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PRICE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS**

March 15, 2022 – February 21, 2023

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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.

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Members of the public may access all public meetings via conference call.
Conference call number: 1-408-418-9388
Conference code: 2483 060 5761

Date: March 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 February 15, 2022

Communications and Announcements

Public Comments

Resolutions:

1. Request State to Revise the Current Real Estate Transfer Fees Revenue Sharing Formula (Executive)
2. Expanding Broadband Services in Price County (North Project) (Executive)
3. Request Elimination of the Badger Care Plus Eligibility Cliff (Health & Human Services Board)

Miscellaneous:

1. Sale/Lease of Fairgrounds Property
 - a. 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:
 - i. Negotiation on Sale/Lease of Fairgrounds Property
 - ii. Motion to Return to Open Session
 - b. Take Action, as needed, on closed session items

Resolutions (continued):

1. Approve Sale of Price County Fairgrounds Property (Executive)

Committee of the Whole:

1. Fairground Discussion
2. Administrator Report
3. Board Chair Report
4. Committee Chair Comments

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: March 4, 2022

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
March 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 (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 December 14, 2021: Motion Barkstrom/Kyle to approve the minutes of the meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: Offering video attendance started with this meeting.

Public Comments: Lyn Ludwig, Town of Worcester .

Joe Fox, Town of Worcester criticism of County leadership.

David Schmidt, Town of Lake regarding sound issues.

David Valliquette, SRC America regarding the process they used to locate in Phillips.

Resolutions:

Resolution 12-22

Request State to Revise the Current Real Estate Transfer Fees Revenue Sharing Formula

WHEREAS, the collection of a real estate transfer fee by counties was mandated by the State of Wisconsin in 1969, and included a requirement that counties remit 50% of all transfer fees collected to the State; and WHEREAS, in 1981 the State changed the transfer fee formula to require counties to remit 80% of all transfer fees collected to the State; and

WHEREAS, the County, through the Register of Deeds Office, assumes the annual operating costs of recording all real estate transfers occurring in each County, including the collection of real estate transfer fees; and

WHEREAS, Price County real estate transfer fee collections over the past five years totaled \$1,134,608, of which the County retained \$227,460 and \$907,148 was remitted to the State; and

WHEREAS, using a 50/50 split, the County's share of fees collected on local real estate transfers during that same five year period would have provided an additional \$339,844 in support of local government; and WHEREAS, in 2021 the State of Wisconsin has built up a budget surplus of approximately \$2.5 billion dollars, while many Wisconsin counties continue to struggle financially due to the ever-increasing costs of providing county government services in an inflationary economy and providing services for increasing unfunded State mandated programs along with the financial restrictions imposed by State imposed levy limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Price County Board of Supervisors that in an effort to assist all Wisconsin Counties, the State of Wisconsin revise the real estate transfer fee share formula to again allow Wisconsin Counties to retain 50% of all real estate transfer fees collected, with 50% to be remitted to the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, all members of the State Legislature representing Price County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all other Wisconsin Counties.

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 March 2022. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0.

Motion Ernst/Wartgow 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 13-22

Expanding Broadband Services in Price County (North Project)

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, the County Board of Supervisors realizes the importance of improved broadband to serve our businesses and residents and to promote area economic development and the growing interest in telecommuting, along with easing access to health care services and educational opportunities from home; 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; and

WHEREAS, per Resolution 21-21 Expanding Broadband Services in Price County, the County Board gave express authority to the Price County Executive Committee to allocate up to \$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 applications for funding to expand broadband services within Price County.

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 ~~\$75,000~~ \$25,000 for the Northern Price County broadband expansion project, which could provide updated service to 826 homes, from the above funding sources, directly from ARPA or State of Wisconsin funding, as a partner with Charter Communications in any 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: ~~\$75,000~~ \$25,000 (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 March 2022. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 9, Against: 3.

Motion Houdek/Madsen to consider resolution for adoption. Motion Hallstrand/Barkstrom to amend resolution to change \$75,000 to \$25,000. Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (8): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Kopisch, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl. No (4): Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Wartgow. Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (9): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Spacek. No (3): Palecek, Strobl, Wartgow. Motion carried.

Resolution 14-22

Request Elimination of the Badger Care Plus Eligibility Cliff

WHEREAS, in addition to Medicaid, the State of Wisconsin also administers Badger Care Plus (Badger Care), a similar program for groups of people who need healthcare coverage but may not qualify for Medicaid or need different kinds of services; and

WHEREAS, those individuals who go beyond qualifying for Badger Care face a benefits cliff, which can occur when a public support program is designed in such a way that at a certain level of income, a small increase in earnings can result in significant ineligibility for benefits; and

WHEREAS, this benefit cliff, in some instances, becomes a barrier for individuals seeking employment, or seeking better employment; and

WHEREAS, allowing individuals to work productively without harming their health benefits, not only reduces the cost of a benefit program, but also simultaneously improves the overall economic activity of a region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby request the Wisconsin State Legislature and Governor Tony Evers work cooperatively to eliminate the Badger Care benefit cliff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Badger Care benefit cliff be eliminated with a proportionate sliding fee scale, that as individuals and families earn additional dollars, there is a corresponding but smaller contribution amount toward their health insurance coverage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to Governor Evers, federal and state legislative representatives for Price County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and other Wisconsin Counties.

Submitted by the Price County Health and Human Services Board: s/Paula Houdek, Chair; Peter Dahlie; Brian Ernst; Mark Kyle; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Sally Huml; Suzanne Ocker; Gerald Swenson; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of March 2022. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For 12, Against: 0.

Motion Houdek/Wartgow 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.

Miscellaneous:

2. Sale/Lease of Fairgrounds Property: No more information.

- a. Closed Session: Announcement and motion Madsen/Houdek to adjourn to closed session at 9:43 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:

- i. Negotiation on Sale/Lease of Fairgrounds Property
- ii. Motion to return to Open Session

Roll call vote: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (1): Erickson. Motion carried.

Motion Wartgow/Madsen in closed session to return to open session at 11:14 a.m. Roll call vote: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolutions (continued):

Resolution 15-22

Approve Sale of Price County Fairgrounds Property

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, per County Board Resolution 57-21, the Price County Board of Supervisors authorized the Price County Executive Committee to arrange for the sale or lease of property, referred to as Price County Fairgrounds 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

WHEREAS, the County has worked very closely with legal counsel to define the specifications of the 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, the County has developed a term list with potential buyer, Price County Productions, Inc.; and WHEREAS, such list contains terms and conditions on buyer and seller that must be met upon implementation of said term list by the County Administrator; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby issues final approval of the term list presented to the County Board for their consideration for the sale of the Price County Fairgrounds Property, provided that all contingencies set forth therein have been met; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Price County Administrator be authorized to prepare any documents necessary for the Price County Clerk's execution of the final purchase agreement for the sale of the Price County Fairgrounds.

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 March 2022. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 10, Against: 2.

Motion Kyle/Madsen to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (10): Barkstrom, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Wartgow. No (2): Erickson, Strobl. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole:

1. Fairground Discussion: No further information.
2. Administrator Report: Road posting weight restrictions issued discussion with Joe Baratka, Highway Commissioner. Milk hauler permits were settled. Will continue to work with parties involved to maintain integrity of the county roads. Buildings & Grounds Committee approved HVAC projects for Courthouse and Safety Buildings. Also, approved Courthouse landscaping project.
3. Board Chair Report: Public attendance and supervisor seating at meetings will return to pre-COVID at the next meeting.
4. Committee Chair Comments: \$2.3 million Forestry & Parks revenue in 2021.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

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Conference call number: 1-408-418-9388

Conference code: 2487 699 6218

Join meeting remotely:

<https://price.webex.com/price/j.php?MTID=mc8d8558c6b4e8cae85eec1806ebca1d4>

Oath of Office: 8:45 a.m.

Date: April 19, 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

Board Elections

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

Approval of Minutes March 15, 2022

Communications and Announcements

Public Comments

Presentation: Highway Work Zone Awareness Week (April ~~11 - 15~~ ~~3-9~~)

Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Price County, Chapter 223 Thereof Entitled "Animals", to add Article III Captive Cervids;
2. An Ordinance to Amend the Price County Code, Chapter 290 Thereof, Entitled "Fees and Penalties", by adding: §290.2 (D) Chapter 223, Animals (3) Article III, Captive Cervids and; §290.5 (D) Chapter 223, Animals (3) Article III, Captive Cervids.

Resolutions:

1. Adopt Price County Policy and Procedure Manual (Administration)
2. Adopt Revised Employee Handbook (Administration)
3. Employee Wage Adjustment for Cost of Living and Inflation (Administration and Executive)
4. 2021 Budget Amendments (Executive)
5. Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grant (Pine Line Trail Resurfacing II) (Forestry & Parks and Executive)
6. Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grant (Timms Hill Tower Access and Vaulted Toilet Replacement) (Forestry & Parks and Executive)
7. Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grant (Big Falls County Park Power) (Forestry & Parks and Executive)
8. **Funding for Courthouse Roof Repair Project (Executive) amended April 13, 2022**

Reports:

1. Clerk of Circuit Court – 2021 Annual Report
2. Forestry & Parks Department – 2021 Annual Report

Appointments:

1. Nutrition Advisory Council (two-year term to expire 4/30/25)
2. Land Information Council: List as provided
3. Land Use / UW-Extension Committee: Rick Morgan (School Representative for UWEX), Lawrence Meives (FSA Member Representative)
4. NW ITBEC Tourism Committee: Laura Palzkill

Committee of the Whole:

1. Board Chair Report
2. County Board of Supervisors
 - a. Committees
 - i. Assignments
 - ii. Election of Chairperson and Vice-chairperson
 - iii. Meeting dates and times
 - iv. Meeting agendas
 - v. Responsibilities of committee members and committee chairs
 - b. Representation on Outside Committees/Boards/Organizations
 - c. Policy and Procedure Manual
 - d. County Issued Email Accounts
 - e. County Official Workshops (COWS)
 - f. Goals for the next two years
3. County Administrator's Report
 - a. 2021 Financial Summary
 - b. 2022 Financial Summary – March 31, 2022
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

Convene out of Committee of the Whole

Date of Next Meeting: May 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Adjourn

By: Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair

Posted: April 8, 2022

Reviewed by County Administrator:

Nicholas Trimner

C: The Price County Review

WCQM/WPFP

Corporation Counsel

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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
April 19, 2022

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Invocation: Pastor Larry Tenut.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance.

Roll Call: Present (13): Alan Barkstrom, Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Jason Hastings, Paula Houdek, Mark Kyle, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, Patricia Stephan, Ginny Strobl, Lorelei Wakefield, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Nick Trimner.

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

Board Elections

1. Chairperson: Palecek nominated Paula Houdek. Strobl nominated Brian Ernst. Wakefield nominated Alan Barkstrom. Ernst declined. No other nominations. Secret ballot vote: Houdek 5, Barkstrom 8. Alan Barkstrom was declared County Board Chairperson and took over running of the meeting.
2. Vice-chairperson: Strobl nominated Brian Ernst. Palecek nominated Dennis Wartgow. Erickson nominated Jeff Hallstrand. No other nominations. Secret ballot vote: Round 1: Ernst 4, Wartgow 4, Hallstrand 5. Round 2: Ernst 3, Wartgow 4, Hallstrand 6. Round 3: Ernst 1, Wartgow 4, Hallstrand 8. Jeff Hallstrand declared County Board Vice-chairperson.

Motion Hallstrand/Spacek to change rules of the Board and move Resolution #1 for consideration. Roll call vote: Yes (8): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield. No (5): Hastings,

Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Wartgow. Motion failed due to lack of 2/3 ayes.

