grounds – Kyle: Nothing additional.
 - c. Executive – Kopisch: Rejoined the Northwoods Rail Trail Commission.
 - d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Campgrounds remain full. Received grants from DNR \$77,467 and NRA \$24,612 for Cranberry Lake Shooting Range improvements. Timber sales \$1,131,000. Current poor market may have effect going forward.
 - e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: No meeting. Orientation held for new board members.
 - f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Highway C Bridge project completed. Highway A Bridge project in process. Summer projects. Soo Lake draw down to determine project scope. BOA tree removal project at Airport.

- g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Barkstrom: Seven public hearings for conditional use permits and exceptions. Approved developing a septic tank fee. Summer projects in Land Conservation. 4-H summer intern introduced. Assistant Dean Catherine Neiswender attended meeting to discuss programming. Libby Huber resigned effective July 6th. Discussing future of vacant position.
- h. Law Enforcement – Jim Hintz: No meeting. Fundraiser held for K-9 Unit.

Date of next meeting: August 17, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 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 July 13, 2021 and the whole thereof.

Jean Gottwald

Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Notice of Meeting

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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Please call 715-339-3325 to reserve a seat. Seating is limited.

Members of the public may access all public meetings via conference call.

Conference call number: 1-408-418-9388

Conference code: 187 087 8797

Amended August 12, 2021

Date: August 17, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes – ~~July 1 and~~ July 13, 2021

Communications and Announcements

Public Comments

Presentations:

1. Friends of Fred Smith
2. Phillips Chamber of Commerce – Tourism Status Report

~~Ordinance~~

- ~~1. Ordinance 2021-01: Amend the Code of Price County, Chapter 518 thereof, entitled “Private Sewage Systems”, Section 24 “Fees” to add a New Item for Providing for a POWTS (Private On-site Wastewater Treatment System) Maintenance Program Fee~~
- ~~2. Set Ordinance 2021-01 Fee Amount~~

Resolutions

- ~~1. Ratifying 2021 Price County Spring Land Sale (Executive)~~
- ~~2. Develop a Forest Carbon Offset Project for Price County Owned Lands (Forestry & Parks and Executive)~~
3. Designating General Fund Money for Parcel Replanting (4-21) (Forestry & Parks and Executive)
4. Designating General Fund Money for Parcel Replanting (9-21) (Forestry & Parks and Executive)
5. Price County Highway Department 2023-2027 Equipment Improvement Program and 2023-2025 Facilities Improvement Program (Highway & Transportation)

Reports on file

1. Health & Humans Services Department – 2020 Annual Report

Committee of the Whole

1. County Administrator Report

- a. 2020 Financial Summary Report as of 12/31/20
- b. 2021 Financial Summary Report as of 7/31/21
- c. 2022 Preliminary Budget
2. COVID-19 Pandemic Update
3. American Recovery Plan Act
4. County Fairgrounds Property – Future Ownership/Operation
5. Board Chair Report
 - a. Redistricting Plan
 - b. Opioid Settlement
 - c. WCA Board Meeting – 8/6/2021
 - d. WCA Conference
6. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Administration
 - b. Buildings & Grounds
 - c. Executive
 - d. Forestry & Parks
 - e. Health and Human Services
 - f. Highway & Transportation
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension
 - h. Law Enforcement

Date of Next Meeting: September 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room
Adjourn

By: Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair

Posted: August 6, 2021

Reviewed by County Administrator:

Nicholas Trimner

C: The Price County Review

WCQM/WPFP

Corporation Counsel

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS August 17, 2021

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 (13): Alan Barkstrom, Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, James Hintz, Paula Houdek, Robert Kopisch, Mark Kyle, Waldemar Madsen, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, Ginny Strobl, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Nick Trimner.

Instructions were given to any members of the public attending electronically.

Approval of Minutes July 13, 2021: Motion Madsen/Strobl to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: Jordan Spacek regarding concern about the proposed septic fee ordinance.

Public Comments: Peter Dahlie, Town of Elk, concern about the historical buildings at the fairgrounds if the property is sold.

Presentations:

1. Friends of Fred Smith: Not available.
2. Phillips Chamber of Commerce – Tourism Status Report: Laurie Hansen provided update on new visitor guide and initiatives being worked on to promote Price County.

Resolutions:

Resolution 32-21
Designating General Fund Money for Parcel Replanting (4-21)

WHEREAS, Price County has 92,267 acres of land entered into the Wisconsin County Forest Law (Wis. State Statute §28.10 and §28.11); and

WHEREAS, the timber management program for the Price County Forest is governed by the Wisconsin DNR's Silvicultural and Forest Aesthetics handbook which states:

Artificial regeneration is the most reliable and most commonly practiced method to regenerate red pine stands. Proper site selection, site preparation and competition control are important for artificial regeneration to be successful; and

WHEREAS, included in the 2021 Spring Timber Sale bid packet is Tract #4-21, which includes 60 acres of poorly stocked and low quality hardwood, and will need to be artificially regenerated to maintain productivity; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the 2021 Spring Timber Sale, at least \$32,405 will to be paid to the County for stumpage cut on Tract #4-21; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that when the time comes to artificially regenerate the 60-acre Tract #4-21, money from the General Fund, not to exceed \$30,000, will be transferred to the Forestry Department to cover the related expenses.

Fiscal Impact: \$30,000

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: s/Jeff Hallstrand, Chair; Brian Ernst; Waldemar Madsen; Jordan Spacek; Ginny Strobl. Reviewed and approved 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 17th day of August 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Palecek/Hallstrand to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 33-21

Designating General Fund Money for Parcel Replanting (9-21)

WHEREAS, Price County has 92,267 acres of land entered into the Wisconsin County Forest Law (Wis. State Statute §28.10 and §28.11); and

WHEREAS, the timber management program for the Price County Forest is governed by the Wisconsin DNR's Silvicultural and Forest Aesthetics handbook which states:

Artificial regeneration is the most reliable and most commonly practiced method to regenerate red pine stands. Proper site selection, site preparation and competition control are important for artificial regeneration to be successful; and

WHEREAS, included in the 2021 Spring Timber Sale bid packet is Tract #9-21, which includes 191 acres of poorly stocked balsam fir, which will need to be artificially regenerated to maintain productivity; and

WHEREAS, based on the timber cruise estimates, at least \$38,209 is projected to be paid to the County for stumpage cut on the future sale of Tract #9-21; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that when the time comes to artificially regenerate the 191-acre Tract #9-21, money from the General Fund, not to exceed \$95,500, will be transferred to the Forestry Department to cover the related expenses.

Fiscal Impact: \$95,500

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: s/Jeff Hallstrand, Chair; Brian Ernst; Waldemar Madsen; Jordan Spacek; Ginny Strobl. Reviewed and approved 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 17th day of August 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Strobl/Madsen to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 34-21

Price County Highway Department 2023-2027 Equipment Improvement Program and 2023-2025 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 2023-2027 Equipment Improvement Program and the 2023-2025 Facilities Improvement Program.

Submitted by the Price County Highway and Transportation Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Alan Barkstrom; Jeffrey Hallstrand; James Hintz; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 17th day of August 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For:13, Against: 0. Motion Barkstrom/Spacek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Reports on file

1. Health & Humans Services Department – 2020 Annual Report

Convened to Committee of the Whole at 9:35 a.m.

1. County Administrator Report – Nick Trimner

- a. 2020 Financial Summary Report as of 12/31/20: Final audit draft received. Completing responses to analytical questions.
- b. 2021 Financial Summary Report as of 7/31/21: Several unexpected maintenance projects. COVID/ARPA spending to be determined. Tax collections have gone well. Increase in camping fees will be used to offset park projects.
- c. 2022 Preliminary Budget: 2022 recommended levy of \$11,005,962 (4.4%) with a mill rate increase of \$.208 per \$100,000 (2.89%). Reviewed with discussion on proposed recommendations.

2. COVID-19 Pandemic Update: Administrator's COVID emergency authority ends August 31st. Employees are following CDC recommendations regarding masking in public places.

3. American Recovery Plan Act: Continue to develop list of authorized projects, that would otherwise have been done with levy money. Broadband projects moving forward in the 339 exchange. Grant application processed for a Southern Price County project. Several municipalities signed on.

4. County Fairgrounds Property – Future Ownership/Operation: Continue to have maintenance issues. Will be ready for the County Fair. Title company is searching for ownership history, which could affect how the property may be sold.

5. Board Chair Report – Bob Kopisch

- a. Redistricting Plan: Census numbers are out. Notices will be published for a September 14th public hearing. Committee will be appointed to develop the County plan.
- b. Opioid Settlement: \$400 million to State of Wisconsin. 70% local, 30% state.
- c. WCA Board Meeting – 8/6/2021: Association Financial review went well. Legislative updates. 2022 dues will remain the same.
- d. WCA Conference: September 26-28 in La Crosse. Supervisors attending: Kopisch, Houdek, Ernst, Madsen.

6. Committee Chair Reports:

- a. Administration – Wartgow: Health insurance broker switch to Cottingham & Butler.
- b. Buildings & Grounds – Spacek: New chiller project at Normal Building moving forward.
- c. Executive – Kopisch: 2022 budget. County-wide economic development discussions. Did not forward carbon offset resolution. Any questions should be directed to Nick.
- d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Five active timber sales. Campgrounds continue to be busy. Three grant projects. Continue to look into campground expansion at Solberg Lake and Smith Lake County parks. Cranberry Lake shooting range project moving forward. Most costs covered with grant and donations.
- e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Reviewed 2020 annual report. Keeping updated with COVID data. Programming public participation hearing held. Park Falls nutrition site transfer from hospital to Peace Lutheran Church. With retirement of Janine Dobson, Kris Mabie has transferred to the Senior Service Unit Director.
- f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Summer projects. Mowing, rut paving, chip sealing, shouldering. 2021 road maintenance projects being completed. Prepping for next year's projects. Possible delay of 18 months for new truck. Facilities repairs. Dams at summer levels.

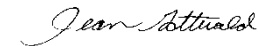
Weimers Dam project continues. Hamburger fly-in at Airport.

- g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Barkstrom: Several public hearings and land divisions. Public hearing scheduled for septic fee ordinance. Land sale auction completed bringing in \$65,000. Land Conservation treating wild parsnip. Design work for the shooting range improvement. 4-H working on fair exhibits. Vacancy of the full-time UW position. Committee determining position structure moving forward.
- h. Law Enforcement – Hintz: No meeting held.

Date of Next Meeting: September 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 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 August 17, 2021 and the whole thereof.



Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

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Date: September 14, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes August 17, 2021

Communications and Announcements

Public Comments

Presentations:

1. 2020 Audit – Baker Tilly

Public Hearing 9:20 a.m.: Price County Tentative Supervisory Redistricting Plan

Resolutions

1. Adoption of Tentative 2020 Supervisor Redistricting Plan (Redistricting Committee)
2. Ratifying 2021 Price County Spring Land Sale (Executive)
3. Establish a Special Revenue Fund for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Revenue and Expenses (Executive)
4. Approve Transfer to Offset 2020 Budget Overages (Executive)
5. 2020 Transfer into Capital Improvement Fund (Executive)
6. Approve Price County 2022 Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be Financed with Short-term Debt - \$300,000 (Executive)
7. Approve Price County 2022 Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be Financed with Short-term Debt - \$400,000 (Executive)
8. Implement Price County 2022 Capital Projects to be Financed with Short-term Debt #1 - \$252,500 (Executive)
9. Implement Price County 2022 Capital Projects to be Financed with Short-term Debt – Two Year - \$760,000 (Executive)
10. Approve Price County 2022 Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be Financed with Short-Term Debt - \$2,000,000 (Executive)
11. Afghan Refugees in Price County (presented by Supervisor Madsen)

Committee of the Whole

1. County Administrator Report
 - a. 2020 Financial Summary Report as of 12/31/20
 - b. 2021 Financial Summary Report as of 8/31/21
 - c. 2022 Preliminary Budget
 - d. American Recovery Plan Act update
2. Board Chair Report
 - a. WCA annual meeting resolutions
 - b. COVID-19 pandemic update
3. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Administration
 - b. Buildings & Grounds
 - c. Executive
 - d. Forestry & Parks
 - e. Health and Human Services
 - f. Highway & Transportation
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension
 - h. Law Enforcement

Date of Next Meeting: October 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room
Adjourn

By: Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair

Posted: September 2, 2021

Reviewed by County Administrator:

Nicholas Trimner

C: The Price County Review

WCQM/WPFP

Corporation Counsel

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS September 14, 2021

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 (13): Alan Barkstrom, Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, James Hintz, Paula Houdek, Robert Kopisch, Mark Kyle, Waldemar Madsen, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, Ginny Strobl, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Nick Trimner.