3. Executive Committee (3 members) – Chair and Vice-chair are automatic members. Position #1: Spacek nominated Dennis Wartgow. Hallstrand nominated Larry Palecek. Erickson nominated Brian Ernst. No other nominations. Signed ballot vote: Round 1: Wartgow 3, Palecek 5, Ernst 4. Round 2: Wartgow 2, Palecek 7, Ernst 4. Larry Palecek declared member elect to the Executive Committee. Position #2: Kyle nominated Paula Houdek. Palecek nominated Dennis Wartgow. Erickson nominated Brian Ernst. No other nominations. Signed ballot vote: Houdek 4, Wartgow 2, Ernst 7. Brian Ernst declared member elect to the Executive Committee. Position #3: Kyle nominated Paula Houdek. Hallstrand nominated Jordan Spacek. Palecek nominated Dennis Wartgow. Barkstrom nominated Lorelei Wakefield. No other nominations. Signed ballot vote: Houdek 7, Spacek 1, Wartgow 1, Wakefield 4. Paula Houdek declared member elect to the Executive Committee.
4. Highway and Transportation Committee:
 - e. North (Dist. 1, 3, 5, 7 and 10): Wartgow nominated Larry Palecek. No other nominations. Motion Wartgow/Spacek to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Larry Palecek as member elect to the Highway and Transportation Committee. Motion carried.
 - f. Central (Dist. 8, 9, 11 and 13): Wartgow nominated Jordan Spacek. Stephan nominated Patricia Stephan. No other nominations. Signed ballot vote: Spacek 11, Stephan 2. Jordan Spacek declared member elect to the Highway and Transportation Committee.
 - g. South (Dist. 2, 4, 6 and 12): Ernst nominated Doug Erickson. Kyle nominated Paula Houdek. No other nominations. Signed ballot vote: Erickson 10, Houdek 3. Doug Erickson declared member elect to the Highway and Transportation Committee.
 - h. 2 (two) members at-large: Position #1: Spacek nominated Jeff Hallstrand. Wartgow nominated Mark Kyle. Erickson nominated Brian Ernst. No other nominations. Signed ballot vote: Round 1: Hallstrand 3, Kyle 5, Ernst 5. Round 2: Hallstrand 3, Kyle 5, Ernst 5. Round 3: Hallstrand withdrew, Kyle 6, Ernst 7. Brian Ernst declared member election to the Highway and Transportation Committee. Position #2: Wakefield nominated Patricia Stephan. Houdek nominated Mark Kyle. Hastings nominated Jason Hastings. Spacek nominated Jeff Hallstrand. Signed ballot vote: Round 1: Stephan 2, Kyle 4, Hastings 3, Hallstrand 4. Round 2: Stephan 1, Kyle 4, Hasting 4, Hallstrand 4. Round 3: Stephan 0, Kyle 5, Hastings 5, Hallstrand 3. Round 4: Stephan 0, Kyle 7, Hastings withdrew, Hallstrand 6. Mark Kyle declared member elect to the Highway and Transportation Committee.

Approval of Minutes March 15, 2022: Motion Wartgow/Strobl to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: None.

Public Comments: Jerome Donohoe (remotely), President of the Wisconsin Commercial Deer & Elk Farmers Association, input on ordinance #1 and #2.

Presentation: Highway Work Zone Awareness Week (April 11 - 15): Joe Baratka, Highway Commissioner presented video developed by the Wisconsin County Highway Association.

Ordinances:

Ordinance 2022-01

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Price County, Chapter 223
Thereof Entitled "Animals," to add Article III Captive Cervids

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

Section 1. Chapter 223 of the Code of the County of Price is hereby amended to add a new section, to be known as Article III as follows:

Article III Captive Cervids

§ 223-45 Purpose and intent.

The purpose of this article is to protect the natural deer herd of Price County from the spread of chronic wasting disease through regulation of captive cervids farms and hunting ranches in Price County. This article has been created pursuant to County Board authority under Wis. Statutes Chapters 59 and 90.

§ 223-46 Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Cervid – Members of the Cervidae deer family (such as elk, moose and white-tailed deer).

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) - A progressive, fatal prion disease of deer, elk, and moose that is characterized by weight loss, tremors, lack of coordination, drooling, excessive thirst, and listlessness.

Deer Farm – A parcel of land in which the activity of breeding, raising, importing or exporting captive deer, elk or moose takes place.

Hunting Ranch – An enclosed area consisting of at least 80 contiguous, unimpeded acres of land in which deer, elk or moose are hunted.

§ 223-47 Fencing standards.

- A. Adoption of standards. In addition to the Wisconsin Statutes and other state laws adopted, there is also adopted in its entirety Wisconsin Administrative Code, § NR 16.45, entitled "Farm-raised deer; white-tailed deer, specifications," including all amendments to the same.
- B. Compliance. All captive cervid operations in Price County, whether now existing at the time of enactment of this article, must comply with the fencing standards specified in Wisconsin Administrative Code, § NR 16.45.

§ 223-48 Annual inspection.

- A. The Price County Land Conservation and Zoning Administrator and Price County Animal Control Officer shall ensure captive cervid operations comply with all applicable fencing standards. Inspection of all captive cervids operations shall occur on at least an annual basis. A captive cervid operation may be inspected any time there is cause to believe a fence is not in compliance with standards or after a weather event that is known to have impact on fences within Price County.
- B. In the event the Price County Land Conservation and Zoning Administrator or Price County Animal Control Officer determines that a fence is out of compliance with applicable fencing standards, either department may, but is not required to, send written notice to the landowner to correct the violation within a specified time period prior to Price County initiating enforcement action.
- C. Price County retains the authority to proceed directly to enforcement through citation or the initiation of legal proceedings in the event any fence is found not to comply with applicable fencing standards.

§ 223-49 Importation of live cervids.

- A. Adoption of standards. In addition to the Wisconsin Statutes and other state laws adopted, there is also adopted in its entirety Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (ATCP) §§ 10.53 (Farm-raised deer; chronic wasting disease herd status program") and 10.56 (Moving farm-raised deer in Wisconsin"), including all amendments to the same.
- B. Importation requirements. Importing into Price County via any means a live cervid that is to be housed in the County is prohibited unless all of the following provisions are complied with:
 - (1) The animal comes from a herd enrolled in the Herd Status Program as specified in § ATCP 10.53.
 - (2) The animal has a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) as specified in § ATCP 10.56(2) and (3).
 - (3) An affidavit certifying cervid origin is submitted demonstrating the animal comes from a location that is not within 10 miles of where there is a documented case of a communicable disease in a wild or captive cervid recorded within five years prior to the animal being moved.
- C. Submission of documentation. The documentation required per § 223-49B(2), above, shall be submitted via certified mail to the Price County Clerk within 30 days of the date the live cervid(s) was brought into Price County. The County Clerk shall then provide copies to the Land Conservation and Zoning Administrator and the Animal Control Officer.

§ 223-50 Enforcement.

This article will be enforced by the Price County Sheriff's Office and the Price County Land Conservation and Zoning Department.

§ 223-51 Violations and penalties.

Anyone causing, creating or maintaining a violation of this article shall be subject to a forfeiture as provided in Chapter 290 of the County Code, together with cost of prosecution.

Section 2. Effective date.

This ordinance shall be effective as of date of publication.

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 19th day of April 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 10, Against:3.

Motion Wartgow/Erickson to consider ordinance for adoption. Roll call vote on ordinance adoption: Yes (10): Barkstrom, Erickson, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (3): Ernst, Hastings, Strobl. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-02

An Ordinance to Amend the Price County Code,
Chapter 290 Thereof, Entitled "Fees and Penalties", by adding:
§290.2 (D) Chapter 223, Animals (3) Article III, Captive Cervids
And
§290.5 (D) Chapter 223, Animals (3) Article III, Captive Cervids

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

Section 1. Chapter 290 of the Code of Price County is hereby amended to add a new section, to Article II, Forfeitures; § 290.2 Schedule of forfeitures; D. Chapter 223, Animals, to be known as Section (3) as follows:

(3) Article III, Captive Cervids: not more than \$200.

Section 2. Chapter 290 of the Code of Price County is hereby amended to add a new section to Article III, Citations; §290.5 Ordinances affected.; D. Chapter 223, Animals, to be known as Section (3) as follows:

(3) Article III, Captive Cervids (Ordinance No. 2022-01).

Section 3. Effective date.

This ordinance shall become effective as of date of publication.

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 19th day of April 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against:1.

Motion Wartgow/Palecek to consider ordinance for adoption. Roll call vote on ordinance adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (1): Strobl. Motion carried.

Resolutions:

Resolution 15-22

Adopt Price County Policy and Procedure Manual:

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby adopt the revised Price County Board Policy and Procedure Manual, as of April 19, 2022.

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 19th day of April 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 7, Against: 5, Abstain: 1

Motion Spacek/Strobl to consider resolution for adoption. Motion Wartgow/Palecek to change the structure of the Executive Committee from one north, one central and one south to three at-large. Roll call vote: Yes (5): Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Stephan, Wartgow. No (8): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Spacek, Strobl, Wakefield. Motion failed. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (7): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl. No (5): Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Wartgow. Abstain (1): Wakefield. Motion carried.

Resolution 16-22

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 policy; and

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

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

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee: s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Alan Barkstrom; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Robert Kopisch; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19th day of April 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair. s/Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 1.

Motion Wartgow/Hallstrand to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (1): Hastings. Motion carried.

Resolution 17-22

Employee Wage Adjustment for Cost of Living and Inflation:

Whereas, like many businesses and other government entities, Price County government is in an employee hiring and retention crisis; and

Whereas, we are experiencing a high level of employee turnover, creating an extremely stressful situation for several departments who are understaffed with the duties of those vacant positions being forced upon remaining staff; and

Whereas, this has hit certain departments very hard, but is slowly spreading to other departments, as well; and

Whereas, as a government entity that provides services and protection to its citizens along with maintenance and preservation of county resources and infrastructure, many of these mandated by the State of Wisconsin, decreasing the workforce to stretch our personnel budget is not an option; and

Whereas, we are ineffectively competing with the private business market for the shrinking employee hiring pool, creating more competition in recruitment for vacant positions and retention of existing employees; and
Whereas, the reported percentage of the cost of living increase has gone up over fivefold since last year at this time; and

Whereas, we need to make a cost of living adjustment to the Price County wage schedule in order to competitively compete to hire and retain employees; and

WHEREAS, Administration is confident the funds can be obtained from excess sales tax revenue, Health and Human Service Department high cost placements underbudget and other areas of budget adjustments. Now therefore be it resolved that the Price County Board of Supervisors approves an across-the-board wage increase of 9% to the Employee Wage Schedule and the County Administrator's contract, to be effective May 1, 2022.

Fiscal Impact: \$350,000 (annual)

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee: s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Alan Barkstrom; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Robert Kopisch; Jordan Spacek. Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee: s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner.

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19th day of April 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0.

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

Resolution 18-22

Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021 (2)

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 April 14, 2022 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 April 19, 2022 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.

Fiscal Impact: 0

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee: 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 19th day of April 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0.

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

PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS			
RESOLUTION 18-22 BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021			
	DESCRIPTION:	2021 Budget Amendments #2	
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT CODE	AMOUNT
General	BUDGET PLACE HOLDER FOR CIP	100-00-48930-000-000-00000	(257,302.57)
	TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	100-00-59000-788-000-00000	257,302.57
	RENT OF CO BLDGS & OFFICES	100-31-48210-000-000-00000	(10,800.00)

Buildings & Grounds	B&G MISC REVENUES	100-31-48900-000-000-00000	(8,500.00)
	UTILITIES	100-31-51600-222-000-00000	19,300.00
Forestry & Parks	STATE AID - ATV TRAILS	100-79-43539-000-000-00000	(10,800.00)
	ATV TRAILS - REPAIR & MAINT	100-79-55350-244-000-00000	10,800.00
	HABITAT REST GRANT WILDLIFE	100-79-43578-000-004-00000	(7,520.00)
	HABITAT REST GRANT WILDLIFE	100-79-56110-701-004-00000	7,520.00
	NRA GRANT CRANBERRY CRK RIFLE	100-79-43585-000-000-00000	(19,083.00)
	NRA GRANT CRANBERRY CR 21WI006	100-79-56110-720-000-00000	19,083.00
	SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT PINE	100-79-43578-000-005-00000	(8,300.00)
	GRANT EXPENSE-RUFFED GROUSE	100-79-56110-700-300-00000	8,300.00
	SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT RAHM	100-79-43578-000-002-00000	(8,225.00)
SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT RAHM	100-79-56110-701-002-00000	8,225.00	
Surveyor	WAGES - SURVEYOR	100-25-51720-111-000-00000	9,890.00
	SOCIAL SECURITY	100-25-51720-151-000-00000	755.00
	SURVEYORS FEES	100-25-46121-000-000-00000	(10,645.00)
Land Cons	ST AID - SPECIAL PROJ/BRIDGE	100-91-43573-000-100-00000	(29,300.00)
	CAP OUTLAY - SPECIAL PROJ/BRID	100-91-55300-834-000-00000	29,300.00
	PAYMENTS TO ORGANIZATIONS	100-91-55300-724-000-00000	35,350.00
	ST AID-SNOWMOBILE TRAILS	100-91-43573-000-000-00000	(35,350.00)
	STATE AID - WILDLIFE ABATEMT	100-91-43585-000-000-00000	(10,581.00)
	WILDLIFE ABATEMENT-ADMIN	100-91-56220-389-000-00000	10,581.00
Special Fund	CLERK OF COURTS JURY SOC DIST	250-80-51260-800-000-00000	20,390.00
	B&G TOUCHLESS SINKS, FOUNTAINS	250-80-57140-800-001-00000	19,112.00
	HHS CONGREGATE AREA CHILLER	250-80-57140-800-002-00000	348,600.00
	B&G SAFETY BLDG AIR HANDLER &	250-80-57140-800-003-00000	45,647.00
	B&G PUBLIC HLTH EXAM RM FLOOR	250-80-57140-800-004-00000	5,600.00
	B&G COUNTER/CAB PUB HLTH EXAM	250-80-57140-800-005-00000	1,919.00
	BOARD SUPERVISORS' LAPTOPS	250-80-57140-800-006-00000	6,705.00
	GRANT - ARPA	250-80-43240-000-000-00000	(447,973.00)
Land Information	CO RECORDING FEES RETAINED	100-22-41235-000-000-00000	(4,375.00)
	SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE	100-22-51709-214-000-00000	4,375.00
Land Information	2017 SURVEY GRANT AD179039	100-22-51709-759-008-00000	12,900.00
	MISC REVENUES	100-22-48900-000-000-00000	(12,900.00)
Land Information	STATE AID - WLIP GRANT	100-22-43513-000-000-00000	(70,296.00)
	2021 GRANT 219108	100-22-51709-759-015-00000	38,529.00
	2019 STRATEGIC INITIATIVE	100-22-51709-759-012-00000	17,367.00
	2021 GRANT STRATGIC INITIATIV	100-22-51709-759-016-00000	14,400.00
Sheriff's Office	SCHOOL AID - DARE	100-35-43700-000-000-00000	(4,160.00)
	DARE SUPPLIES	100-35-52165-309-000-00000	4,160.00
Public Health Title X	TITLE TEN GRANT	115-59-43556-000-000-00000	(789,605.00)
	FISCAL AGENT - TITLE TEN	115-59-54120-256-000-00000	789,605.00
Home Delivered Meals	PROGRAM INCOME HD NUTRITION	110-68-46651-000-000-00000	(31,000.00)
	CONTRACTED SERVICES - FOOD	110-68-54600-299-000-00000	28,000.00
	MILEAGE/MEALS/LODGING	110-68-54600-339-000-00000	3,000.00
Health & Human Services	TAX LEVY	220-60-41110-000-000-00000	39,998.00
	TAX LEVY	220-61-41110-000-000-00000	(39,998.00)

Resolution 19-22

Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grant (Pine Line Trail Resurfacing II)

WHEREAS, Price County is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of trail resurfacing on the Pine Line Rail Trail (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 Pine Line Rail Trail project will be \$38,300, of which the State share will be \$31,040 of eligible project costs and a County share of \$7,760, of which \$3,800 is to n

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 \$38,800 with the State share of \$31,040 and the County share of \$7,760.

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 Kopsich, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19th day of April 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0

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

Resolution 20-22

Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grant (Timm's Hill Tower Access and Vaulted Toilet Replacement):

WHEREAS, with the failure of a prior grant application, Price County continues to be interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of providing tower access and replacement of a vault toilet 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 Timm's Hill County Park project will be \$104,725, of which the State share will be \$52,362.50 of eligible project costs and a County share of \$52,362.50, of which \$8,000 is to be in-kind shared by Price County and the Town of Hill; 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 \$104,725 with the State share of \$52,362.50 and the County share of \$52,362.50.

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 Kopsich, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19th day of April 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0

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

Resolution 21-22

Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grant (Big Falls County Park Power)

WHEREAS, with the failure of a prior grant application, Price County continues to be interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of installing electric service at Big Falls 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 \$129,000, of which the State share will be \$64,500 of eligible project costs and a County share of \$64,500, of which \$3,000 is in-kind by Price County; 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 \$129,000 with the State share of \$64,500 and the County share of \$64,500.

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 Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19th day of April 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0

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

Resolution 22-22

Funding for Courthouse Roof Repair Project

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, repairs to the Courthouse roof have been identified as needed, with the project approved and \$110,000 being approved in project funding in the 2021 budget; and

Whereas, the estimate for the project is indicating a cost of ~~\$185,000~~ \$261,000; and

Whereas, the project can move forward when the additional funding is approved.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the appropriation of up to ~~\$75,000~~ \$151,000 for the Courthouse Roof Repair Project, with the funding source to be the Capital Improvement Fund.

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

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19th day of April 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0.

Motion Houdek/Hallstrand to consider resolution for adoption. Motion Ernst/Houdek amend dollar amounts from \$185,000 to \$261,000 and \$75,000 to \$151,000, respectively. Roll call vote: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Reports – on file:

1. Clerk of Circuit Court – 2021 Annual Report
2. Forestry & Parks Department – 2021 Annual Report

Appointments:

1. Nutrition Advisory Council (two-year term to expire 4/30/25): Clarita Wenzel, Bill Hoffman: Motion Palecek/Houdek to approve the appointment as presented. Motion carried.
2. Land Information Council: List as provided: Motion Hallstrand/Erickson to approve the appointment as presented. Motion carried.
3. Land Use / UW-Extension Committee: Rick Morgan (School Representative for UWEX), Lawrence Meives (FSA Member Representative): Spacek/Houdek to approve the appointment as presented. Motion carried.
4. NW ITBEC Tourism Committee: Laura Palzkill: Spacek/Ernst to approve the appointment as presented. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole at 11:20 a.m.

5. Board Chair Report: None.
6. County Board of Supervisors
 - a. Committees
 - i. Assignments: Provide assignment preferences to Board Chair.
 - ii. Election of Chairperson and Vice-chairperson: Will be done at the next meeting of each committee.
 - iii. Meeting dates and times: Reviewed meeting dates set.
 - iv. Meeting agendas: Responsibility of Chairperson.
 - v. Responsibilities of committee members and committee chairs: No discussion.
 - b. Representation on Outside Committees/Boards/Organizations: Let Chair know if interested.
 - c. Policy and Procedure Manual: Approved updated manual. Operations and rules of the Board.
 - d. County Issued Email Accounts: Supervisors are required to use County issued emails.
 - e. County Official Workshops (COWS): Highly recommended attendance for all members.
 - f. Goals for the next two years: Nick would like feedback from the Board members.
7. County Administrator's Report – Nick Trimner
 - a. 2021 Financial Summary: Budget amendments approved. Audit currently being conducted.
 - b. 2022 Financial Summary – March 31, 2022: Reviewed. Several building structural issues.
8. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Administration – Wartgow: Working on recruitment and retention. Recruiting for several positions. Health insurance increase.
 - b. Buildings & Grounds – Spacek: Have not met. Friends of Fred Smith building pipe broke causing extension flooding. Decisions will be needed on extent of repair project. Normal Building chiller and window projects progressing. Working on Courthouse roof and chiller project.
 - c. Executive – Houdek: Several resolutions. Solberg Lake Park pavilion project overage. Need to designate Carbon Credit allocations. Fairground property ownership transition moving forward.
 - d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Timber bid sales set. Spring park cleanup. Forester position recruitment. Town of Lake request to assist in paving Omaha Road to Smith Lake Park.
 - e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Unit quarterly reports. Public Health Strategic Plan including a stakeholder survey. Workload study being done.
 - f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Winter and spring road maintenance. Ready for summer projects. Spring flooding. Annual Road Tour to be scheduled. Recruiting for eight operators and two mechanics. Dams are adjusting to spring runoff. Weimers project will be completed. Airport improvement project to start soon. Spring maintenance.
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Barkstrom: Several conditional use permits and special exception applications. Spring land sale minimum bids were set. Ongoing 4-H projects. Considering other options for the UW-Extension Human Development and Relationships position. Meeting with applicable parties to define responsibilities with the Price County Fair.
 - h. Law Enforcement – Have not met. Recreation Officer assigned. Second K-9 Unit expected in August. Several retirements upcoming. Meth investigations and arrests continue.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 12:14 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: May 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 12:24 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).

Members of the public may access all public meetings remotely.

Call-in number: 1-408-418-9388

Meeting Code: 2483 028 5654

Join Meeting: <https://price.webex.com/price/j.php?MTID=m071a1d333c0704df62607ee32a97c490>

Meeting password: twMhfCJb457

Date: May 17, 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 April 19, 2022

Communications and Announcements

Public Comments

Presentation:

1. Price County Fair Association

Appointments UPDATE

1. Land Information Council: Doug Erickson

2. Local Emergency Planning Committee: Brian Ernst

3. NW Wisconsin Community Employment Program (CEP): Patricia Stephan

4. Traffic Safety Commission: Dennis Wartgow

5. Health & Human Services Board

(three-year term to expire 5/31/25): Peter Dahlie (physician), Paula Houdek, Lorelei Wakefield

(remainder of three-year term to expire 5/31/23): Patricia Stephan

6. ADRC-N Governing Board (three-year term to expire 5/31/25): Paula Houdek

7. Council on Aging Advisory Committee (three-year term to expire 4/30/25): Mary Anderson, June Ellefsen, David Schmidt

8. Nutrition Advisory Council (two-year term to expire 4/30/24): Still searching.

9. Transportation Coordinating Committee: Patricia Stephan

10. Woodland Enhanced Health Services Commission: Lorelei Wakefield

11. Park Falls Public Library Board (three-year term to expire 4/30/25): Karen Tesmer

12. Phillips Public Library Board (three-year term to expire 4/30/25): Bruce Marshall

13. Price County Library Committee (three-year term to expire 4/30/25): Jane Holm, Bruce Marshall

14. Price-Taylor Rail Trail Corridor Commission: Jeff Hallstrand, Board Rep.; Greg Foltz; Marjory Brzeskiewicz, alternate

15. Wisconsin Property Assessed Clean Energy Commission (PACE) Official Representative: Alan Barkstrom

Committee of the Whole:

1. WCA Survey – complete and leave with Jean

2. Board Chair Report

a. Emergency Management Training – Incident Command System – June 23, 2022

b. Future WCA Training/Presentation

c. WCA Annual Conference – September 18-20, 2022

i. Attendance

ii. Conference Resolutions

3. County Administrator's Report

a. 2022 Financial Summary – April 30, 2022

b. 2023 Budget Guidelines

c. Board Goals and Expectations

d. Updates:

i. ARPA Funding

ii. Friends of Fred Smith House

iii. Fairgrounds Property

iv. Building and Maintenance Projects

v. 2022 Wage Schedule Resolution Feedback

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

Convene out of Committee of the Whole

Date of Next Meeting: June 21, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Adjourn

By: Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair

Posted: May 6, 2022

Reviewed by County Administrator:

Nicholas Trimner

C: The Price County Review

WCQM/WPFP

Corporation Counsel

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MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS May 17, 2022

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair.