Instructions were given to any members of the public attending electronically.

Approval of Minutes August 17, 2021: Motion Hintz/Houdek to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: None.

Public Comments: Supervisor Barkstrom read a communication from Sam Opresik, Town of Elk, regarding the ownership of the Fairgrounds.

Presentations:

1. 2020 Audit – Baker Tilly: Kim Shult presented the 2020 Audit report.

Public Hearing for the Price County Tentative Supervisory Redistricting Plan declared open at 9:33 a.m. No comments received. Supervisor Houdek read communication from Wendy Orysen, Town of Hackett Clerk, regarding opposition to Redistricting Option 1. Reviewed Option 1 and Option 2. Public hearing declared closed at 9:36 a.m.

Resolutions:

Resolution 35-21

Adoption of Tentative 2020 Supervisor Redistricting Plan

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. §59.10(3)(b) sets forth the procedures for reapportioning supervisory districts and requires that the County Board submit a tentative Supervisory District Plan and Written Statement to the various governing bodies of the municipalities in the County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following is the tentative Supervisory Redistricting Plan for the 2020 census:

1. Size. The size of the County Board shall be thirteen (13) Supervisors and, accordingly, there shall be thirteen (13) single Supervisory Districts.
2. District Boundaries. The District boundary lines shall be set forth on the proposed Reapportionment Districts Map dated September 14, 2021, which is made a part hereof by reference.
3. Contiguity and Equity. The tentative districts are substantially equal in population. Whenever possible, whole contiguous municipalities or contiguous parts of the same municipality have been placed within the same District.
4. Statement. The attached statement specifying the approximate location of the territory from which a ward is sought to be created and the appropriate population of the ward shall be the County's Statement and, together with this Resolution and the boundary map, shall be mailed by the County Clerk to each municipality within Price County upon adoption.
5. Request for Division into Wards. All involved municipalities are hereby requested to make a good faith effort to accommodate the proposed tentative District Plan and divide their municipal units into wards that will permit the creation of the Supervisory Districts proposed, all within thirty (30) days of the adoption of this Resolution.
6. Solicitation of Suggestions. The County Board does hereby request that each municipality unit submit to the County any suggestions as to boundary changes they feel are in the public interest and comply with the law on reapportionment.

Respectfully submitted by: Price County Redistricting Committee: s/Robert Kopisch, Chair; Jeff Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Jean Gottwald. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of September 2021. s/Robert Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk: For: 12, Against: 1. Motion Houdek/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption incorporating Option 2. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (1): Hallstrand. Motion carried.

Resolution 36-21

Ratifying 2021 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; Paula Houdek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of September 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Strobl/Barkstrom to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 37-21

Establish a Special Revenue Fund for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Revenue and Expenses:

WHEREAS, Price County has been a recipient of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and WHEREAS, in order to monitor, track and manage ARPA funds, Price County needs to establish appropriate financial management systems; and WHEREAS, proper record-keeping procedures will prevent and safe-guard against unauthorized use of funds; and WHEREAS, a separately designated special revenue fund within the general ledger will provide effective

control over and accountability for all ARPA revenue and associated expenses; and WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to establish a separate general ledger fund to facilitate the County's allocation of ARPA funds. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby establish the ARPA Fund to be assigned a general ledger position of 250. Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of September 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Madsen/Houdek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 38-21

Approve Transfer to Offset 2020 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 overage of the 2020 allowable expenditure budget, as stipulated above:

100-15	Elections	\$ 45,597
100-22	Land Information	\$121,941
100-79	Forestry & Parks	\$ 68,973
100-83	Dams	\$ 72,314

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Price County Board of Supervisors that the transfer is made from the general fund to cover the 2020 budget expenditure overages.

Fiscal Impact: \$308,825. (not budgeted)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of September 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Houdek/Wartgow to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 39-21

2020 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 2020 was \$1,097,583 which would provide \$219,517 as per above provision; and

WHEREAS, the audited General Fund revenues for 2020 were \$8,888,914 and General Fund expenses for 2020 were \$9,038,576 resulting in a loss of \$149,662 of which an additional \$275,132 in continued appropriations and restricted fund balance has been added leaving a net profit of \$125,470 which would provide no transfer as per above provision; and

WHEREAS, the profit from the 2020 land sales was \$37,786 the entire amount of which shall be transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the greater amount of \$219,517 plus \$37,786 profit from land sale for a total of \$257,303 be transferred from the General Fund into the Capital Improvement Fund for the year 2020.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of September 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair;

Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0.
Motion Hintz/Kyle to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

County Administrator – Nick Trimner

2022 Preliminary Budget: Maximum operation levy \$7,565,959. Assumptions: 1% new construction increase, 7% health insurance increase, 2% wage schedule increase, 3% deputy contract wage increase, decreased stumpage revenue \$100,000, increase sales tax revenue \$50,000, two additional Highway Operator positions, debt service levy \$3,124,568. Motion Hintz/Wartgow to approve the 1% new construction increase for the 2022 budget. Motion carried.

Resolution 40-21

Approve Price County 2022 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 2022 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 2022 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 2022 Price County budget.

Fiscal Impact: \$104,653 in 2022, \$103,244 in 2023, \$101,662 in 2024 (budgeted)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of September 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Madsen/Spacek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 41-21

Approve Price County 2022 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 2022 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 2022 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 2022 Price County budget.

Fiscal Impact: \$402,250 in 2022 (budgeted)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of September 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0.

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

Resolution 42-21

Implement Price County 2022 Capital Projects to be Financed with Short-term Debt #1 - \$252,500

WHEREAS, the following capital projects have been identified by the Price County Executive Committee: Solberg Lake County Park boat landing and pavilion Big Falls County Park electric service Three squad car replacements

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 \$252,500; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Executive Committee to proceed with the implementation of 2022 Capital Projects #1 in an amount not to exceed \$252,500, to be financed with short-term debt and to include such debt payment to be incorporated in the 2022 Price County budget.

Fiscal Impact: \$253,763 for 2022 (budgeted)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of September 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0.

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

Resolution 43-21

Implement Price County 2022 Capital Projects to be Financed with Short-term Debt – Two Year - \$760,000

WHEREAS, the following capital projects have been identified by the Price County Executive Committee:
Price County Annex/Normal Building window replacement

Computer server and storage infrastructure upgrade

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 \$760,000; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Executive Committee to proceed with the implementation of the 2022 Capital Projects #2 in an amount not to exceed \$760,000, to be financed with short-term debt and to include such debt payments to begin with the 2022 Price County budget. Fiscal Impact: \$391,438 for 2022 and 2023 (budgeted)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of September 2021. 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): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 44-21

Approve Price County 2022 Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be Financed with Short-Term Debt - \$2,000,000

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has identified the need for financing a portion of the 2022 Highway Department road construction projects to the potential extent of \$2,000,000; 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 2022 Highway Department road construction projects in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 to be financed through the issuance of short-term debt and to include such debt payment in the 2023 Price County budget.

Fiscal Impact: \$2,010,000 (2023 budget)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of September 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0.

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

Resolution - Afghan Refugees in Price County (presented by Supervisor Madsen): Referred to the next Executive Committee meeting.

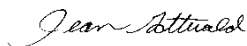
Convened to Committee of the Whole at 10:43 a.m.

1. County Administrator Report
 - a. 2020 Financial Summary Report as of 12/31/20: Covered with audit presentation.
 - b. 2021 Financial Summary Report as of 8/31/21: Nothing out of the ordinary since last report. Tax settlements were processed. Tax collections have gone well. Park Falls Paper Mill paid all back taxes with the sale of the mill. Stumpage revenue is on track. Highway construction projects are being completed.
 - c. American Recovery Plan Act update: First reporting was filed. Baker Tilly was used to calculate the revenue loss of \$1 million, which changes the reporting requirements when that portion of the grant is spent.
2. Board Chair Report – Bob Kopisch
 - a. WCA annual meeting resolutions: Business meeting will address the resolutions submitted by various counties.
 - b. COVID-19 pandemic update: Price County has been in high community transmission status. New employer mandate requiring vaccination or weekly testing for businesses of more than 100 employees.
3. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Administration – Wartgow: Reclassified one Sheriff Deputy position to Lieutenant. Reviewed County Board per diem for presenting at the October County Board meeting. County Board Policy and Procedure Manual updates.
 - b. Buildings & Grounds – Spacek: Continued with summer projects. Electric repairs at the Fairgrounds. Normal Building chiller project continues.
 - c. Executive – Kopisch: County economic development has not gone any further. Broadband project grants submitted. Park Falls Paper Mill back taxes have been paid \$613,000.
 - d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Three active timber sales. \$1,365,000 in stumpage sales. Pine Line Trail sale is done. Mid October will start shutting down campgrounds. Did not receive the Timm’s Hill DNR grant and it is unexpected to receive the Big Falls grant.
 - e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Annual report comparisons. Keep updated on COVID-19 statistics. Woodland Enhanced Commission meeting information. Park Falls Senior Dining site will open for in-person October 4th. Recruiting for two social workers. Dental Hygienist has resigned.
 - f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Prepping for next year’s construction projects. Fall maintenance and prepping for winter. Preventative equipment maintenance and setting up for winter maintenance. New truck ordered. Normal dam levels. Winter drawdown starting October 18th. Weimers Dam project on schedule. Finishing summer projects at the airport.
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Barkstrom: Conditional use permits continue to be filed. Price County Fair was held, adjusting for lack of two of the former exhibit buildings. Ordinance to implement fee for septic system maintenance program was postponed indefinitely. UWEX continues with a vacant position. Committee will review position structure and programming.
 - h. Law Enforcement – Hintz: Reevaluated Sheriff Department staffing structure. Recruiting for two deputies.

Date of Next Meeting: October 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 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 September 14, 2021 and the whole thereof.



Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Notice of Meeting

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 social distancing,

**all public in-person attendance at public meetings is by appointment only.
Please call 715-339-3325 to reserve a seat. Seating is limited.
Members of the public may access all public meetings via conference call.
Conference call number: 1-408-418-9388
Conference code: 187 798 2178**

Amended October 5, 2021

Date: October 12, 2021 Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes September 14, 2021

Communications and Announcements

Public Comments

Resolutions

1. 2022 – 2023 County Board Chair Salary and County Board Supervisor Per Diem (Administration)
2. **Repair of Normal Building HVAC System Using ARPA Funds (Executive)**

Appointments:

1. Park Falls Library Board – Remainder of three-year term ending April 30, 2022 (Karen Tesmer)
2. Price County Library Committee – Remainder of three-year term ending April 30, 2023 (Karen Tesmer)

Committee of the Whole

1. County Administrator Report
 - a. 2021 Financial Summary Report as of 9/30/21
 - b. 2022 Budget – Final
 - c. American Recovery Plan Act update
 - d. **Future of Fairgrounds Property**
2. Board Chair Report
 - a. WCA annual meeting
 - b. COVID-19 pandemic update
 - c. Develop a Forest Carbon Offset Project for County Owned Land
3. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Administration
 - b. Buildings & Grounds
 - c. Executive
 - d. Forestry & Parks
 - e. Health and Human Services
 - f. Highway & Transportation
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension
 - h. Law Enforcement

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

Adjourn

By: Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair

Posted: September 30, 2021

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.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
October 12, 2021**

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): Alan Barkstrom, Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, James Hintz, Paula Houdek, Robert Kopisch, Mark Kyle, Waldemar Madsen, Jordan Spacek, Ginny Strobl, Dennis Wartgow.

Excused: Larry Palecek. Also present: Nick Trimmer.

Instructions were given to any members of the public attending electronically.

Approval of Minutes September 14, 2021: Strobl/Madsen to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: Habitat for Humanity requesting funding. Hearing for tax exempt status for NWRPC. Housing program initiative.

Public Comments: Sam Opresik Town of Elk regarding County ownership of the Fairgrounds.

Resolutions

Resolution 45-21

2022 – 2023 County Board Chair Salary and County Board Supervisor Per Diem (Administration):

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Administrative Committee to review the County Board Chair's annual salary and the County Board Supervisors' per diem; and

WHEREAS, is the responsibility of the Price County Board of Supervisors to set the salaries for elected officials pursuant to Wis. State Statutes 59.15, "prior to the earliest time for filing nomination papers"; and WHEREAS, the County Board Chair's annual salary is currently \$6,000 plus \$75 per meeting day per diem for County Board meetings and \$50 per meeting day per diem for committee meetings he/she serves on and;

WHEREAS, the County Board Supervisors' per diem is \$75 per meeting day per diem for County Board meetings and \$50 per meeting day per diem for committee meetings he/she serves on; and

WHEREAS, the Administration Committee has reviewed the salary of the County Board Chair and the County Board Supervisors per diem and recommends that the County Board Chair annual salary should be \$6,000 and the County Board Supervisor per diem be \$75 for County Board meeting, \$50 for all other authorized committee/board/commission meetings and an additional \$25 for serving as chairperson of any standing committee/board/ad hoc of the County Board (excluding the Executive Committee). If more than one meeting is held on any one day, that is not a day that a County Board Meeting is held, the per diem for such subsequent meeting will be \$25.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the County Board Chair annual salary to be \$6,000 and the County Board Supervisor per diem to be \$75 for County Board meetings, \$50 for all other authorized committee/board/commission meetings attended, an additional \$25 for serving as chairperson of any standing committee/board/ad hoc of the County Board (excluding the Executive Committee) and \$25 for any subsequent authorized meeting(s) held the same day as another authorized meeting, except when held on the same day as a County Board meeting, to be effective at the beginning of the April 2022 term.

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 Trimmer. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 12th day of October 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Spacek/Wartgow to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 46-21

Repair of Normal Building HVAC System Using ARPA Funds (Executive)

Whereas, the maintenance of County buildings is necessary for the continuation of the provision of County services and the safety and well-being of County employees and the public that is served; and

Whereas, the instrumentation and controls for the HVAC system in the Normal Building have been determined to be have become inadequate to meet the demands on the system; and

Whereas, it is imperative that this system be repaired and returned to good operating condition; and

Whereas, the Buildings and Grounds Committee approved the project and contractor's bid at their October 5, 2021 meeting; and

Whereas, the County has received funding from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) to be used for this type of project.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the appropriation of up to \$300,000 in qualified ARPA funds to be used for the repair of the HVAC system in the Normal Building.

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 12th day of October 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Houdek/Barkstrom to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Appointments:

1. Park falls Library Board – Remainder of three-year term ending April 30, 2022 (Karen Tesmer): Motion Houdek/Hallstrand to approve the appointment. Motion carried.
2. Price County Library Committee – Remainder of three-year term ending April 30, 2023 (Karen Tesmer): Motion Houdek/Spacek to approve the appointment. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole: 9:15 a.m.

1. County Administrator Report – Nick Trimner
 - a. 2021 Financial Summary Report as of 9/30/21: Reviewed. 75% complete. Nothing noteworthy. Working with regional administration group to get state support for high-cost placements.
 - b. 2022 Budget – Final: Budget \$31,098,374. Levy \$10,980,439. Motion Hintz/Madsen to approve the 1% new construction (\$75,265). Motion carried. Motion Madsen/Wartgow to approve the 2022 budget, with a 2021 tax levy of \$10,980,439, and forward to the public hearing. Motion carried on voice vote.
 - c. American Recovery Plan Act update: The County Board will approve the major projects as they are decided. Have not heard from Norvado regarding their broadband grant applications.
 - d. Future of Fairgrounds Property: The property has been determined to be clear for sale. There continues to be major repairs needed to keep the property usable. Suggested contracting a firm to develop a plan of what continued County ownership would entail and also getting a plan from any potential buyers. Language could be included in the sale to preserve usage by entities that currently are utilizing the property. County would have first right of refusal if property would be sold. Daren and Alexis Baratka spoke indicating they are intending to preserve and improve the property. Motion Houdek/Strobl to proceed with the option of the potential sale of the Fairground property. Motion Barkstrom/Madsen to amend the motion to simultaneously direct the Buildings and Grounds Committee to develop a conceptual plan of County continued ownership and operation of the Fairgrounds property. Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (8): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Madsen, Spacek, Wartgow. No (4): Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Strobl. Motion carried. Motion Houdek/Ernst to amend the motion to have plan available for County Board review by December 14th. Roll call vote on second amendment: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Abstain: (1): Hintz. Motion carried.

Mr. Hintz left at 10:25 a.m.

2. Board Chair Report
 - a. WCA annual meeting: Mr. Madsen – attended sessions: Issues Impacting the Wisconsin Sheriff and Change Against Systemic Racism and Inequity. Mr. Ernst appreciated the networking. Attended: Creating Tax Sustainability, Broadband, Renewable Energy, Roles in County Administration, Use of ARPA Funding, Electric Vehicles. Mr. Kopisch attended: Creating Tax Sustainability, Use of ARPA Funding, Wisconsin's Migration Challenge, Roles in County Administration. WCA established a taskforce for diversity, equity and inclusion with Mr. Trimner as a member. Next annual conference is September 18-20, 2022.
 - b. COVID-19 pandemic update: Continue in high community transmission.
 - c. Develop a Forest Carbon Offset Project for County Owned Land: Several counties are moving forward. Nick has worked with legal counsel on development of a contract. Will bring in Bluesource and legal counsel for discussion at the next meeting. Motion Wartgow/Kyle to proceed with gathering information to be presented at the November 9th County Board meeting. Motion carried on voice vote.
3. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Administration – Wartgow: Reviewed Airport Technician position. Health insurance renewal came in at 19.7%. Broker is getting proposals from other providers. Updated employee COVID procedures.
 - b. Buildings & Grounds – Spacek: Continuing with maintenance projects. New Normal Building chiller up and running.
 - c. Executive – Kopisch: Decided on loan bids with Prevail Bank for 2022 loans. Laura Palzkill, of the Phillips Chamber, will be handling the County tourism initiative going forward. Nothing new on CDC. Madsen resolution was tabled indefinitely. Delinquent tax status looking good. Lionite

- will be asked to increase payments to catch up with unpaid taxes. 20 properties left for 2017. 133 properties for 2018.
- d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Have not met. Ready for fall timber sales. Campgrounds shutting down. Shooting range update moving forward. Timber sales \$1.4 million. Next meeting November 8th.
 - e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Have not met. Next meeting November 3rd.
 - f. Highway & Transportation – Hallstrand: Continued maintenance projects and readying for next year's construction projects. Public meeting October 27th for Highway E project. Ready for winter maintenance. Weimers Dam gate project starting. Winter drawdown to begin October 18th. Maintenance continues at Airport.
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Barkstrom: Addressed several conditional use permits and special exceptions. Started discussion on cervid farm restrictions. Set 2021 crop prices and application deadline. CleanSweep held. Price County Fair attendance and participation down. Identifying programming for vacant UW Extension position. Next meeting November 18th.
 - h. Law Enforcement: Have not met. Held two lieutenant interviews.

Date of Next Meeting: November 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room
Meeting adjourned at 11:25 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 12, 2021 and the whole thereof.

Jean Gottwald

Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Notice of Meeting

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 HEARINGS

Notice is further given that at 9:05 a.m. a Public Hearing will be held on the proposed 2022 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.

Notice is further given that Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §59.10(3)(b), a public hearing will be held on the Board of Supervisors' final plan for county and municipal redistricting before the Price County Board of Supervisors. All interested parties will be heard.

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Date: November 9, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes October 12, 2021

Communications and Announcements

Public Comments

Public Hearings (times are approximate)

1. 9:05 a.m. Proposed 2022 Budget
2. 9:10 a.m. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the County of Price, Chapter 191

Ordinance

1. Ordinance 2021-01; An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the County of Price, Chapter 191 Thereof, Entitled "Board of Supervisors", to Change the Composition of the Supervisory Districts

Resolutions

1. 2022 Property Tax Levy (Board Chair)
2. Authorize the Issuance of Tax Deed for 2018 (Executive)
3. Create One New Position: Part-time Public Health Nurse (Administration)
4. Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement (Town of Harmony) (Forestry & Parks)
5. Designating General Fund Money for Parcel Replanting (23-21) (Forestry & Parks)

Appointments:

1. Health and Human Services Board – three-year term to expire 12/31/2024 (Dennis Wartgow, Mark Kyle, Gerald Swenson)
2. Ogema Library Board – three-year term to expires 12/31/2024 (X)
3. Veterans Service Commission – three-year term to expires 12/31/2024 (Richard Lapp, Douglas Moquin)
4. County Election Board of Canvass – two-year term expires 12/31/23 (Sandra Behling, Shirley Smith)

Miscellaneous:

1. Forestry and Parks – 2022 Annual Work Plan

Committee of the Whole

1. County Administrator Report
 - a. 2021 Financial Summary Report as of 10/31/21
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 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension
 - h. Law Enforcement

Date of Next Meeting: December 14, 2021 and February 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room
Adjourn

By: Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair

Posted: October 29, 2021

Reviewed by County Administrator:

Nicholas Trimner

C: The Price County Review

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

November 9, 2021

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 (13): Alan Barkstrom, Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, James Hintz, Paula Houdek, Robert Kopisch, Mark Kyle, Waldemar Madsen, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, Ginny Strobl, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Nick Trimner.

Instructions were given to any members of the public attending electronically.

Approval of Minutes October 12, 2021: Motion Madsen/Houdek to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021 minute as presented. After comments from Mrs. Strobl, motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: Mr. Kopisch provided information regarding abstaining. 2021 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Annual Performance Report is available in the Clerk's office.

Public Comments: Jeff Premeau, Town of Catawba in opposition of the carbon credits program.

Public Hearings

1. Proposed 2022 Budget: Public hearing declared open at 9:12 a.m. No public comment. Public hearing declared closed at 9:14 a.m.
2. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the County of Price, Chapter 191: Public hearing declared open at 9:14 a.m. No public comments. Hearing declared closed at 9:17 a.m.