Invocation: None. Moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance.

Roll Call: Present (13): Alan Barkstrom, Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Jason Hastings, Paula Houdek, Mark Kyle, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, Patricia Stephan, Ginny Strobl, Lorelei Wakefield, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Nick Trimner.

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

Approval of Minutes April 19, 2022: Motion Houdek/Strobl to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2022 with correction as noted. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: Nick explained the issue with the Health and Human Services Board membership. The board members do not take seat until May 1st. Their April meeting was held with the members that will not be appointed until today. Joe Baratka submitted his resignation after 23 years.

Public Comments:

Presentation:

1. Price County Fair Association: No one available.

Appointments

1. Land Information Council: Doug Erickson
2. Local Emergency Planning Committee: Brian Ernst
3. NW Wisconsin Community Employment Program (CEP): Patricia Stephan
4. Traffic Safety Commission: Dennis Wartgow
5. Health & Human Services Board
(three-year term to expire 5/31/25): Peter Dahlie (physician), Paula Houdek, Lorelei Wakefield
(remainder of three-year term to expire 5/31/23): Patricia Stephan
6. ADRC-N Governing Board (three-year term to expire 5/31/25): Paula Houdek
7. Council on Aging Advisory Committee (three-year term to expire 4/30/25): Mary Anderson, June Ellefsen, David Schmidt
8. Nutrition Advisory Council (two-year term to expire 4/30/24): Still searching.
9. Transportation Coordinating Committee: Patricia Stephan
10. Woodland Enhanced Health Services Commission: Lorelei Wakefield
11. Park Falls Public Library Board (three-year term to expire 4/30/25): Karen Tesmer
12. Phillips Public Library Board (three-year term to expire 4/30/25): Bruce Marshall
13. Price County Library Committee (three-year term to expire 4/30/25): Jane Holm, Bruce Marshall
14. Price-Taylor Rail Trail Corridor Commission: Jeff Hallstrand, Board Rep.; Greg Foltz; Marjory Brzeskiewicz, alternate
15. Wisconsin Property Assessed Clean Energy Commission (PACE) Official Representative: Alan Barkstrom

Motion Wartgow/Palecek to approve the appointments as presented. Motion carried.
Committee of the Whole at 9:18 a.m.

1. WCA Survey – completed and returned.
2. Board Chair Report – Alan Barkstrom: Attended Rail Transport Commission meeting remotely. Price County was allocated one of three Opioid settlements for \$400,000 to be paid over 18 years, or an optional settlement. Future discussion and decision.
 - a. Emergency Management Training – Incident Command System – June 23, 2022: Please register to attend.
 - b. Future WCA Training/Presentation: WCA staff will come to a County Board meeting. Suggestions: Ethics and Responsibilities, Open Meetings and Open Records. Recommend attending the WCA Monday Morning Meetings at 11:00 a.m.
 - c. WCA Annual Conference – September 18-20, 2022
 - i. Attendance: Registration materials will be handed out. Please respond if interested in attending.
 - ii. Conference Resolutions: The Executive Committee did not recommend any resolutions.
3. County Administrator's Report – Nick Trimner
 - a. 2022 Financial Summary – April 30, 2022: Reviewed financial reports.
 - b. 2023 Budget Guidelines: First week in June an instructional letter goes out to departments. A preliminary budget will be presented to the Executive Committee in August. Waiting for cost estimates from our health insurance broker. Considering self-funding. Wage increase will continue to be a big issue.
 - c. Board Goals and Expectations: Retention and recruitment is a primary factor. Encouraged members to be informed on what all committees are doing and bring ideas and questions forward.
 - d. Updates:
 - i. ARPA Funding: All of the \$1,296,638 has been allocated. Funds may become available if one of the projects does not happen or is done for cheaper.
 - ii. Friends of Fred Smith House: Building was flooded when water pipe broke. Work in progress. Any necessary demolition has been done. Will need to review what construction is approved by the insurance company. Six to eight weeks out.
 - iii. Fairgrounds Property: Transition expected to happen in July. Meeting with entities that need leases drafted with the new owners. Fair Association has indicated the County Fair will continue. County monetary contribution will continue, currently at \$12,500.
 - iv. Building and Maintenance Projects: Normal Building chiller and air handling almost complete. Window project to start in June. Courthouse roof and chiller project moving forward. Difficulty obtaining some of the supplies.
 - v. 2022 Wage Schedule Resolution Feedback: Employee feedback has been very positive. Have been able to retain a couple of employees that had planned to leave. Have seen a doubling of applications received.
4. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Administration – Next meeting May 24. Highway mechanic positions filled. Five Highway operator openings. Children and Youth social workers still short four of eight positions.
 - b. Buildings & Grounds – Next meeting May 26.
 - c. Executive – Barkstrom: Carbon credit revenue allocation \$980,000 expected in the first year. \$1 million in reserve. Then each year: 2.5% added to reserve, 10% to municipalities similar to stumpage, \$250,000 to Capital Improvement Fund. Will finalize for resolution to come before the Board. Specsys request for letter of support. Next meeting
 - d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: \$815,000 stumpage to date. Spring timber sale bids approved for \$518,000. Water on at parks. Cranberry Creek shooting range improvements being done.
 - e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: New member orientation being planned. Statutory change in make-up of board members. Slight uptick in Covid cases. Tobacco Coalition update. National Elder Abuse Day activities. May is Foster Care Month. Discussion on the UW-Extension Human Relationships and Education position transitioning to a County position under HHSD. Next meeting June 8.
 - f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Spring maintenance and readying for summer construction projects. Several DOT bridge projects. Transitioning equipment from winter to summer. Water levels returned to normal. Weimers Dam project completed. Airport Improvement Project in progress. Road tour June 3rd.
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Barkstrom: Conditional use permits reviewed. 4-H Summer Intern planning on returning. Discussion on the Human Relationships and Education position. Next

meeting May 19.

- h. Law Enforcement: Second K9 Unit being developed. Rec Officer appointed. Dare Officer appointed. – Next meeting May 25.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 10:52 a.m.

Date of Next Meeting: June 21, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.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).

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Call-in number: 1-408-418-9388

Meeting Code: 2484 342 7747

Join Meeting: <https://price.webex.com/price/j.php?MTID=me4566273f92f57bf5a9c0b5051b795a>

Meeting password: wGCpU5Jjj36

AMENDED June 16, 2022

Date: June 21, 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 May 17, 2022

Communications and Announcements

Public Comments

Presentations:

1. Price County Fair Association

~~2. Friends of Fred Smith~~

3. Northwest Regional Planning Commission

Resolutions:

1. Amend Resolution 19-22: Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grant

~~2. Expansion of Price County Parks Using ARPA Funds (Forestry & Parks and Executive)~~

3. Support WDNR Continued Maintenance of the Steve Creek Dam (Forestry & Parks)

4. Adopt Revised Employee Handbook and Administration Manual (Administration)

~~5. Establish a Special Assigned Revenue Fund for Carbon Credit Revenue and Expenses (Executive)~~

~~6. Allocation of Carbon Credit Revenues (Executive)~~

7. 2022 Regular Non-benefit Eligible and Casual Employee Wage Schedule (Administration & Executive)

Appointments:

1. Nutrition Advisory Council (two-year term to expire 4/30/24): Jean Klimowski

2. Zoning Board of Adjustment (three-year term to expire June 30, 2025): Dan Hauptert, Terry Wasti

Committee of the Whole:

1. Board Chair Report

a. Future WCA Training/Presentation

b. WCA Annual Conference – September 18-20, 2022

i. Attendance

ii. Conference Resolutions

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a. 2022 Financial Summary – May 31, 2022

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d. Updates

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- b. Buildings & Grounds
- c. Executive
- d. Forestry & Parks
- e. Health and Human Services
- f. Highway & Transportation
- g. Land Use & UW-Extension
- h. Law Enforcement

Convene out of Committee of the Whole

Date of Next Meeting: August 16, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Adjourn

By: Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair

Posted: June 10, 2022

Reviewed by County Administrator:

Nicholas Trimner

C: The Price County Review

WCQM/WPFP

Corporation Counsel

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MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
June 21, 2022
Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair.

Invocation provided by Pastor Larry Tenut.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance.

Roll Call: Present (12): Alan Barkstrom, Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Jason Hastings, Paula Houdek, Mark Kyle, Larry Palecek, Patricia Stephan, Ginny Strobl, Lorelei Wakefield (remotely), Dennis Wartgow. Excused (1): Jordan Spacek. Also present: Nick Trimner.

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

Approval of Minutes May 17, 2022: Motion Houdek/Hallstrand to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2022 with correction as noted. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: Supervisor Houdek gave word of thanks for the Highway Road Tour on June 3rd.

Public Comments: None.

Presentations:

1. Price County Fair Association: Via email message: Fair will be August 24-28. Nine members on the Board.
2. Northwest Regional Planning Commission: Sheldon Johnson, Director reviewed the structure and functions which consist of planning, environmental, housing and business development. They work not only with counties, but closely with municipalities. Rick Roeser discussed their roles in economic development and the revolving loan fund.

Resolutions:

Strobl left meeting 9:33 a.m.

Amend Resolution 19-22

Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grant:

WHEREAS, Price County is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of trail resurfacing on the Pine Line Rail Trail (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 Pine Line Rail Trail project will be \$38,300, of which the State share will be \$31,040 of eligible project costs and a County share of \$7,760, *of which \$3,800 is to be in-kind shared by Price County and the Town of Ogema*; 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 \$38,800 with the State share of \$31,040 and the County share of \$7,760. Original signatures on file. Amended by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of June 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk Motion Hallstrand/Ernst to approve the amendment to the resolution as presented. Motion carried on voice vote.

Resolution 23-22

Support WDNR Continued Maintenance of the Steve Creek Dam

WHEREAS, the Steve Creek Wildlife Flowage is one of six wildlife flowages on Price County Forest Land and is home to an abundance of wildlife and a source for wild rice; and WHEREAS, the Steve Creek Flowage was permitted in 1958 to be constructed on Price County land by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and managed by the WDNR; and WHEREAS, the WDNR scheduled this dam to be replaced and funding was set aside for the replacement of the structure and renovation of the earthen dike and have already invested \$150,000 on planning and site assessment; and WHEREAS, the control structure failed March 25, 2022 due to faulty setting of the control structure during the last replacement; and WHEREAS, the WDNR is now considering not replacing the dam and abandoning the project, and WHEREAS, Price County has always had a strong partnership with the WDNR wildlife program, often supporting their projects in Price County, with the County getting no substantial benefit in return. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby request the WDNR to continue support of wildlife programs in Price County and maintain their end of the partnership with Price County by completing the planned project to maintain the Steve Creek Wildlife Flowage. Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: s/Jeff Hallstrand, Chair; Jason Hastings; Jordan Spacek; Patricia Stephan; Ginny Strobl. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of June 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk Motion Palecek/Kyle to consider resolution for adoption. Motion carried on voice vote. Strobl returned 9:42 a.m.