Ordinance:

Ordinance 2021 - 01

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the County of Price, Chapter 191 Thereof, Entitled "Board of Supervisors", to Change the Composition of the Supervisory Districts

Be it ordained by the Price County Board of Supervisors, as follows:

Section 1. Article II Supervisory Districts, Section 191-5 of Chapter 191, Board of Supervisors, of the Code of the County of Price, is hereby amended to change the Supervisory District composition as follows:

That one supervisor be elected from each district, commencing with the 2022 Spring Election. That said thirteen supervisory districts be comprised as follows:

District Number	Municipality	Wards	Population	District Population
1	City of Park Falls	5	568	
	City of Park Falls	6	549	1,117
2	Town of Catawba	1	247	
	Village of Catawba	1	141	
	Town of Georgetown	1	172	
	Town of Kennan	1	365	
3	Village of Kennan	1	143	1,068
	Town of Flambeau	1	488	
	Town of Lake	1	441	
4	City of Park Falls	3	170	1,099
	Town of Hill	1	366	
5	Town of Ogema	1	710	1,076
	Town of Eisenstein	2	184	
	Town of Fifield	1	644	
6	Town of Fifield	2	261	1,089
	Town of Emery	1	308	
	Town of Hackett	1	189	
	Town of Knox	1	311	
7	Town of Spirit	1	292	1,100
	City of Park Falls	1	654	
	City of Park Falls	2	394	
	City of Park Falls	4	38	
8	City of Park Falls	7	37	1,123
	Town of Elk	1	798	
	Town of Harmony	1	220	1,018
	Town of Worcester	1	544	
9	Town of Worcester	3	481	1,025
	Town of Eisenstein	1	441	
10	Town of Lake	2	665	1,106
	City of Phillips	2	109	
11	City of Phillips	3	499	

	City of Phillips	4	502	1,110
12	Town of Ogema	2	17	
	Town of Prentice	1	440	
	Village of Prentice	1	563	1,020
13	Town of Elk	2	162	
	City of Phillips	1	423	
	Town of Worcester	2	518	1,103
	Total County Population 2020 census			14,054

All ordinances in conflict with, or contrary to the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 2. Effective date.

This ordinance shall be effective as of November 15, 2021. The County Board Chair shall file a certified copy of the Price County Redistricting Plan with the Secretary of State.

Submitted by the Price County Redistricting Committee: s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; Alan Barkstrom; Jeff Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Jean Gottwald. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 9th day of November 2021. s/Robert Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0.

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

Resolutions:

Resolution 47-21
2021 Property Tax Levy

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Price County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled in Annual Session, this 9th day of November 2021, 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: 2021 Property Tax Levy, payable in 2022: \$10,980,439.

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 9th day of November 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 1.

Motion Wartgow/Palecek to approve the resolution with a dollar amount of \$10,980,439. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (1): Ernst. Motion carried.

Resolution 48-21
Authorize the Issuance of Tax Deed for 2018

WHEREAS, the Treasurer of Price County has issued 2018 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 2018 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 9th day of November 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0.

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

Resolution 49-21
Create Part-time Position: Additional Public Health Nurse

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) established the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to support local health departments to meet their needs related to response from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Recovery Funds provides resources to meet and address the emergent public health needs, including measures to counter the spread of COVID-19, provisions of care to those impacted by the virus and programs or services that address disparities in public health that have been exacerbated by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control Public Health Workforce Development Strategies, along with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, expect that local public health agencies will need to establish, expand, train and sustain the local public health workforce to support jurisdictional COVID-19 prevention, preparedness, response and recovery initiatives, including school based programs by using available funds to recruit, hire and train personnel to address projected jurisdictional COVID-19 response needs over the performance period, including hiring personnel to build capacity to address local public health priorities deriving from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, various sources, specific to local public health, are available to provide funding for improving the workforce for local public health departments with approximately \$395,000 awarded to Price County covering the period from March 2021 through December 2024; providing for an additional public health nurse in the Health and Human Services Department; and

WHEREAS, this position will help with COVID response and other duties that improve and supplement programs that have been put on hold during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, at their November 3, 2021 meeting, the Health and Human Services Board approved creation of a new part-time Public Health Nurse position.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the creation of an additional regular part-time Public Health Nurse position in the Health and Human Services Department with a pay scale position of Grade H, with the understanding that the position will only remain active as long as outside funding is provided.

Fiscal impact: None

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 9th day of November 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0.

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

Resolution 50-21

Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement County Forest Road 700 (Town of Harmony)

WHEREAS, the functional/jurisdictional relationship of the proposed county forest and local road systems have been co-operatively reviewed by all entities; and

WHEREAS, changes in the jurisdiction of the designated road system in the Township of Harmony have been agreed to by the township and Price County; and

WHEREAS, consistent with those agreed to changes, the Township of Harmony has passed a resolution dated the 10th day of August 2021 approving the specific jurisdictional transfer described herein.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Price County agrees to transfer maintenance, jurisdiction and ownership of underlying right-of-way for .65 mile of County Forest Road 700 (East Georgetown Fire Lane) as shown on the attached map; and

BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED that the effective date of jurisdictional transfer of road and right-of-way is upon the approval by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee. s/Jeff Hallstrand, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jordan Spacek; Ginny Strobl. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 9th day of November 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0.

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

Resolution - Designating General Fund Money for Parcel Replanting (23-21): Not ready for consideration.

Appointments:

1. Health and Human Services Board – three-year term to expire 12/31/2024 (Dennis Wartgow, Mark Kyle, Gerald Swenson): Motion Houdek/Hallstrand to approve the appointments.
2. Ogema Library Board – three-year term to expires 12/31/2024: Town of Ogema is making the

- appointment.
- 3. Veterans Service Commission – three-year term to expires 12/31/2024 (Richard Lapp, Douglas Moquin): Motion Houdek/Spacek to approve the appointments.
- 4. County Election Board of Canvass – two-year term expires 12/31/23 (Sandra Behling, Shirley Smith): Motion Erickson/Barkstrom to approve the appointments.

Miscellaneous:

- 1. Forestry and Parks – 2022 Annual Work Plan: Motion Ernst/Hallstrand to approve the plan as presented. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole at 9:34 a.m.

- 1. County Administrator Report – Nick Trimner
 - a. 2021 Financial Summary Report as of 10/31/21: Reviewed current status. Weimers Dam project is in process. Air conditioning system in the Normal Building was an unexpected cost. Health & Human Services Department is on budget. Animal Control revenue budget has been met. Cash on hand is reflecting ARPA funds and loan advancements received. Sales tax is doing well. Stumpage revenue is on schedule.
 - b. American Recovery Plan Act update: Review of funds received and project spending. Items under \$25,000 can be approved by the County Administrator. Other projects will come to the County Board for approval. Explained how loss of revenue calculation worked.
 - c. Future of Fairgrounds Property: Advertised for any parties interested in purchase of the property. Options to review: sell property; retain ownership and make improvements; retain ownership at status quo.
- 2. Board Chair Report – Robert Kopisch
 - a. COVID-19 pandemic update: Price County continues to be in the very high case level status.
 - b. Develop a Forest Carbon Offset Project for County Owned Land: Taylor Fritsch, Environmental Attorney from Michael Best and Josh Strauss from BlueSource joined the meeting. Public comment reopened. Joe Fox from Town of Worcester in opposition. No other comments received.
Discussed process. Has been discussed at various committee and Board meetings. Nick has worked with legal counsel and BlueSource rep to bring the discussion forward. Mr. Strauss explained that the County's forest harvests will not change. Joe Grapa explained the County's harvesting procedure with the State of Wisconsin and the schedule that maintains the forest's sustainability. Standard is based on the past 10 years' harvests. Marketability could affect the timber sale process, but not the integrity of the county's harvesting schedule. 72,000 of productive acres would be in the program.
 - i. Closed Session: Announcement and motion Wartgow/Barkstrom to adjourn to closed session at 11:02 a.m. pursuant to the exemption in Wis. State Statute 19.85 (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. For the purpose of:
 - (i) Negotiate Potential Contract with Bluesource for Forest Carbon Offset Project Development
 - (ii) Motion to Return to Open Session
 - ii. Take Action, as needed, on closed session items: None.

Roll call vote: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (1): Hintz. Motion carried.

Motion Madsen/Houdek to return to open session at 11:35 a.m. Roll call vote: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Motion Wartgow/Ernst to direct the County Administrator to move forward with negotiations with BlueSource and present a contract for consideration at a future County Board meeting. Roll call vote: Yes (9): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Palecek, Wartgow. No (4): Hintz, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl. Motion carried.

Public Information Meeting tentatively planned for December 2, 2021 at 6pm.

- c. Spring Election: Packets for re-election handed out. Election Day April 5th. Noncandidacy deadline is December 24th.
- 3. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Administration – Wartgow: Chose Security Health for 2022 health insurance. Employee meetings being held for open enrollment.
 - b. Buildings & Grounds – Spacek: Fairgrounds shut down. Fall maintenance projects. New Normal Building chiller operational. One bid for Normal Building window replacements. Meeting on November 16th at 4pm to include discussion on the Fairgrounds property. Had a successful garage sale.

- c. Executive – Kopisch: Denied a request for waiver of property tax interest and penalty. Responded to Habitat for Humanity funding request. PFACDC denied proposal from the County to be more involved in the hope of spreading their services county-wide. Other municipalities that were approached for funding were denied. Denied request to participate in the Discover Mediaworks campaign.
- d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Three active timber sales. Fall timber sales set up. Water off at campgrounds. Shooting range project moving forward. \$1,549,000 in stumpage revenue.
- e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Flu and COVID booster clinics being held. Unit quarterly reports. Discussed changing the usual meeting date. No December meeting. Information from the ADRC-N meeting. Full-time dementia care position approved for Price and Iron Counties. Accepted bid for senior meals vendor and approved the 2022 recommendation donations. Met with UW-Extension to discuss joint programming. Continue to recruit for social worker and dental hygienist.
- f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Finished summer construction projects. Fall and winter maintenance projects and prepping for 2022 construction projects. Dam water levels at winter draw down. Weimers Dam gate project proceeding. Airport readying for winter maintenance.
- g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Barkstrom: Have not met since last Board meeting. Working on a stronger position on Cervid farms.
- h. Law Enforcement – Hintz: Have not met. Two new lieutenants hired. Expect to be back to full staff with next round of hiring.

Date of Next Meeting: December 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

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Conference code: 2480 856 7420

Date: December 14, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes November 9, 2021

Communications and Announcements

Public Comments

Resolutions

1. Designating General Fund Money for Parcel Replanting (23-21) (Forestry & Parks and Executive)
2. Moratorium on Creation or Expansion of New or Existing Captive Cervid Farms (Land Use/UWEX)
3. Create Full-time Positions: Two Highway Operators (Administration)
4. Amend Resolution 28-21: Project Approval – Price County Normal Building Cooling/Air Handling – Chiller Replacement (Executive)
5. ARPA Funded Projects (Executive)
6. Opioid Settlement (Executive)
7. Establish an Opioid Settlement Assigned Fund (Executive)
8. Future of Fairground Property (Buildings & Grounds)

9. Develop a Forest Carbon Offset Project for Price County Owned Land (Forestry & Parks and Executive)

Closed Session: Announcement and motion to adjourn to closed session pursuant to the exemption 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. For the purpose of:

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Take Action, as needed, on closed session items

Committee of the Whole

1. County Administrator Report
 - a. 2021 Financial Summary Report as of 11/30/21
 - b. American Recovery Plan Act update
2. Future of Fairgrounds Property (if necessary)
3. Develop a Forest Carbon Offset Project for County Owned Land (if necessary)
4. Board Chair Report
 - a. COVID-19 pandemic update
 - b. WCA Board of Directors Meeting
5. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Administration
 - b. Buildings & Grounds
 - c. Executive
 - d. Forestry & Parks
 - e. Health and Human Services
 - f. Highway & Transportation
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension
 - h. Law Enforcement
 - i. Develop a Forest Carbon Offset Project for County Owned Land

Date of Next Meeting: February 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Adjourn

By: Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair

Posted: December 3, 2021

Reviewed by County Administrator:



Nicholas Trimner

C: The Price County Review

WCQM/WPFP

Corporation Counsel

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS December 14, 2021

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): Alan Barkstrom, Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Robert Kopisch, Mark Kyle, Waldemar Madsen, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, Ginny Strobl, Dennis Wartgow. Excused (1): James Hintz. Also present: Nick Trimner.