Resolution 24-22

Adopt Revised Employee Handbook and Administration Manual

WHEREAS, the Administration Committee has been charged by the Price County Board of Supervisors with the responsibility of developing, maintaining and enforcing policies and guidelines for personnel management and has also been charged with the responsibility of periodically reviewing said policies and procedures; and WHEREAS, the Administration Committee has determined the need for various additions and/or edits to the language in the existing policies; and WHEREAS, the Administration Committee has reviewed and approved the attached revisions to the Price County Employee Handbook and Personnel Administration Manual and recommends them for adoption by the County Board. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors adopt the revised Price County Employee Handbook and Administration Manual. Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Mark Kyle, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of June 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Motion Wartgow/Houdek to consider resolution for adoption. Motion carried on voice vote.

Resolution 25-22

2022 Regular Non-benefit Eligible and Casual Employee Wage Schedule

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors adopt the attached Regular Non-benefit Eligible and Casual Employee Wage Schedule, effective retroactive to May 1, 2022.

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee: s/Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Mark Kyle, Jordan Spacek, Dennis Wartgow.

Reviewed and approved by the Price County Executive Committee: s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeff Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of June 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

Motion Houdek/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Motion passed on voice vote.

Appointments:

1. Nutrition Advisory Council (two-year term to expire 4/30/24): Jean Klimowski: Motion Strobl/Ernst to approve the appointment as presented. Motion carried on voice vote.

2. Zoning Board of Adjustment (three-year term to expire June 30, 2025): Dan Hauptert, Terry Wasti Motion Houdek/Wartgow to approve the appointments as presented. Motion carried on voice vote.

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

1. Board Chair Report

a. Future WCA Training/Presentation: WCA staff will be attending at the August meeting. Suggestions: roles and responsibilities, open meetings.

b. WCA Annual Conference – September 18-20, 2022

i. Attendance: Barkstrom and Houdek have registered to attend.

ii. Conference Resolutions: None.

2. County Administrator's Report – Nick Trimner

a. 2022 Financial Summary – May 31, 2022: Reviewed. Cost for health services for the Jail has come in significantly over budget. ARPA funding has been received. Projects have been identified, but not all have been expensed. Stumpage doing well. Tax collections going well. Majority of amount of tax delinquencies are two to three large properties.

b. 2023 Budget: Expect preliminary budget in September or October. Goal is no change to tax levy mill rate. Departments are working on their individual budgets.

c. Board Goals and Expectations: Continued retention and recruitment. Available housing and daycare continue to be issues. Improvements to internet access.

d. Updates: Land Sale Group will meet to discuss the new legislation requiring profit from tax deed land sales going to the prior landowner.

3. Committee Chair Reports:

a. Administration – Wartgow: No resignations or retirements this month. Recruiting for Highway Commissioner, Highway Operators, Social Workers, Deputy Sheriff, Correction Officer/Dispatch. Evaluating UW Human Development & Relationships Extension Educator Position. Health insurance updates. Handbook updates.

b. Buildings & Grounds – Hastings: Safety Building and Courthouse projects moving forward. Summer maintenance. Normal Building chiller replacement done. Window project starting. Friends of Fred Smith House restoration being done.

c. Executive – Barkstrom: Discussed tax delinquencies. No response regarding Phillips Lionite's past due amounts. BART requested assistance in bus replacement. Carbon Credit allocations. Funding for campground expansion at Solberg Lake and Smith Lake County Parks.

d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Campgrounds getting good use. Expansion project planning going forward. New forester hired. \$741,000 in stumpage. Seven active sales. Park Falls Bark Park open house on June 26th. Carbon credit sales have been high.

e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Board member orientation. June 15th HHSD open house held, targeted toward seniors. Senior meals in Park Falls expanding. Job description presented for transfer of the UW position to the County. Foster Care appreciation banquet.

f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Summer maintenance projects. County YY bridge project going well. County D road project ongoing. Road tour well attended. Dam water levels remain consistent. Weimers Dam project finishing. Airport Improvement project paving to begin. Alan

- presented information from the Highway Road School.
- g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Wartgow: Public hearings. Permit approvals. Programming reports from 4-H and FoodWise.
 - h. Law Enforcement – Palecek: Jail, dispatch, response statistics. New K-9 Unit: Kane. Recruiting for Sheriff Deputy and Jail/Dispatch.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 10:52 a.m.

Date of Next Meeting: August 16, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Meeting Code: 2487 633 3550

Join Meeting:

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Meeting password: bEgwfmkq283

Date: August 16, 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 June 21, 2022

Communications and Announcements

Public Comments

Presentations:

1. Friends of Fred Smith
2. Phillips Area Chamber of Commerce / Price County Tourism
3. Wisconsin Counties Association – Board Training Session

Resolutions:

1. Appointment of Price County Audit Firm (Executive)
2. Ratifying 2022 Price County Spring Land Sale (Executive)
3. Advisory Referendum Regarding Private Funding of Election Administration (Executive)
4. Create Full-time Position – Program Coordinator/Community Outreach (Administration)
5. 2022 Employee Wage Schedule Revision (Administration)
6. 2021 Transfer into Highway Facilities Fund (Executive)
7. 2021 Transfer into Highway Equipment Fund (Executive)
8. Amend – Resolution 9-14 Non-lapsing Committed Highway Equipment Fund Policy (Highway & Transportation and Executive)
9. Price County Airport Six Year Plan (Highway & Transportation)
10. Price County Highway Department 2024-2028 Equipment Improvement Program and 2024-2026 Facilities Improvement Program (Highway & Transportation)
11. Town of Fifield Bridge and Culvert Aid Request (Highway & Transportation)
12. Town of Ogema Bridge and Culvert Aid Request (Highway & Transportation)

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. Appointment of Highway Commissioner
2. Motion to Return to Open Session

Take Action, as needed, on closed session items

Appointments:

1. Price County Highway Commissioner (term to end January 1, 2024)

Committee of the Whole:

1. Board Chair Report
2. County Administrator's Report
 - a. 2022 Financial Summary
 - b. 2023 Preliminary Budget
 - c. Updates
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

Convene out of Committee of the Whole.

Date of Next Meeting: September 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Adjourn

By: Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair

Posted: August 5, 2022

Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner

C: The Price County Review

WCQM/WPFP

Corporation Counsel

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MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

August 16, 2022

Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair.

Invocation provided by Pastor Larry Tenut.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance.

Roll Call: Present (13): Alan Barkstrom, Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Jason Hastings, Paula Houdek (remotely), Mark Kyle, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, Patricia Stephan, Ginny Strobl, Lorelei Wakefield, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Nick Trimner.

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

Approval of Minutes June 21, 2022: Motion Palecek/Strobl to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: Sylvia Kerner, Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association recipient of the 2022 Governor's Award for Archival Innovation.

Public Comments: None.

Presentations:

1. Friends of Fred Smith: Gay Marschke, Marge Brzeskiewicz.
2. Phillips Area Chamber of Commerce / Price County Tourism: Laura Palzkill: Governor's Fishing Opener in May 2023.
3. Wisconsin Counties Association – Board Training Session: Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf presented Key Elements to Be Aware of as a County Board member.

Resolutions:

Resolution 26-22

Appointment of Price County Audit Firm:

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

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

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee, along with recommendation from the County Administrator,

determined that the current firm we have contracted with is doing a satisfactory job. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP is hereby designated Price County's audit firm for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2022 and 2023, or such time as the Board wishes to make a change; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Price County agrees that the annual fees will not exceed \$75,600 and \$79,400 respectively.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16th day of August 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0.

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

Resolution 27-22

Ratifying 2022 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/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16th day of August 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 28-22

Advisory Referendum Regarding Private Funding of Election Administration

WHEREAS, during Wisconsin's 2020 General Election a private, non-profit entity, the Center for Tech and Civic Life, furnished approximately \$8.5 million to five Wisconsin cities and an additional \$1.6 million to over 200 other Wisconsin municipalities; and

WHEREAS, in order to have a well-functioning election, voters need to have trust in the fairness of the process.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors insists upon the prohibition of the use of private donations from special interest groups, people, or other private entities by government for the purposes of election administration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, does hereby approve that the following question be placed on the November 8, 2022 General Election ballot as an advisory referendum question:

Question: Should the State of Wisconsin prohibit election officials from soliciting or using private funds, *technology* or services from special interest groups, people, or other private entities for the purpose of administering elections and referendums?

YES _____ NO

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, all members of the state legislature, and to each Wisconsin County Board.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price

County Board of Supervisors this 16th day of August 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Hallstrand/Ernst consider resolution for adoption.

Motion Strobl/Hastings to amend to add the word “technology” to the referendum question. Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (7): Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield. No (6): Barkstrom, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Wartgow. Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (8): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield. No (5): Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Wartgow. Motion carried.

Resolution 29-22

Create Full-time Position – Program Coordinator/Community Outreach

WHEREAS, Price County has contracted with the UW-Extension, recently renamed Extension Price County, University of Wisconsin – Madison, to provide education, training and support to county citizens; and

WHEREAS, over the years that position has varied in title including Community Resource Development Educator, Family Living Educator and, most recently, Human Development and Relationships Educator; and

WHEREAS, the ability to recruit and retain a candidate for this position has proven very difficult; and

WHEREAS, participation in the programs offered by these positions has gradually declined; and

WHEREAS, various committees of the Price County Board of Supervisors have reviewed the viability of retaining a relationship with the UW-Extension in co-sponsoring this position; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a better fit for this position would be a change from oversight by the UW-Extension to oversight and direction under County supervision; and

WHEREAS, some of the programming and educational opportunities provided by these positions in the past would integrate very well into the services offered by the Health and Human Services Department; and

WHEREAS, creating a Program Coordinator/Community Outreach position would promote collaboration between the various units within the Health and Human Services Department, along with other government agencies, schools, community business and non-profit organizations, and the citizens of the county, including the ever-increasing senior population.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the creation of a full-time Program Coordinator/Community Outreach position in the Health and Human Services Department.

Fiscal impact: \$15,000

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Jeff Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Mark Kyle; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16th day of August 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair, Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Spacek/Wartgow to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (1): Hastings. Motion carried.

Resolution 30-22

2022 Employee Wage Schedule Revision

WHEREAS, the Price County Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 17-22, Employee Wage Adjustment for Cost of Living and Inflation; and

WHEREAS, along with approval of said resolution, a new 2022 wage schedule was also approved; and

WHEREAS, with the restructure of the UW-Extension Human Development and Relationships position to the County Health and Human Services Department position of Program Coordinator/Community Outreach, it is necessary to create a new full-time employee on the Price County Wage Schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Administration Committee has placed this position on the Price County Wage Schedule at Grade G; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Administration Committee recommends this wage schedule be approved.

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

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Jeff Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Mark Kyle; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16th day of August 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair, Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Houdek/Wakefield to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield,

Wartgow. No (1): Hastings. Motion carried.

Resolution 31-22

2021 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 2021 was \$75,860 and the amount of depreciation recorded for 2021 was \$117,642 and the amount of expenditures for 2021 was \$121,348 resulting in a transfer amount of \$3,706 from the Highway Facilities Fund.

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

WHEREAS, the designated transfer of \$3,706 would bring the 2021 ending fund balance to \$296,294.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the amount of \$3,706 be transferred from the Highway Facilities Fund to Highway General Fund for the year 2021.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16th day of August 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 32-22

2021 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 2021 was 107,886 and the amount of depreciation recorded for 2021 was \$304,556 and the net amount of any profit from the annual equipment audit for 2021 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 \$458,340 resulting in a transfer amount of \$45,898 out of the Highway Equipment Fund.

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

WHEREAS, the designated transfer of \$45,898 would bring the 2021 ending equipment fund balance to \$172,668 and the ending general cash fund to \$2,756,789.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the amount of \$45,898 be transferred from the Highway Equipment Fund into the Highway General Cash Fund for the year 2021.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16th day of August 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Amend – Resolution 9-14

Non-lapsing Committed Highway Equipment Fund Policy

WHEREAS, A non-lapsing committed equipment fund has been established effective for fiscal year 2014 for the purchase of Highway Department equipment per Price County Resolution, and

WHEREAS, the funding mechanism for this fund and the expenditures from this fund shall be by Price County policy,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the policy for the management of the non-lapsing committed equipment fund be established as follows:

- The Highway Department shall produce a five-year equipment plan to be updated and submitted to the County Board each year during the annual budget process
- The only purchases specifically approved are those included in a County operating budget and tax levy approved by Board resolution. Once the annual budget is approved by the County Board, the Highway Department can change the equipment purchased based on need, but may not exceed the total amount budgeted or purchase equipment not included in the five-year equipment plan without County Board approval
- Equipment shall be defined as any implement, attachment, self-propelled or otherwise, as defined and classified by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) Machinery Management Committee, **and have a purchase price of \$10,000 or greater**
- The Highway Department shall use the approved five-year equipment plan as a fiscal guideline for the yearly equipment purchases and equipment expenditure projections
- The source(s) of funding for the equipment fund shall be:
 - The gross proceeds from the sale of Highway equipment
 - The amount of depreciation recorded for equipment per the State of Wisconsin DOT equipment depreciation schedule and included in the annual audit of the Highway Department financial statements
 - The total net amount of any profit from the annual equipment audit shall be transferred into the equipment fund annually (not to exceed net operating income per the audit report as adjusted per General Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for matching revenues (cash in) with expenditures (cash out)) but shall not reduce the general cash fund below the \$600,000 level
 - Future allocations from the Highway general cash fund, if necessary, and only if any such allocation does not reduce the general cash fund below the \$600,000 level
 - Transfer from tax levy for capitalization of repair and maintenance expenses per DOT requirements.
- Highway Department equipment shall be evaluated annually for recapitalization if the current value increases or decreases by 15% or more for the purpose of the depreciation schedule and budgeting
- The Highway & Transportation Committee shall evaluate the results of the annual equipment audit on receipt of the annual audit. If any single piece of equipment has a loss of greater than 25% of its total expenses or has a net loss for three consecutive years, the piece of equipment shall be considered for removal from active service and sold.

Original signatures on file.

Submitted for amendment by the Price County Highway and Transportation Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Mark Kyle, Jordan Spacek.

Submitted for amendment by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16th day of August 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution - Price County Airport Six Year Plan: Not forwarded from committee.

Resolution 33-22

Price County Highway Department 2024-2028 Equipment Improvement Program and 2024-2026 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 2024-2028 Equipment Improvement Program and the 2024-2027 Facilities Improvement Program.

Submitted by the Price County Highway and Transportation Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Mark Kyle, Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16th day of August 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 34-22

Town of Fifield Bridge and Culvert Aid Request

Whereas, the Town of Fifield is requesting Federal Aid for design and installation of a new bridge on Forest Road 144 over Springstead Creek; and

Whereas, project costs are estimated at \$270,795, such costs to be determined upon project completion; and

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

75% Federal, 12.5% Price County; 12.5% Town of Fifield; and

Whereas, the County portion will be recovered by a direct/special tax levy per § 82.08(2)(a), Wis. Stats., assessed to townships participating in the Bridge and Culvert Aid Program.

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

Fiscal Impact: \$35,375 (estimated)

Submitted by the Price County Highway and Transportation Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Mark Kyle, Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16th day of August 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 35-22

Town of Ogema Bridge and Culvert Aid Request

Whereas, the Town of Ogema is requesting aid for design and installation of new culverts on Hallstrand Road over Ottertail Creek; and

Whereas, project costs are estimated at \$100,000, such costs to be determined upon project completion; and

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

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

Whereas, the County portion will be recovered by a direct/special tax levy per § 82.08(2)(a), Wis. Stats., assessed to townships participating in the Bridge and Culvert Aid Program.

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

Fiscal Impact: \$50,000 (estimated)

Submitted by the Price County Highway and Transportation Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Mark Kyle, Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16th day of August 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Closed Session: Deemed not necessary.

Appointments:

1. Price County Highway Commissioner (term to end January 1, 2024): Motion Wartgow/Palecek to approve the County Administrator appointment of Roger Petrick as the Price County Highway Commissioner. Motion carried. September 1st will be Joe Baratka's last day with the County.

Convene to Committee of the Whole at 11:27 a.m.:

1. Board Chair Report – Alan Barkstrom: Presented to Price County Towns Association. WCA Board Chair forum. Presentation to Frank Dusek for dedication to snowmobiling in Price County.
2. County Administrator’s Report – Nick Trimner
 - a. 2022 Financial Summary: Sales tax continues to do well. Nothing more unexpected than discussed in the past. Parks revenue is down.
 - b. 2023 Preliminary Budget: Reviewed. Preliminary levy \$11,337,045. Mill rate 6.44%.

Supervisor Erickson excused at 12:06 p.m.

- c. Updates: Attending a WCA Opioid settlement forum.
3. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Administration – Wartgow: Still recruiting for three social workers, deputy sheriff, highway operators. Looking into self-funding health insurance. Sheriff Deputy’s union negotiations to begin. Implementing closing at noon on Friday has been well received by staff.
 - b. Buildings & Grounds – Spacek: Safety Building, Courthouse, Normal Building projects continuing. Waiting for hydrology study for Fairgrounds property transfer. Friends of Fred Smith house repairs ongoing.

Supervisor Wakefield excused at 12:12 p.m.

- c. Executive – Barkstrom: 2023 budget work.
- d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Park and campground projects. Ongoing problem of damage to gates and roads. Working on campground expansion and reservation system. Four active timber sales. \$829,532 revenue.
- e. Health and Human Services – Sarah Reese-Socha: Unit quarterly reports. Employee perks and change in hours well received by staff.
- f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Summer road projects. Equipment purchases scheduling issues. Lake levels low due to dry weather. Airport project continues. Dealing with hangar use issues.
- g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Wartgow: Conditional use and special use permits. Monitoring soil testing. Clean Sweep in September. UW working with County staff with position transition.
- h. Law Enforcement – Palecek: Reviewing ordinances.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 12:24 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: September 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 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).

Members of the public may access all public meetings remotely.

Call-in number: 1-408-418-9388

Meeting Code: 2483 668 7040

Join Meeting:

<https://price.webex.com/price/j.php?MTID=ma997d3bbe9139844172e2f1691722ff9>

Meeting password: jdJRK5QdZ22

Date: September 13, 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 August 16, 2022

Communications and Announcements

Public Comments

Resolutions:

1. County Highway YY Bridge Dedication to Ron Heikkinen (Highway & Transportation)
2. PSAP Grant Funding for One Public safety Answering Point (PSAP) per County (Law Enforcement)
3. Funding to Pave the County Portion of Omaha Road (Smith Lake County Park) (Forestry & Parks and

Executive)

4. Price County 2023 Capital Projects and Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be Financed with Short-term Debt (Executive)
5. Price County Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be Financed with Short-Term Debt (Executive)

Committee of the Whole:

1. Board Chair Report
2. County Administrator's Report
 - a. 2022 Financial Summary
 - b. 2023 Preliminary Budget
 - c. Updates
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

Convene out of Committee of the Whole

Date of Next Meeting: October 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Adjourn

By: Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair

Posted: August 31, 2022

Reviewed by County Administrator: s/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.

MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
September 13, 2022
Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair.

Invocation provided by Pastor Larry Tenut.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance.

Roll Call: Present (13): Alan Barkstrom, Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Jason Hastings, Paula Houdek, Mark Kyle, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, Patricia Stephan, Ginny Strobl, Lorelei Wakefield, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Nick Trimner.

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

Approval of Minutes August 16, 2022: Motion Kyle/Strobl to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: Nick reviewed the rollout of the new design of the County website.

Public Comments: None.

Resolutions:

Resolution 36-22

County Highway YY Bridge Dedication to Ron Heikkinen

WHEREAS, Ron Heikkinen was a member of the Price County Board of Supervisors and the Highway and Transportation Committee; and

WHEREAS, he was an active advocate for the replacement of the County Highway YY bridge; and

WHEREAS, the County Highway YY bridge is a vital link from US Highway 8 to State Highway 86; and

WHEREAS, many industries, citizens and the economic health of Price County were benefited by this bridge project; and

WHEREAS, if not for the involvement of Ron Heikkinen to bring both Price County and Lincoln County together to undertake this project as a joint effort, it is likely this project would have been delayed for a number of years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Price County Board of Supervisors that the County Highway YY bridge be dedicated to Ron Heikkinen.

Submitted by the Price County Highway and Transportation Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Mark Kyle, Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of September 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Palecek/Houdek to consider resolution for adoption. Motion carried on voice vote.

Resolution 37-22

PSAP Grant Funding for One Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) per County

WHEREAS, every municipal and state agency that provides fire suppression, law enforcement, and emergency medical services may establish a 911 system. Most counties operate their own Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) to meet the needs of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the 2017-19 Wisconsin state budget required the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) to create an emergency services Internet Protocol (IP) network to be provided to all PSAPs. This digital network is essential in transitioning the State's 911 system from the old and outdated analog system to a current and advanced NextGeneration 911 system; and

WHEREAS, 2019 Wisconsin Act 26 created a much-needed PSAP grant program aimed to provide grant dollars for advanced training of telecommunicators, equipment or software expenses, and incentives to consolidate some or all of the functions of two or more PSAPs; and

WHEREAS, 2019 Wisconsin Act 26 requires that only one PSAP per county receive the grant funds; and WHEREAS, DMA Chapter 2 requires the county board of supervisors determine the one PSAP per county via resolution, except for Milwaukee County where the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council will make the determination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Price County does hereby designate the Price County Public Safety Answering Point for the purposes of 2019 Wisconsin Act 26 grant dollars or federal grant opportunities.

Submitted by the Price County Law Enforcement Committee: s/Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Ginny Strobl, Lorelei Wakefield. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of September 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Strobl/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Motion carried on voice vote.

Resolution 38-22

Funding to Pave the County Portion of Omaha Road (Smith Lake County Park)

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake has planned for the paving of Omaha Road; and

WHEREAS, Omaha Road is the route taken to Smith Lake County Park; and

WHEREAS, Price County is interested in enhancing their county parks and campgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it has been highly recommended by campground users that the County improve the quality of the road that leads to the campground; and

WHEREAS, there are County ARPA funds available for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to provide \$35,000 funding to the Town of Lake paving project of Omaha Road to assist in the cost of the project for the portion that lies within County property, Section 33, Town 40N Range 1W; said funding to come from ARPA Funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Price County shall distribute the ARPA funds after the Town of Lake completes the paving of Omaha Road and submits a copy of the completed state grant paperwork to the County.

Fiscal Impact \$35,000

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: s/Jeff Hallstrand, Chair; Jordan Spacek; Ginny Strobl. Reviewed and approved by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of September 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Hallstrand/Houdek to consider resolution for adoption. Motion carried on voice vote.

Supervisor Strobl left meeting 9:23 a.m.

Resolution 39-22

Price County 2023 Capital Projects and Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be Financed with Short-term Debt

WHEREAS, the following capital projects have been identified by the Price County Executive Committee:
Buildings & Grounds – Safety Building Chiller and Controls
Forestry & Parks – Pickup Truck
Sheriff's Office – Three Squad Cars
Highway Department – 2023 Road Maintenance Projects

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 \$987,500 and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Executive Committee to proceed with the implementation of 2023 Highway and Capital Projects in an amount not to exceed \$987,500, to be financed with short-term debt and to include such debt payment to begin with the 2023 Price County budget.