Instructions were given to any members of the public attending electronically.

Approval of Minutes November 9, 2021: Motion Houdek/Wartgow to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2021 minute as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: Supervisor Strobl presented a letter from the Town of Kennan in opposition of the Forest Carbon Offset, Supervisor Houdek received communications from Town of Hackett, Town of Emery and Town of Spirit and Supervisor Barkstrom received communication from Town of Hackett in opposition to the carbon offset credit project. Letter from Linda Parker, Chequamegon/Nicolet National Forest – comments from public information meeting and information regarding the CNNF as the top national forest in the country in timber production. Letter from Laurie Goskopf regarding the wolf management resolution from 2010 (referred to Forestry & Parks Committee).

Public Comments:

In reference to Resolution #2: Amanda Reid, property owner in Town of Elk. Jerome Donohoe, President of Wisconsin Commercial Deer & Elk Farmer's Association; Josh Schuelke, Waupaca County; Lori Feale, Taylor County.

In reference to Resolution #8: Sam Opresik, Town of Elk; Lyn Ludwig, Town of Worcester; Darin Baratka and Alexis Baratka, Town of Elk; Gay Marschke, Town of Worcester; Steven Janacek, Town of Worcester and President of the Price County Antique Association;

Resolutions

Resolution 51-21

Designating General Fund Money for Parcel Replanting (23-21)

WHEREAS, Price County has 92,267 acres of land entered into the Wisconsin County Forest Law (Wis. State Statue §28.10 and §28.11); and

WHEREAS, the timber management program for the Price County Forest is governed by the Wisconsin DNR's Silvicultural and Forest Aesthetics handbook which states:

Artificial regeneration is the most reliable and most commonly practiced method to regenerate red pine stands. Proper site selection, site preparation and competition control are important for artificial regeneration to be successful; and

WHEREAS, included in the 2021 Fall Timber Sale bid packet is Tract #23-21, which includes 71 acres of red pine and spruce plantation, and will need to be artificially regenerated to maintain productivity; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the 2021 Fall Timber Sale, at least \$81,075 will to be paid to the County for stumpage cut on Tract #23-21, with an associated cost of \$42,600 for regeneration planting; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that when the time comes to artificially regenerate the 71-acre Tract #23-21, money from the General Fund, not to exceed \$42,600, will be transferred to the Forestry Department to cover the related expenses.

Fiscal Impact: \$42,600

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: s/Jeff Hallstrand, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jordan Spacek; Ginny Strobl. Reviewed and approved by the Price County Executive Committee: s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of December 2021. 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): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 52-21

Moratorium on Creation or Expansion of New or Existing Captive Cervid Farms

WHEREAS, Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a prion based disease that is terminally fatal to all cervid animals who contract the prion; and

WHEREAS, since it was identified in 1967 in Colorado, CWD has been found in at least 26 states, including Wisconsin where it is in the wild and captive deer herds; and

WHEREAS, the system of rules, regulations and enforcement has failed to corral the disease; and

WHEREAS, the spread of the disease presents an immediate threat to our state's wild cervid animals and could lead to the loss of healthy cervid populations throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the movement of captive cervids for the benefit of captive cervid operators has proven to present an unacceptable risk to our state's wild deer, moose and elk and presents a threat to those who hunt, photograph or otherwise value wild cervids in our state.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors implement a one-year moratorium on the creation or expansion of any new or existing captive cervid farms in Price County, *or until the development of an ordinance that would be approved by the County Board, whichever is first.*

Submitted by the Land Use / UW-Extension Committee: s/Alan Barkstrom, Chairperson; Doug Erickson; Paula Houdek; Mark Kyle; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of December 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 10, Against: 2.

Motion Wartgow/Spacek to consider resolution for adoption.

Motion Barkstrom/Houdek to amend resolution to include the language "or until the development of an ordinance that would be approved by the County Board, whichever is first." Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (1): Ernst. Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption as amended: Yes (10):

Barkstrom, Erickson, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (2): Ernst, Kyle. Motion carried.

Resolution 53-21

Create Full-time Positions: Two Highway Operators

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has recognized the need to restructure the positions of Highway Operators in order to be more functionally and financially efficient; and

WHEREAS, Highway Operators are required to be on-call and available 24/7 to respond to winter weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, this has created a poor working environment when workers are not guaranteed a certain amount of personal time to themselves; and

WHEREAS, increasing the Highway Operator workforce will provide for a better rotation of on-call plow truck drivers and give workers scheduled time when they know they will not be called in for plow duty; and

WHEREAS, increasing the Highway Operator workforce will provide for additional crew for the increasing summer maintenance and construction projects; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 budget has included funds to cover the addition of two Highway Operator positions to the Highway Department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the creation of two additional full-time Highway Operator positions.

Fiscal impact: \$65,000 (budgeted)

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 14th day of December 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0.

Motion Spacek/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Amend Resolution 28-21

Project Approval – Price County Normal Building Cooling/Air Handling – Chiller Replacement

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, the Normal Building cooling and air handling system failed; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the most cost effective and energy efficient solution is replacement of the building chiller system; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Committee reviewed the proposed project with a cost of \$357,600 and forwarded it to the Executive Committee for their consideration; and

WHEREAS, funding for the project will be determined by the Executive Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors approve the project to improve cooling and air handling for the congregate and Health Department areas by replacing the Normal Building chiller system at an estimated cost of up to ~~\$357,600~~\$348,600 with funding ~~asto be~~ determined by the Executive Committee, to come from America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Fiscal Impact ~~\$357,600~~\$348,600.

Signatures on original resolution on file.

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of July 2021.

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

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of December 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0.

Motion Madsen/Kyle to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 54-21

2021 ARPA Project Allocation

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 employees and residents; and

WHEREAS; Price County Buildings and Grounds Department has identified several projects as necessary upkeep and maintenance of County Buildings; and

WHEREAS; several projects that had been identified had not been completed due to the consequences of lost revenue during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS; it has been determined that these projects are now able to be completed and funded from the calculation of the lost revenue portion of the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding; and

WHEREAS; the list of identified projects is as follows:

Clerk of Circuit Courts	Jury Social Distancing	\$ 20,390
Buildings and Grounds Department	Touchless Sinks and Fountains	\$ 19,112
Buildings and Grounds Department	Safety Building Air Handler and Duct Work	\$ 45,647
Buildings and Grounds Department	Public Health Exam Room Remodeling	\$ 7,519
Information Technology	County Board Supervisor Laptops	\$ 6,705

WHEREAS, funding for the project will be determined by the Executive Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors approve the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) projects as identified above, at an estimated cost of up to \$99,373 with funding as determined by the Executive Committee, to come from revenue loss ARPA funds designated to Price County.

Fiscal Impact \$99,373 (ARPA funding)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee: s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of December 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0.

Motion Madsen/Spacek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Supervisor Strobl left the room at 9:55 a.m.

Resolution 55-21

Authorizing Price County to Enter Into the Settlement Agreements with McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., AmerisourceBergen Corporation, Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc., Agree to the Terms of the MOU Allocating Settlement Proceeds, and Authorize Entry Into the MOU with the Attorney General

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 26-17, the County Board of Supervisors authorized the County to enter into an engagement agreement with von Briesen & Roper, s.c., Crueger Dickinson LLC and Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC (the "Law Firms") to pursue litigation against certain manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of opioid pharmaceuticals (the "Opioid Defendants") in an effort to hold the Opioid Defendants financially responsible for the County's expenditure of vast money and resources to combat the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, on behalf of the County, the Law Firms filed a lawsuit against the Opioid Defendants;

WHEREAS, the Law Firms filed similar lawsuits on behalf of 66 other Wisconsin counties and all Wisconsin cases were coordinated with thousands of other lawsuits filed against the same or substantially similar parties as the Opioid Defendants in the Northern District of Ohio, captioned *In re: Opioid Litigation*, MDL 2804 (the "Litigation");

WHEREAS, four (4) additional Wisconsin counties (Milwaukee, Dane, Waukesha, and Walworth) hired separate counsel and joined the Litigation;

WHEREAS, since the inception of the Litigation, the Law Firms have coordinated with counsel from around the country (including counsel for Milwaukee, Dane, Waukesha, and Walworth Counties) to prepare the County's case for trial and engage in extensive settlement discussions with the Opioid Defendants;

WHEREAS, the settlement discussions with McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., AmerisourceBergen Corporation, Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc. (the "Settling Defendants") resulted in a tentative agreement as to settlement terms pending agreement from the County and other plaintiffs involved in the Litigation;

WHEREAS, copies of the Distributors Settlement Agreement and Janssen Settlement Agreement (collectively "Settlement Agreements") representing the terms of the tentative settlement agreements with the Settling Defendants have been provided with this Resolution;

WHEREAS, the Settlement Agreements provide, among other things, for the payment of certain sums to Participating Subdivisions (as defined in the Settlement Agreements) upon the occurrence of certain events detailed in the Settlement Agreements;

WHEREAS, the County is a Participating Subdivision in the Settlement Agreements and has the opportunity to participate in the benefits associated with the Settlement Agreement provided the County (a) approves the Settlement Agreements; (b) approves the Memorandum of Understanding allocating proceeds from the Settlement Agreements among the various Wisconsin Participating Subdivisions, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution (the "Allocation MOU"); (c) approves the Memorandum of Understanding with

the Wisconsin Attorney General regarding allocation of settlement proceeds, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution (the "AG MOU"); and (d) the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance approves the terms of the Settlement Agreements and the AG MOU;

WHEREAS, 2021 Wisconsin Act 57 created Section 165.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes relating to the settlement of all or part of the Litigation;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 165.12(2), the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance is required to approve the Settlement Agreements and the AG MOU;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 165.12(2), the proceeds from any settlement of all or part of the Litigation are distributed 70% to local governments in Wisconsin that are parties to the Litigation and 30% to the State;

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 165.12(4)(b)2. provides the proceeds from the Settlement Agreement must be deposited in a segregated account (the "Opioid Abatement Account") and may be expended only for approved uses for opioid abatement as provided in the Settlement Agreements;

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 165.12(7) bars claims from any Wisconsin local government against the Opioid Defendants filed after June 1, 2021;

WHEREAS, the definition of Participating Subdivisions in the Settlement Agreements recognizes a statutory bar on claims such as that set forth in Wis. Stat. § 165.12(7) and, as a result, the only Participating Subdivisions in Wisconsin are those counties and municipalities that were parties to the Litigation (or otherwise actively litigating a claim against one, some, or all of the Opioid Defendants) as of June 1, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance is not statutorily authorized or required to approve the allocation of proceeds of the Settlement Agreements among Wisconsin Participating Subdivisions;

WHEREAS, the Law Firms have engaged in extensive discussions with counsel for all other Wisconsin Participating Subdivisions resulting in the proposed Allocation MOU, which is an agreement between all of the entities identified in the Allocation MOU as to how the proceeds payable to those entities under the Settlement Agreements will be allocated;

WHEREAS, there is provided with this Resolution a summary of the essential terms of the Settlement Agreements, the deadlines related to the effective dates of the Settlement Agreements, the ramifications associated with the County's refusal to enter into the Settlement Agreements, the form of the Allocation MOU, the form of the AG MOU, and an overview of the process for finalizing the Settlement Agreements;

WHEREAS, the County, by this Resolution, shall establish the Opioid Abatement Account for the receipt of the proceeds of the Settlement Agreements consistent with the terms of this Resolution;

WHEREAS, the County's Opioid Abatement Account shall be separate from the County's general fund, shall not be commingled with any other County funds, and shall be dedicated to funding opioid abatement measures as provided in the Settlement Agreements;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the County's engagement agreement with the Law Firms, the County shall pay up to an amount equal to 25% of the proceeds from successful resolution of all or part of the Litigation, whether through settlement or otherwise, plus the Law Firms' costs and disbursements, to the Law Firms as compensation for the Law Firms' efforts in the Litigation and any settlement;

WHEREAS, the Law Firms anticipate making application to the national fee fund established in the Settlement Agreements seeking payment, in whole or part, of the fees, costs, and disbursements owed the Law Firms pursuant to the engagement agreement with the County;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated the amount of any award from the fee fund established in the Settlement Agreements will be insufficient to satisfy the County's obligations under the engagement agreement with the Law Firms;

WHEREAS, the County, by this Resolution, and pursuant to the authority granted the County in the applicable Order emanating from the Litigation in relation to the Settlement Agreements and payment of attorney fees, shall execute an Escrow Agreement, which shall among other things direct the escrow agent responsible for the receipt and distribution of the proceeds from the Settlement Agreements to establish an account for the purpose of segregating funds to pay the fees, costs, and disbursements of the Law Firms owed by the County (the "Attorney Fees Account") in order to fund a state-level "backstop" for payment of the fees, costs, and disbursements of the Law Firms;

WHEREAS, in no event shall payments to the Law Firms out of the Attorney Fees Account and the fee fund established in the Settlement Agreements exceed an amount equal to 25% of the amounts allocated to the County in the Allocation MOU;

WHEREAS, the intent of this Resolution is to authorize the County to enter into the Settlement Agreements, the Allocation MOU, and the AG MOU, establish the County's Opioid Abatement Account, and establish the Attorney Fees Account; and

WHEREAS, the County, by this Resolution, shall authorize the County's corporation counsel to finalize and execute any escrow agreement and other document or agreement necessary to effectuate the Settlement Agreements and the other agreements referenced herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: the County Board of Supervisors hereby approves:

1. The execution of the Distributors Settlement Agreement and any and all documents ancillary thereto and authorizes the Board Chair to execute same.
2. The execution of the Janssen Settlement Agreement and any and all documents ancillary thereto and authorizes the Board Chair to execute same.
3. The final negotiation and execution of the Allocation MOU in form substantially similar to that presented with this Resolution and any and all documents ancillary thereto and authorizes the Board Chair to execute same upon finalization provided the percentage share identified as allocated to the County is substantially similar to that identified in the Allocation MOU provided to the Board with this Resolution.
4. The final negotiation and execution of the AG MOU in form substantially similar to that presented with this Resolution and any and all documents ancillary thereto and authorizes the Board Chair to execute same.
5. The corporation counsel's negotiation and execution of the Escrow Agreement for the receipt and disbursement of the proceeds of the Settlement Agreements as referenced in the Allocation MOU.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the County hereby establishes an account separate and distinct from the County's general fund which shall be titled "Opioid Abatement Account." All proceeds from the Settlement Agreements not otherwise directed to the Attorney Fees Account established under the Escrow Agreement shall be deposited in the Opioid Abatement Account. The Opioid Abatement Account shall be administered consistent with the terms of this Resolution, Wis. Stat. § 165.12(4), and the Settlement Agreements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the County hereby authorizes the escrow agent under the Escrow Agreement to establish an account separate and distinct from any account containing funds allocated or allocable to the County which shall be referred to by the County as the "Attorney Fees Account." The escrow agent shall deposit a sum equal to up to, but in no event exceeding, an amount equal to 20% of the County's proceeds from the Settlement Agreements into the Attorney Fees Account. If the payments to the County are not enough to fully fund the Attorney Fees Account as provided herein because such payments are made over time, the Attorney Fees Account shall be funded by placing up to, but in no event exceeding, an amount equal to 20% of the proceeds from the Settlement Agreements attributable to Local Governments (as that term is defined in the Allocation MOU) into the Attorney Fees Account for each payment. Funds in the Attorney Fees Account shall be utilized to pay the fees, costs, and disbursements owed to the Law Firms pursuant to the engagement agreement between the County and the Law Firms provided, however, the Law Firms shall receive no more than that to which they are entitled under their fee contract when considering the amounts paid the Law Firms from the fee fund established in the Settlement Agreements and allocable to the County. The Law Firms may make application for payment from the Attorney Fees Account at any time and the County shall cooperate with the Law Firms in executing any documents necessary for the escrow agent to make payments out of the Attorney Fees Account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all actions heretofore taken by the Board of Supervisors 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.

Fiscal Impact: \$400,000 estimate (unbudgeted)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee: s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of December 2021. Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0, Did not vote: 1.

Motion Wartgow/Houdek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Wartgow. No (0). Did not vote (1): Strobl. Motion carried.

Resolution 56-21

Establish an Opioid Settlement Assigned Fund

WHEREAS, Price County has joined litigation against certain manufacturers, distributors and retailers of opioid pharmaceuticals and

WHEREAS, the settlement discussions with the Settling Defendants resulted in a tentative agreement as to settlement terms; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 165.12(2), the proceeds from any settlement of all or part of the Litigation are distributed 70% to local governments in Wisconsin that are parties to the Litigation and 30% to the State; and

WHEREAS, the County shall establish the Opioid Abatement Account for the receipt of the proceeds of the Settlement Agreements consistent with the terms of the Settlement Resolution;

WHEREAS, the County's Opioid Abatement Account shall be separate from the County's general fund, shall not be commingled with any other County funds, and shall be dedicated to funding opioid abatement

measures as provided in the Settlement Agreements;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to establish a separate general ledger fund to facilitate the County's allocation of Opioid Settlement funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby establish the Opioid Abatement Account to be assigned a general ledger position of 250.

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

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of December 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0, Did not vote: 1.

Motion Wartgow/Barkstrom to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Wartgow.

No (0). Did not vote (1): Strobl. Motion carried.

Strobl returned to the room at 10:06 a.m.

Resolution 57-21

Sale or Lease of County Owned Property (Price County Fairgrounds)

WHEREAS, per Wisconsin State Statute §59.52(6)(c), the County Board may: "Direct the Clerk to lease, sell or convey or contract to sell or convey any county property...on terms that the board approves; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Fairgrounds properties were purchased and developed into a venue that has been used for various functions over the year, the primary users being the Price County Fair Association, Price County 4-H and the Price County Antique Association; and

WHEREAS, the most recent agreement has been leasing the property to the Price County Fair Association who, in turn, manages the properties for numerous public events; and

WHEREAS, with the increased unfunded mandates put on the County and the inability to increase the property tax levy, it has gotten to be extremely difficult to earmark funds to adequately maintain these buildings and the County has exhausted the financial means to maintain the property; and

WHEREAS, several buildings have been deemed unusable from a public safety standpoint; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Board of Supervisors has determined it be in the best interest of Price County taxpayers to reach out to public entities to take over the management and/or ownership of the Price County Fairgrounds property to sustain the historic use of the facilities; and

WHEREAS, the County will work very closely with legal counsel to define the specifications of any transaction to guarantee continued access and operations of current users, while at the same time preserving the historic significance of the buildings and grounds; and

WHEREAS, said parcels are described as: Legal Description: Parcel 1: Government Lot 1 except that part lying South and West of Squaw Creek, Section 8, Township 37 North, Range 1 East, City of Phillips, Price County, Wisconsin; Parcel 2: The Southwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ lying West of the Elk River, Section 8, Township 37 North, Range 1 East, Town of Worcester, Price County, Wisconsin; Parcel 3: That part of the Southeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ lying East of Forest Lane and South of County Trunk Highway H, Section 7, Township 37 North, Range 1 East, Town of Worcester, Price County, Wisconsin.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Price County Executive Committee to arrange for the sale or lease and of said property and negotiate the terms and conditions for its sale or lease, *with final approval of any proposed transaction to be presented to the County Board for their consideration*, and further authorizes the Price County Clerk's preparation and execution of any documents necessary to conclude the terms set forth, with full ratification being presented to the County Board of Supervisors.

Submitted by: Price County Buildings and Grounds Committee: s/Brian Ernst; Robert Kopisch; Mark Kyle; Waldemar Madsen. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of December 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0.

Motion Madsen/Kyle to consider resolution for adoption. Motion Wartgow/Hallstrand to amend resolution to include the language "with final approval of any proposed transaction to be presented to the County Board for their consideration". Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Wartgow. No (0). Abstain (1): Strobl. Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption as amended: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 58-21

Develop a Forest Carbon Offset Project for Price County Owned Land

Motion Kyle/Wartgow to consider resolution for adoption.

County Board adjourned to closed session: Announcement and motion Spacek/Houdek to adjourn to closed

session at 10:50 a.m. pursuant to the exemption 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. For the purpose of:

1. Negotiate Potential Contract with Bluesource for Forest Carbon Offset Project Development
2. Motion to Return to Open Session

Take Action, as needed, on closed session items

Roll call vote: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Motion Wartgow/Houdek in closed session to return to open session at 11:28 a.m. Roll call vote: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 58-21

Develop a Forest Carbon Offset Project for Price County Owned Land

WHEREAS, since 2020, the Forestry and Parks Department has researched the merits of enrolling Price County owned lands in a carbon offset program; and,

WHEREAS, the Forestry and Parks Department recommends the development of a carbon project, involving the majority of Price County Forest lands, in addition to other Price County owned lands, for participation in the voluntary carbon market under the American Carbon Registry (ACR) Improved Forest Management (IFM) program; and,

WHEREAS, the Forestry and Parks Department recommends working with a carbon contractor to assist in the development of a project that would include marketing and selling carbon offsets; and,

WHEREAS, Bluesource, LLC, is a prominent leader in North American carbon markets since 2001 and has developed the continent's largest portfolio of carbon credits. Bluesource plays a dominant role in domestic forest carbon development and marketing, including a major presence in the Lake States, and is responsible for over 60% of all carbon credits developed and registered as part of the ACR IFM program; and,

WHEREAS, Bluesource, LLC has developed a carbon project proposal for Price County that includes a majority of the County Forest, in addition to other County owned lands; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the proposal presented by Bluesource, LLC, it is estimated that a forest carbon offset project involving the County Forest and other County owned lands, has the potential to generate \$3.6 million dollars in new net revenue within the first ten years of the program; and,

WHEREAS, for the entire length of the contract with Bluesource, LLC, including all aspects of carbon offset project development and administration, marketing and selling of carbon credits, there would be no direct out-of-pocket budgetary expenses incurred by Price County; and,

WHEREAS, the potential net returns realized from the registration and sale of carbon offsets would supplement current revenues received from current sustainable forest management practices on County owned lands.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors assembled this 1420th day of ~~December~~May 2021, authorizes the Price County Forest and Parks Administrator and County Administrator on behalf of Price County, in consultation with Price County Corporation Counsel, and upon confirmation from the Wisconsin DNR that there are no conflicts with Wis. Statutes § 28.11 (Administration of County Forests), to develop a 40 year forest carbon offset project for all appropriate County Forest and other County owned lands, excluding other lands deemed not appropriate, for participation in the voluntary carbon market under the American Carbon Registry (ACR) Improved Forest Management (IFM) program,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, the ~~Forestry and Parks Administrator and~~ County Administrator ~~is~~are authorized to negotiate and execute an eight-to-12-year contract directly with Bluesource, LLC to assist in the development of said forest carbon project, in consultation with Price County Corporation Counsel and upon confirmation from the Wisconsin DNR that there are no conflicts with Wis. Statutes § 28.11.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Price County Executive Committee shall develop a policy for the use and allocation of any funds received from the sale of carbon credits including the establishment of any designated funds to be used as a reserve for any future use of the funds.

Submitted by Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: s/Jeff Hallstrand, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed and approved by the Price County Executive Committee: s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimmer. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 1417th day of ~~December~~August 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 7, Against: 5.