Fiscal Impact: \$799,736 for 2023, \$107,080 for 2024, \$107,080 for 2025

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of September 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Spacek/Wakefield to consider resolution for adoption. Motion carried on voice vote.

Resolution 40-22

Price County Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be Financed with Short-Term Debt

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has identified the need for financing a portion of the 2023 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 2023 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 2024 Price County budget.

Fiscal Impact: \$2,000,000 (2024 budget)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of September 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Palecek/Erickson to consider resolution for adoption. Motion carried on voice vote.

Committee of the Whole at 9:26 a.m.

1. Board Chair Report – Alan Barkstrom. Attending the annual WCA Conference in Wisconsin Dells. Fall Legislative meeting. Friends of Fred Smith August 23rd, hired new director. K-9 Unit fundraiser.

2. County Administrator's Report – Nick Trimner

Supervisor Strobl returned to meeting at 9:31 a.m.

a. 2022 Financial Summary: Final 2021 audit tasks done in July. Reviewed 2022 data. Most departments are doing well. Cash on hand includes tax allocations and funding for several projects that are in process. Tax delinquencies are at 2.38%.

b. 2023 Preliminary Budget: Provided updated packet. Will be presented for approval at October meeting. Levy \$10,980,439.

c. Updates: Getting information on opioid settlement payments.

3. Committee Chair Reports:

a. Administration – Wartgow: Meeting scheduled for September 27. Deputy Union negotiations and health insurance options. Highway Operator positions full. Filled two of the four social worker vacancies.

b. Buildings & Grounds – Spacek: Courthouse roof project in process. Friends of Fred Smith house repairs coming to completion.

c. Executive – Barkstrom: Possibility of Phillips Lionite delinquent tax payment by final redemption of September 29th. 2023 budget work and finalizing debt service.

d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Cranberry Lake shooting range project finishing. Grants

received: \$390,000 for Georgetown trail (100%), \$83,780 Timm's Hill toilets (80%), \$31,400 Pine Line Trail resurface. Ready for fall timber sales. Reviewing Carbon Credit parcels. Beaver damage issues. DNR has decided to abandon the Steve's Creek Flowage project. Four active timber sales. Fall park maintenance.

- e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Meeting on September 14th.
- f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Shouldering, sign replacements, culvert replacements, spray patching, prepping for 2023 projects. WDOT State Highway 13 project through Phillips has been pushed out to 2026. Delays in equipment deliveries. Ready for winter maintenance. Airport improvement project concluding. Dam water levels remain low due to dry weather. Weimers Dam project has been completed.
- g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Wartgow: Zoning conditional use permit and land division. Land Conservation boat landing project and well abatements. StrongBodies has been taken over by the County. 4-H busy with summer programs and fair projects. County Fair was well attended.
- h. Law Enforcement – Palecek: 21 inmates in house. 6,137 dispatch calls. 1,955 road calls. Craig Calzavara and Kane completed K-9 training. One deputy and one jailer opening.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 10:17 a.m.

Date of Next Meeting: October 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.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).

Members of the public may access all public meetings remotely.

Call-in number: 1-408-418-9388

Meeting Code: 2493 833 4435

Join Meeting:

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Meeting password: ekCPUrc6M33

Date: October 18, 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 September 13, 2022

Communications and Announcements

Public Comments

Presentation:

1. Auditors Report – 2021 Audited Financial Statements
2. Election Process Overview

Resolutions:

1. Petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid (Highway & Transportation)
2. Provision of General Assistance Services 2023 – 2024 (Health & Human Services Board)
3. Accepting the Charter of, and Requesting Membership on, the Bay Area Rural Transit (BART) Commisison (Health & Human Services Board)
4. 2021 Transfer into Capital Improvement Fund (Executive)
5. 2021 Approve Transfer to Offset Budget Overages (Executive)
6. Release of Easement (W7194 Old 8 Road, Prentice) (Executive)
7. Join the WCA Uniquely Wisconsin Campaign Using ARPA Funding (Executive)

Appointments:

1. Veterans Service Commission – three-year terms to expire 12/31/2025 (Brittany Devries) and 12/31/2023 (David Schmidt)

Reports:

1. Price County Fair Association – as of September 25, 2022
2. 2021 Audited Financial Statement
3. Health & Human Services Department 2021 Annual Report

Committee of the Whole:

1. Board Chair Report
2. County Administrator's Report
 - a. 2022 Financial Summary
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 - d. Forestry & Parks
 - e. Health and Human Services
 - f. Highway & Transportation
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension
 - h. Law Enforcement

Convene out of Committee of the Whole

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

Adjourn

By: Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair

Posted: October 7, 2022

Reviewed by County Administrator: Nicholas Trimner

C: The Price County Review

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Corporation Counsel

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**MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
October 18, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair.

Invocation provided by Pastor Larry Tenut.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance.

Roll Call: Present (12): Alan Barkstrom, Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Jason Hastings, Paula Houdek, Mark Kyle, Larry Palecek, Patricia Stephan, Ginny Strobl, Lorelei Wakefield, Dennis Wartgow.

Excused (1): Jordan Spacek. Also present: Nick Trimner.

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

Approval of Minutes September 13, 2022: Motion Houdek/Strobl to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: Supervisor Strobl constituents concerned about the DNR abandonment of the Steve Creek Dam project. Supervisor Strobl questioned cost of charger hookup for electric cars. Nick received a question regarding the cost of supporting the Veterans Service Office. The Administration and Clerk's Office has been getting questions regarding the county referendum on the November ballot.

Public Comments: Tammy Hastings, City of Park Falls regarding funding for the Phillips Public Library.

Presentation:

3. Auditors Report – 2021 Audited Financial Statements: Kim Shult from Baker Tilly presented.

4. Election Process Overview: Jean Gottwald and Nick Trimner presented the election process and fielded questions.

Resolutions:

Resolution 41-22

Petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid

WHEREAS, Price County, Wisconsin hereinafter referred to as the sponsor, being a municipal body corporate of the State of Wisconsin, is authorized by Wis. Stat. §114.11, to acquire, establish, construct, own, control, lease, equip, improve, maintain, and operate an airport, and

WHEREAS, the sponsor desires to develop or improve the Price County Airport, Price County, Wisconsin,
"PETITION FOR AIRPORT PROJECT"

WHEREAS, the foregoing proposal for airport improvements has been referred to the city plan commission for its consideration and report prior to council action as required by Wis. Stat. §62.23(5), and

WHEREAS, airport users have been consulted in formulation of the improvements included in this resolution, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held prior to the adoption of this petition in accordance with Wis. Stat. §114.33(2) as amended, and a transcript of the hearing is transmitted with this petition, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the sponsor that a petition for federal and (or) state aid in the following form is hereby approved:

The petitioner, desiring to sponsor an airport development project with federal and state aid or state aid only, in accordance with the applicable state and federal laws, respectfully represents and states:

1. That the airport, which it is desired to develop, should generally conform to the requirements for a General Aviation type airport as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration.
2. The character, extent, and kind of improvements desired under the project are as follows: Terminal Building Rehabilitation; Replace/Install Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPI) and Runway End Identifier Lights (REILs) on both runways; Construct Hangars; Reconstruct crosswind Runway 6/24, including lighting; Construct/Reconstruct/Rehabilitate taxiways and taxilanes; Install/Replace taxiway lighting; Reconstruct Aprons; Crack fill and sealcoat airfield pavements; Conduct wildlife site visit; Install Approach Lighting System Runway 19; Develop/Expand hangar area; Purchase Snow Equipment; Conduct Airport Master Plan, Update Airport Layout Plan and Update Exhibit A; clear and maintain runway approaches as stated in Wis. Admin. Code Trans §55, and any necessary related work.
3. That the airport project, which your petitioner desires to sponsor, is necessary for the following reasons: to meet the existing and future needs of the airport.

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the improvements petitioned for as listed will be funded individually or collectively as funds are available, with specific project costs to be approved as work is authorized, the proportionate cost of the airport development projects described above which are to be paid by the sponsor to the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as the Secretary) to be held in trust for the purposes of the project; any unneeded and unspent balance after the project is completed is to be returned to the sponsor by the Secretary; the sponsor will make available any additional monies that may be found necessary, upon request of the Secretary, to complete the project as described above; the Secretary shall have the right to suspend or discontinue the project at any time additional monies are found to be necessary by the Secretary, and the sponsor does not provide the same; in the event the sponsor unilaterally terminates the project, all reasonable federal and state expenditures related to the project shall be paid by the sponsor; and

WHEREAS, the sponsor is required by Wis. Stat. §114.32(5) to designate the Secretary as its agent to accept, receive, receipt for and disburse any funds granted by the United States under the Federal Airport and Airway Improvement Act, and is authorized by law to designate the Secretary as its agent for other purposes.

"DESIGNATION OF SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AS SPONSOR'S AGENT"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the sponsor that the Secretary is hereby designated as its agent and is requested to agree to act as such, in matters relating to the airport development project described above, and is hereby authorized as its agent to make all arrangements for the development and final acceptance of the completed project whether by contract, agreement, force account or otherwise; and particularly, to accept, receive, receipt for and disburse federal monies or other monies, either public or private, for the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance and operation of the airport; and, to acquire property or interests in property by purchase, gift, lease, or eminent domain under Wis. Stat. §32.02; and, to supervise the work of any engineer, appraiser, negotiator, contractor or other person employed by the Secretary; and, to execute any assurances or other documents required or requested by any agency of the federal government and to comply with all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations relating to airport development projects.

FURTHER, the sponsor requests that the Secretary provide, per Wis. Stat. §114.33(8)(a), that the sponsor may acquire certain parts of the required land or interests in land that the Secretary shall find necessary to complete the aforesaid project.

"AIRPORT OWNER ASSURANCES"

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sponsor agrees to maintain and operate the airport in accordance with certain conditions established in Wis. Admin. Code Trans §55, or in accordance with

sponsor assurances enumerated in a federal grant agreement.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Highway Commissioner and the County Administrator be authorized to sign and execute the agency agreement and federal block grant owner assurances authorized by this resolution.

Submitted by the Price County Highway and Transportation Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Mark Kyle. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of October 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 42-22

Provision of General Assistance Services 2023 – 2024

WHEREAS, Price County's General Assistance Services program has been established to meet temporary and basic needs of county residents who are determined to be in need of such assistance; and

WHEREAS, the program has proven to be a valuable, cost-effective, temporary mechanism for County residents who have needed short-term economic assistance; and

WHEREAS, after review and consideration of the policy, the Price County Health and Human Services Board has determined that the program is a necessary resource for eligible county residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Price County continues its General Assistance Services program for calendar years 2023 - 2024.

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

Submitted by the Price County Health and Human Services Board: s/Paula Houdek, Chair; Peter Dahlie; Mark Kyle; Sally Huml; Patricia Stephan; Gerald Swenson; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of October 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 43-22

Accepting the Charter of, and Requesting Membership on, the Bay Area Rural Transit (BART) Commission

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Rural Transit (BART) Commission is a commission formed under Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 66; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cliff and Bad River bands of Lake Superior Chippewas; the Cities of Bayfield, Washburn, and Ashland; and the Counties of Bayfield and Ashland are the current members of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Price County requests membership on the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Price County accepts the Charter executed by Members on August 21, 1984 as amended (Exhibit A) and its rights and responsibilities of the BART Commission; and

WHEREAS, Price County will designate a representative to the BART Commission Board; and

WHEREAS, Article X of the Charter states it may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board and upon ratification by a majority vote of the governing bodies of Members; and

WHEREAS, Members jointly will need to:

(1) Approve the addition of Price County to the BART Commission.