Return to original motion Kyle/Wartgow to consider resolution for adoption.

Motion Wartgow/Erickson to approve amendments as presented. Roll call vote on amendments: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption as amended: Yes (7): Barkstrom,

Erickson, Hallstrand, Kopisch, Kyle, Palecek, Wartgow. No (5): Ernst, Houdek, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl.
Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole at 11:43 a.m.

1. County Administrator Report – Nick Trimner
 - a. 2021 Financial Summary Report as of 11/30/21: In good shape coming to the end of the year. Will need to bring some amendments to the Board. Fall timber sale bids \$740,000.
 - b. American Recovery Plan Act update: Finalizing projects designated for 2021. 2022 funding and projects still to be determined.
2. Future of Fairgrounds Property (agenda item not needed)
3. Develop a Forest Carbon Offset Project for County Owned Land (agenda item not needed)
4. Board Chair Report – Robert Kopisch
 - a. COVID-19 pandemic update: Reviewed current data.
 - b. WCA Board of Directors Meeting: Reviewed budget status and bylaw changes.
5. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Administration – Wartgow: Have not met. Next scheduled meeting is February 7th.
 - b. Buildings & Grounds – Spacek: Started winter maintenance. Huotari got the bid for the Normal Building project.
 - c. Executive – Kopisch: In Rem court date 12/22 with five properties. Change to health plan options came in 50/50. Next meetings are January 11th and February 10th.
 - d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Fall \$1.6 million in stumpage. Five active jobs. Prepping for winter cuts. Next meeting February
 - e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Have not met. Next meeting January 12th.
 - f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Transitioning to winter maintenance. Short one operator and two mechanics. Weimer Dam project done except for adjustments when water levels return to normal in spring. Next meeting December 16th.
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Barkstrom: Seven public hearings. Requests were approved, but conditions were placed on a couple permits. Developed the resolution for Cervid Farm moratorium and will continue work on an ordinance to regulate the farms. Charges against Scott Dragovich were finally settled in the Circuit Court. Two new snowmobile bridges planned. Defined the scope of work for the vacant UWEX position and recruitment to fill has started. Next meeting is January 27th.
 - h. Law Enforcement: Have not met.

Date of Next Meeting: February 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Notice of Meeting

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 social distancing, all public in-person attendance at public meetings is by appointment only.

Please call 715-339-3325 to reserve a seat. Seating is limited.

Members of the public may access all public meetings via conference call.

Conference call number: 1-408-418-9388

Conference code: 2486 319 8935

Amended February 8, 2022

Amended February 10, 2022

Date: February 15, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes December 14, 2021

Communications and Announcements

Public Comments
Presentations

- ~~1. Price County Fair Association~~
2. Chambers of Commerce / Tourism

Resolutions

1. Transfer from Highway Fund Balance to Purchase Contractor Equipment (Executive)
2. Project Approval – Courthouse and Safety Building Chiller and HVAC Projects (Executive)
3. Establish a Carbon Offset Project Assigned Account (Executive)
4. Amend Resolution 37-21 - Establish a Special Revenue Fund for American Rescue Plan Act (Executive)
5. Amend Resolution 56-21 – Establish an Opioid Abatement Account (Executive)
6. Approve Revisions to the County Board Policy and Procedure Manual (Administration)
7. Create Full-time Position: Sheriff's Deputy (Recreation Officer) (Administration)
8. 2022 Employee Wage Schedule (Administration)
9. Elected Official Salaries for 2023 through 2026 (Administration)
- 10. Adopt Revised Employee Handbook (Administration)**
11. Price County Comprehensive Recreational Plan 2022 – 2027 (Forestry & Parks)
12. Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grant (Solberg Lake Boat Ramp) (Forestry & Parks and Executive)
13. Wisconsin Wolf Population Goals (Forestry & Parks)
- ~~14. Approve Sale of Price County Fairgrounds Property (Executive)~~

~~Closed Session: Announcement and motion to adjourn to closed session pursuant to the exemption 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. For the purpose of:~~

- ~~a. Negotiation on Sale/Lease of Fairgrounds Property~~
- ~~b. Motion to Return to Open Session~~

~~Take Action, as needed, on closed session items~~

Elections and Appointments

1. Emergency Fire Wardens (list provided)
2. Local Emergency Planning Committee (list provided)

Reports on File

1. Register of Deeds – 2021 Annual Report
2. 2021 Annual Report of Wages

Committee of the Whole

- 1. Sale/Lease of Fairgrounds Property Status**
2. County Administrator Report
 - a. 2021 Financial Summary Report as of 12/31/21
 - b. 2022 Financial Summary Report as of 1/31/22
 - c. American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) update
3. Board Chair Report
 - a. COVID-19 pandemic update
 - b. WCA Update
 - c. International Trade, Business and Economic Development (ITBEC) Tourism Committee Report
 - d. Reschedule September Board Meeting to September 13th
 - e. Allowing the Public Video Access to Board Meetings**
4. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Administration
 - b. Buildings & Grounds
 - c. Executive
 - d. Forestry & Parks
 - e. Health and Human Services
 - f. Highway & Transportation
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension
 - h. Law Enforcement

Date of Next Meeting: April 19, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room
Adjourn

By: Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair

Posted: February 4, 2022

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.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
February 15, 2022**

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 (11): Alan Barkstrom, Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Robert Kopisch, Mark Kyle, Waldemar Madsen, Jordan Spacek, Ginny Strobl, Dennis Wartgow. Excused (2): Larry Palecek, James Hintz. Also present: Nick Trimner.

Instructions were given to any members of the public attending electronically.

Approval of Minutes December 14, 2021: Motion Strobl/Madsen to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: None.

Public Comments: Lyn Ludwig, Town of Worcester regarding supporting billboards promoting Price County. Brian Schmidt, Village of Prentice regarding compensation for elected officials.

Presentations

3. Chambers of Commerce / Tourism: Laura Palzkill, Philips Chamber of Commerce. Report of how the Price County tourism money is being spent. Plan to update the county map. Price County will host the Governor's Fishing Opener in 2023.

Resolutions

Resolution 1-22

Transfer from Highway Fund Balance to Purchase Contractor Equipment

WHEREAS, Price County is obligated to keep county infrastructure safe for use by county citizens, provide funding for Highway Department operations and maintain a sustainable Highway Fund Balance; and WHEREAS, the Price County Highway Department has identified a need to replace wheel loader; and WHEREAS, replacement of the wheel loader has been included in the Five Year Equipment Plan; and WHEREAS, the normal period needed to obtain certain pieces of highway equipment can be two to three years; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has discovered a wheel loader for purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Highway and Transportation Committee, at its December 16, 2021 meeting, has reviewed and approved the need to purchase of a wheel loader and forwarded the request to fund the purchase to the Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, the current Highway Equipment Fund is not sustainable to cover the anticipated cost of \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, the funding option that is in the best interest of Price County is to transfer the money from the Highway Fund Balance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Price County Board of Supervisors approve purchase of a Highway Department wheel loader, with the sum not to exceed \$250,000 to be transferred from the Highway Fund Balance to the Highway Equipment Fund to finance the purchase.

Fiscal Impact: up to \$250,000 transfer from Highway Fund Balance.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of February 2022. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0. Motion Barkstrom/Houdek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 2-22

Project Approval – Courthouse and Safety Building Chiller and HVAC Projects

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 employees and residents; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Committee has identified the need for these projects:

Courthouse chiller and ductwork

\$330,000

Courthouse controllers and HVAC system	\$230,000
Safety Building (old section) chiller and air handler	\$185,000

WHEREAS, the availability of America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds has provided an opportune time to move ahead with the projects, that would need to be done some time in the near future.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors approve the identified projects, with an estimated cost of \$745,000, with funding as determined by the Executive Committee, to come from America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds

Fiscal Impact \$745,000 (ARPA funds)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of February 2022. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0. Motion Houdek/Wartgow to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 3-22

Establish an Assigned Special Revenue Fund for Carbon Offset Project Revenue and Expenses

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2021, the Price County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #58-21, Develop a Forest Carbon Offset Project for Price County Owned Land; and

WHEREAS, in order to monitor, track and manage Carbon Offset Project funds, Price County needs to establish appropriate financial management systems; and

WHEREAS, proper record-keeping procedures will prevent and safe-guard against unauthorized use of funds; and

WHEREAS, a separate assigned fund within the general ledger will provide effective control over and accountability for all Carbon Offset Project revenue and associated expenses; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to establish a separate assigned general ledger fund to facilitate the County's receipt and allocation of Carbon Offset Projects funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby establish the assigned Carbon Offset Project Fund to be designated a general ledger position of 100-78.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of February 2022. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0. Motion Barkstrom/Hallstrand to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Amend Resolution 37-21

Establish a Special [Assigned](#) Revenue Fund for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Revenue and Expenses

WHEREAS, Price County has been a recipient of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and WHEREAS, in order to monitor, track and manage ARPA funds, Price County needs to establish appropriate financial management systems; and

WHEREAS, proper record-keeping procedures will prevent and safe-guard against unauthorized use of funds; and

WHEREAS, a separately designated special revenue fund within the general ledger will provide effective control over and accountability for all ARPA revenue and associated expenses; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to establish a separate [assigned](#) general ledger fund to facilitate the County's allocation of ARPA funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby establish the [assigned](#) ARPA Fund to be ~~designated~~[assigned](#) ~~assigned~~ a general ledger position of 250.

Signatures on file on original resolution.

Submitted for amendment by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of February 2022. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0. Motion Houdek/Wartgow to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Amend Resolution 56-21

Establish an Opioid Abatement Account *and Restricted Opioid Abatement Fund*

WHEREAS, Price County has joined litigation against certain manufacturers, distributors and retailers of opioid pharmaceuticals and
WHEREAS, the settlement discussions with the Settling Defendants resulted in a tentative agreement as to settlement terms; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 165.12(2), the proceeds from any settlement of all or part of the Litigation are distributed 70% to local governments in Wisconsin that are parties to the Litigation and 30% to the State; and
WHEREAS, the County shall establish the Opioid Abatement Account for the receipt of the proceeds of the Settlement Agreements consistent with the terms of the Settlement Resolution;
WHEREAS, the County's Opioid Abatement Account shall be separate from the County's general fund, shall not be commingled with any other County funds, and shall be dedicated to funding opioid abatement measures as provided in the Settlement Agreements;
WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to establish a separate **restricted** general ledger fund to facilitate the County's allocation of Opioid Settlement funds.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby establish the Opioid Abatement Account **and the restricted Opioid Abatement Fund** to be **designated assigned** a general ledger position of **220-62250**.

Signatures on file on original resolution.