(2) Provide Price County to have one Commissioner.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the attached Bay Area Rural Transit (BART) Charter (Exhibit A) and amendments (Exhibit B) are approved by the Price County Board of Supervisors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Price County shall file a certified copy of this resolution with the BART Commission.

Submitted by the Price County Health and Human Services Board: s/Paula Houdek, Chair; Peter Dahlie; Mark Kyle; Sally Huml; Patricia Stephan; Gerald Swenson; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County

Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of October 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.
Motion Houdek/Stephan to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Stephan, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (0). Abstain (1): Strobl. Motion carried.

Resolution 44-22

2021 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 2021 was \$1,251,662 which would provide \$250,332 transfer as per above provision; and

WHEREAS, the audited General Fund revenues for 2021 were \$9,988,312 and General Fund expenses for 2021 were \$9,247,270 resulting in a profit of \$741,042 of which an additional \$8,849 in continued appropriations and restricted fund balance has been deducted leaving a net profit of \$732,193 which would provide 50% or \$366,096 transfer as per above provision; and

WHEREAS, the net income from the 2021 land sales was \$24,835 which shall be transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the greater amount of \$366,096 plus \$24,835 profit from land and property sale for a total of \$390,931 be transferred from the General Fund into the Capital Improvement Fund for the year 2021.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of October 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 45-22

2021 Approve Transfer to Offset 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 2021 allowable expenditure budget, as stipulated above:

100-12	Informational Technology	\$ 37,544
100-15	Elections	\$ 6,094
100-15	District Attorney	\$ 37,097
100-35	Sheriff	\$104,424
100-36	Corrections & Communications	\$178,786
100-42	Traffic Safety	\$ 80
100-83	Dams	\$637,232

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Price County Board of Supervisors that the transfer is made from the general fund to cover the 2021 budget expenditure overage.

Fiscal Impact: \$1,001,257 (not budgeted)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of October 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Palecek/Wartgow to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield,

Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 46-22

Release of Easement (W7194 Old 8 Road, Prentice)

WHEREAS, the Price County Highway Department has reviewed a request to relinquish rights of ingress and egress to and from all contiguous or nearly contiguous lands owned by Price County on a property described as Lot 4 of Section 7, Township 35, Range 1 East; Town of Prentice, Price County, Wisconsin as referenced in 1948 Quit Claim Deed recorded in Volume 121 of Deeds, Page 84 as Document Number 135401; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Highway and Transportation Committee has approved said request and recommends approval by the County Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby relinquish the retained easement to the property described above; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Price County Clerk's execution of any documents necessary to conclude release of easement rights and said documents be completed and/or recorded.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimmer. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of October 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 47-22

Join the WCA Uniquely Wisconsin Campaign Using ARPA Funding

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is rich with traditions, landmarks and gorgeous natural resources and as a part of the Uniquely Wisconsin campaign, counties have joined together to highlight and promote the stories of our state with the use of video, broadcast television, audio, podcasts and social media; and

WHEREAS, involvement in the Discover Mediaworks Uniquely Wisconsin campaign includes highlighting what is unique about each county and region, telling the stories of the people, the culture, the history, as well as promoting economic development and tourism; 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 \$60,000 in qualified ARPA funds to be used to join the Discover Mediaworks Uniquely Wisconsin promotional program (in conjunction with the Wisconsin Counties Association).

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimmer. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of October 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Houdek/Hallstrand to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Stephan, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (1): Strobl. Motion carried.

Appointments:

1. Veterans Service Commission – three-year terms to expire 12/31/2025 (Brittany Devries) and 12/31/2023 (David Schmidt): Motion Wartgow/Wakefield to approve the appointments as presented. Motion carried.

Reports on file:

1. Price County Fair Association – as of September 25, 2022
2. 2021 Audited Financial Statement
3. Health & Human Services Department 2021 Annual Report
Committee of the Whole at 11:45 a.m.

1. Board Chair Report – Alan Barkstrom: Attended Annual WCA Conference along with Supervisor Houdek. Discussed sessions attended. Reminded supervisors about using personal devices, especially during open meetings, and open record criteria.
2. County Administrator's Report – Nick Trimmer
 - a. 2022 Financial Summary: Nothing major to report.

- b. 2023 Budget – Approve and Forward to Public Hearing: Motion Palecek/Strobl to approve the budget with a tax levy of \$11,340,117 and forward to the November 15, 2022 public hearing. Motion carried.
 - c. Updates
 - i. Fair Grounds Transfer: Working with the engineer and DNR to complete the hydrology study for potential new building. Transfer anticipated by end of year.
 - ii. WCA Conference: Attended the conference and several sessions.
3. Committee Chair Reports:
- a. Administration – Wartgow: Discussed personal cell phone/device use policy. Set options and premiums for the 2023 health insurance, switching to a self-funded plan. Deputy union negotiations starting.
 - b. Buildings & Grounds: Have not met. Next meeting November 10th.
 - c. Executive – Barkstrom: Taking the 5-R Processing properties in order for the DNR to provide funding for clean-up. Aspirus Nursing Home closure. New process for retaining the profits from land sale for five years.
 - d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Shooting range project complete. Fall timber sale bids. Three active timber sales. Parks are being winterized. Damage and vandalism continue.
 - e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Another spike in COVID cases. New booster and flu vaccines available. Quarterly division reports. Aspirus nursing home closure involvement. Discontinuing carry-outs at senior meal sites and maintaining criteria for home deliveries. Difficulty finding Children and Youth placement facilities.
 - f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Culvert replacement. Shouldering. Spray patching and rut wedging. Counties I, O, M repaving complete. Ready for winter maintenance. Airport project wrapping up. Dam water levels are low due to weather conditions. Next meeting November 8th.
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Wartgow: Several short-term rental conditional use permits and questions why they are approved even with objections. Counties do not have the authority to deny conditional use permits. DNR approval for four snowmobile bridges. Approved wildlife management claims, crop prices and 2023 budget. 4-H busy with summer activities. StrongBodies will continue under County administration. Town of Worcester deciding on returning zoning to the County.
 - h. Law Enforcement – Palecek: Have not met. Next meeting November 11.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 12:17 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:17 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).

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is further given that at 9:05 a.m. a Public Hearing will be held on the proposed 2023 budget as mandated by law, a summary of which was duly published in The Price County Review newspaper. Written comments sent to the County Clerk and comments from the public in attendance will be heard.

Members of the public may access all public meetings remotely.

Call-in number: 1-408-418-9388

Meeting Code: 2495 947 1570

Join Meeting:

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Meeting password: h75Rn2Upmmj

Amended November 8, 2022

Date: November 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 October 18, 2022

Communications and Announcements

Public Comments

9:05 a.m. Public Hearing (time is approximate): Proposed 2023 Budget

Presentation:

1. PMA Financial Network, LLC

Resolutions:

1. 2022 Property Tax Levy (Board Chair)

2. Authorize the Issuance of Tax Deed for 2019 (Executive)

3. **Providing Expanded Internet Access for Price County Students (Executive)**

4. **Amend Price County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (Executive)**

5. Requesting the State of Wisconsin Review and Revise the Entry-level Compensation Rate for Assistant District Attorneys (Law Enforcement)

Appointments:

1. Veterans Service Commission – three-year terms to expire 12/31/2025 (Benjamin Greiner)

2. Price County Humane Officer (Mindy Dabler)

3. Local Emergency Planning Committee (Roger Petrick, **Marvin Nevelier**)

Miscellaneous:

1. Forestry and Parks – 2023 Annual Work Plan

Committee of the Whole:

1. Board Chair Report

2. County Administrator's Report

a. 2022 Financial Summary

b. Updates

i. Fair Grounds Transfer

ii. Carbon Credits

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

Convene out of Committee of the Whole

Date of Next Meeting: February 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Adjourn

By: Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair

Posted: November 4, 2022

Reviewed by County Administrator: Nicholas Trimner

C: The Price County Review

WCQM/WPFP

Corporation Counsel

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MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

November 15, 2022

Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair.

Invocation provided by Pastor Larry Tenut.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance.

Roll Call: Present (12): Alan Barkstrom, Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Jason Hastings (joined remotely 9:55 a.m.), Paula Houdek, Mark Kyle, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, Patricia Stephan, Ginny Strobl, Lorelei Wakefield, Dennis Wartgow. Excused (1): Jeff Hallstrand. Also present: Nick Trimner.

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

Approval of Minutes October 18, 2022: Motion Spacek/Strobl to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: None.

Public Comments: None.

Public Hearing declared open at 9:06 a.m. for the Proposed 2023 Budget. No comments received. Public hearing declared closed at 9:07 a.m.

Presentation:

5. PMA Financial Network, LLC: Josh Barbian and Brian Della presented services provided for better yield for the County's available investable cash balance. Consensus of the members to forward to the Executive Committee for further consideration.

Resolutions:

Resolution 48-22
2022 Property Tax Levy

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Price County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled in Annual Session, this 15th day of November 2022, 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:

2022 Property Tax Levy, payable in 2023: \$11,340,117.

Submitted by: s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of November 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Palecek/Strobl to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (0). Absent (2): Hallstrand, Hastings. Motion carried.

Resolution 49-22
Authorize the Issuance of Tax Deed for 2019

WHEREAS, the Treasurer of Price County has issued 2019 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 2019 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; and

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.

Motion Houdek/Ernst to consider resolution for adoption.

Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (0). Absent (2): Hallstrand, Hastings. Motion carried.

Hastings joined meeting remotely at 9:55 a.m.

Resolution 50-22
Providing Expanded Internet Access for Price County Students

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, the County Board of Supervisors realizes the importance of improved broadband to meet the needs of student access to educational opportunities from home; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocates funding directly to the State of Wisconsin and separately to Wisconsin counties for broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, per Resolution 21-21 Expanding Broadband Services in Price County, the County Board gave express authority to the Price County Executive Committee to allocate up to \$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 applications for funding to expand broadband services within Price County; and

WHEREAS, it has been identified there are areas that have not qualified for broadband expansion projects and are still in need of adequate internet access; and

WHEREAS, one vulnerable population that is in desperate need of adequate internet access are the students in Price County, who are to a greater extent needing the internet to perform educational duties.

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 \$30,000 to families identified by the school districts within the county to provide internet access to underserved students in Price County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator will work with school districts within Price County to identify students in need of assistance to acquire adequate internet access and develop guidelines and policies for providing such services and present to the Executive Committee for approval and implementation.

Motion Houdek/Wartgow to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (1): Hastings. Absent (1): Hallstrand. Motion carried.

Amend Resolution 19-21 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 and school districts 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.

Motion Spacek/Houdek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (0). Absent (1): Hallstrand. Motion carried.

Palecek left meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Resolution 51-22 Requesting the State of Wisconsin Review and Revise the Entry-level Compensation Rate for Assistant District Attorneys

WHEREAS, Assistant District Attorneys (ADAs) serve as the backbone of the State of Wisconsin's ability to effectively prosecute cases in all of its seventy-two counties; and

WHEREAS, any shortage of these ADAs creates backlogs in the justice system, which can lengthen cases, create more pressure on existing staff and delay or deny justice to the victims in these cases; and

WHEREAS, the entry-level compensation rate for ADAs in Wisconsin in 2022 sits at \$26.70 per hour, which is annualized to approximately \$55,000 per year, and the pay structure for experienced prosecutors is, likewise, extraordinarily low; and

WHEREAS, the compensation rate for ADAs, both entry-level and experienced, has not kept up with the rate of inflation, sits well below other public sector attorney positions around the State of Wisconsin, is not

competitive in today's workforce environment, accelerates staffing turnover in District Attorney offices around the state of Wisconsin and, ultimately, endangers public