Submitted for amendment by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of February 2022. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0. Motion Erickson/Kyle to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 4-22

Approve Revisions to the County Board Policy and Procedure Manual

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors previously adopted the Price County Board Policy and Procedure Manual on April 21, 2020; and
WHEREAS, the purpose of this revision is to make language updates, procedural updates and incorporate changes as approved by the County Board; and
WHEREAS, the approved revised manual will be forwarded to the County Board for adoption at their Organizational Meeting on April 19, 2022.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the proposed revisions to the Price County Board Policy and Procedure Manual to be presented in final form for adoption at the April 19, 2022 County Board Organizational Meeting.
Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Alan Barkstrom; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Robert Kopisch; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of February 2022. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair, Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0. Motion Hallstrand/Spacek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 5-22

Create Full-time Position: Sheriff's Deputy (Recreation Officer)

WHEREAS, with the reorganization of the Price County Sheriff's Office staffing, the addition of a full-time Sheriff's Deputy has been approved; and
WHEREAS, this new position will be assigned as a Recreation (Rec) Patrol Officer; and
WHEREAS, the Rec Patrol Officer will work closely with the Price County Forest and Parks Department, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and the United States Forest Service to coordinate law enforcement duties associated with outdoor recreation and appropriate use of the natural resources in Price County; and
WHEREAS, it is expected that approximately 70% of the Rec Patrol Officer's time will be dedicated to recreation patrol, with the remainder of the time spent covering shifts and performing standard law enforcement duties; and
WHEREAS, approximately 60-65% funding for this position will come from the WDNR.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the creation of an additional full-time Sheriff's Deputy position.
Fiscal impact: \$25,000 (budgeted)

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Alan Barkstrom; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Robert Kopisch; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of February 2022. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair, Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0. Motion Wartgow/Barkstrom to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 6-22
2022 Employee Wage Schedule

WHEREAS, the Price County Board of Supervisors provided for an employee wage increase in the 2022 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Administration Committee was given the responsibility of overseeing the employee wage schedule and has decided on an across-the-board wage increase of 2%; and

WHEREAS, the result of the 2% increase is incorporated into the attached 2022 Price County Wage Schedule; and

WHEREAS, upon approving base salaries for County elected officials, the County Board directed that any subsequent across-the-board increases given to the Price County Wage Schedule would also be given to County elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Administration Committee recommends this wage schedule be approved and become effective February 20, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors adopt the attached 2022 Price County Wage Schedule effective February 20, 2022.

Annual Fiscal Impact: \$79,300 (budgeted)

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Alan Barkstrom; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Robert Kopisch; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of February 2022. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair, Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0. Motion Spacek/Madsen to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 7-22
Elected Official Salaries for 2023 through 2026

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Price County Board of Supervisors to set the salaries for elected officials pursuant to §59.22 Wis. Stats "before the earliest time for filing nomination papers for any elective office"; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to establish the total annual compensation for County elected officials which is separate and distinct from the fringe benefits offered by the County to elected officials and which fringe benefits are subject to increase or decrease during the elected official's term of office at the discretion of the Board and in accordance with State and Federal law; and

WHEREAS, as part of the County's fringe benefit program, County elected officials may participate in the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) in accordance with State law; and

WHEREAS, as part of the County's fringe benefit program, County elected officials may elect to receive health insurance coverage under the same terms and conditions as the health insurance coverage offered to non-represented County managerial employees who are not law enforcement managerial employees or non-represented managerial employees described in §111.70(1)(mm)(2) Wis. Stat.; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Administration Committee has solicited input from the elected officials and reviewed external comparables and taken into consideration the fiscal impact to the County and has determined that the following base salaries for as of January 3, 2023:

Sheriff	\$ 77,438 82,493
Clerk of Circuit Court	\$ 57,512
Coroner	\$ 6,415

(plus \$90/death and \$100/cremation)

WHEREAS, any subsequent increases to the salary will match across-the-board increases given to the non-represented employee wage schedule.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors adopt the total annual compensation for County elected officials under §59.22(1) Wis. Stat. as listed above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned County elected officials are entitled to participate in the Wisconsin Retirement System in accordance with law and that the County shall pay only its share of contributions required by law for non-represented employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned County elected officials are entitled to participate in

the County's health insurance program subject to the terms and conditions of the program, which may be modified from time to time, under the same terms and conditions as the health insurance coverage offered to non-represented managerial County employees who are not law enforcement managerial employees or non-represented managerial employees described in §111.70(1)(mm)(2) Wis. Stat.

Fiscal Impact: \$ ~~3,500~~ 8,555 (budgeted).

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Alan Barkstrom; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Robert Kopisch; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of February 2022. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair, Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0.

Motion Kyle/Spacek to consider the resolution for adoption. Motion Wartgow/Strobl to amend the resolution to change the Sheriff base wage at \$80,766. Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Strobl, Wartgow. No (1): Spacek. Motion carried. Motion Spacek/Madsen to amend the resolution to change the Sheriff base wage to \$82,493. Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (9): Barkstrom, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (2): Erickson, Kopisch. Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption, as amended: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 8-22

Adopt Revised Employee Handbook

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 recommends them for adoption by the County Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors adopt the revisions to the Price County Employee Handbook as presented, with an effective date of February 20, 2022.

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee.

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Alan Barkstrom; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Robert Kopisch; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of February 2022. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair, Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0. Motion Houdek/Spacek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 9-22

Price County Comprehensive Recreational Plan 2022 – 2027

WHEREAS, The Price County Forestry and Parks Department is responsible for the development and care of county owned recreational property and facilities; and

WHEREAS, Price County is committed to look beyond the “bricks and mortar” of recreational planning and into how recreational activities and facilities affect health and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, Price County has reviewed existing plans, evaluated demographics and inventoried existing parks, trails and facilities; and

WHEREAS, Price County has gathered public input on recreational needs and desires through public meetings and surveys; and

WHEREAS, Price County has created a Comprehensive Recreational Plan to serve as a road map to future development of parks, trails and recreational facilities by which the county may operate in the most efficient and cost effective manner; and

WHEREAS, The Price County Comprehensive Recreational Plan may be utilized to apply for funding under the direction of the Price County Board of Supervisors or appointed committees; and

WHEREAS, this is a living document that may be amended by the Price County Board of Supervisors at any time.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby formally adopts the Comprehensive Revision of the Price County Comprehensive Recreational Plan as its future direction for the period of 2022 - 2027.

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: s/Jeffrey Hallstrand, Chair; Brian Ernst; Waldemar Madsen; Jordan Spacek; Ginny Strobl. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner.

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of February 2022. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0. Motion Houdek/Strobl to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 10-22

Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grant (Solberg Lake Boat Ramp)

WHEREAS, Price County is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose renovating the Solberg Lake County Park boat landing; and
WHEREAS, the respondent attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the proposals; and

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

WHEREAS, anticipated estimated cost for the Solberg Lake County Park boat landing project will be \$358,000, of which the grant share for the project will be \$273,000 of eligible project costs and a County share of \$80,000; and

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

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 complete the project fully and satisfactorily; and

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

Financial Impact: Total estimated cost for the project is \$358,000, with the grant share of \$273,000 and the County share of \$85,000 (\$5,000 in-kind).

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: s/Jeffrey Hallstrand, Chair; Waldemar Madsen; Jordan Spacek; Ginny Strobl. Reviewed and approved by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimmer. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of February 2022. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 10, Against: 1. Motion Spacek/Madsen to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (10): Barkstrom, Erickson, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (1): Ernst. Motion carried.

Resolution 11-22

Wisconsin Wolf Population Goals

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) established a wolf population goal of 350 animals in 1999, and reaffirmed this population goal in 2007, based on prey availability and human population density; and

WHEREAS, the WDNR plans to review and revise the previous wolf management plan, adopted in 1999 and reviewed and revised in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and Wisconsin Farm Bureau, Wisconsin Conservation Congress (2011, 2013, 2021), officially support a Wisconsin Wolf population goal of 350 or less; and

WHEREAS, thirty-six (36) county boards, half the county boards in Wisconsin, from north to south, have passed resolutions that recommend a Wisconsin wolf population goal of 350 or less; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's residents have experienced depredations and threatening incidents involving wolves, including 107 officially listed conflicts in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the high predator population, in particular wolves, has resulted in the reduction of the deer population where wolves are plentiful, reduced hunting opportunities, curtailed livestock and pleasure horse activities, and are a danger to pets and people.

NOT, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors advises that Wisconsin approve a wolf population goal of 350 or less in the next Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors encourages the WDNR to include elected officials from counties with high wolf conflicts on the DNR Wolf Advisory Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors requests that the WDNR and other partners implement meaningful population controls in the Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors requests that WDNR not relocate problem wolves from other counties in the state into Price County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall forward this resolution to the offices of the Wisconsin Governor; Secretary of the WDNR, Preston Cole; Secretary of DATCP, Randy Romanski, and state and federal legislators who represent Price County. When the WDNR public comments period for the revised Wolf Management Plan is announced, the resolution will be sent to the designated contact determined by WDNR.

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: s/Jeffrey Hallstrand, Chair; Brian Ernst; Waldemar Madsen; Jordan Spacek; Ginny Strobl. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of February 2022. 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, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Elections and Appointments

1. Emergency Fire Wardens: Motion Hallstrand/Strobl to approve the list of Emergency Fire Wardens as presented. Motion carried.
2. Local Emergency Planning Committee: Motion Houdek/Madsen to approve the list of Local Emergency Planning Committee members as presented. Motion carried.

Reports on File

1. Register of Deeds – 2021 Annual Report
2. 2021 Annual Report of Wages

Committee of the Whole at 10:30 a.m.

1. Sale/Lease of Fairgrounds Property Status: Negotiations still in process. The Executive Committee expects to have an agreement finalized at their March 10th meeting. Reaffirmed that the existing entities will be protected for future use of the Fairgrounds property and buildings. A Board meeting will be scheduled on March 15 to finalize the matter.
2. County Administrator Report – Nick Trimner: Recognizing employee birthdays and work anniversaries. Assembly Bill 943 would release \$2.5 million for 5R property cleanup. IT projects moving forward. Normal Building chiller project complete. Jury Room remodel being done. Josh Isaacson transitioned to Buildings & Grounds Superintendent. Broadband 339 project was approved – east of Highway 13. Southern Price County project grant not approved yet. Charter is moving forward with some of the area projects.
 - a. 2021 Financial Summary Report as of 12/31/21: Review. Housing inmates out-of-county continues to be needed. Video conferencing implemented in the court system has saved money. Several departments still awaiting 2021 revenue. Health & Human Services did well in regard to their budget. Forestry stumpage did well.
 - b. 2022 Financial Summary Report as of 1/31/22: Nothing stands out. Loan payments will be due in March.
 - c. American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) update: Review of \$2.6 million. \$914,302 undesignated.
3. Board Chair Report – Bob Kopisch
 - a. COVID-19 pandemic update: Omicron cases are declining.
 - b. WCA Update: Supervisor Houdek attended the Legislative Exchange. Senate Bill 829 would return proceeds from tax deed properties to the ex-owner. Allowing private/public partnership for electric car charging stations. Initiative for racism, diversity and equity.
 - c. International Trade, Business and Economic Development (ITBEC) Tourism Committee Report: Review of where they focus their spending.
 - d. Reschedule September Board Meeting to September 13th: Consensus to agree.
 - e. Allowing the Public Video Access to Board Meetings: Will implement at the next meeting.
4. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Administration – Wartgow: Focus on wages, recruitment and retention.
 - b. Buildings & Grounds – Spacek: No meeting held.
 - c. Executive – Kopisch: Nothing more.
 - d. Forestry & Parks - Hallstrand: 19 active timber sales. Bids for Solberg Lake pavilion replacement and shooting range shelters. Reviewed potential projects for park and campground improvements and expansion projects. Next meeting April 12th.
 - e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Last meeting January 12th. Quarterly reports. Next meeting March 9th.
 - f. Highway & Transportation – Hallstrand: Snow and ice removal. Culvert and bridge winter maintenance. Have filled two operator positions. Two mechanic positions still open. Planning for summer construction. Phillips State Highway 13 project has been moved to 2024, except the bridge work, Fifield project 2022, County A to Taylor County planned for 2022. Weimers Dam project drawdown levels until completion. Airport travel has been light. Airport Improvement project moving forward for 2022.

- g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Barkstrom: Short-term rental and dog grooming/boarding conditional use permits. Moving forward with Cervid Ordinance. Zoning Department permits up significantly. Land Conservation working with snowmobile clubs. 4-H clubs have been active. Hiring in progress for Human Development and Relationship Educator.
- h. Law Enforcement – Recreational Officer approved. Additional K-9 Unit planned. Lieutenant restructure working well. Deputy and Jail staff are full.

Date of Next Meeting: March 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk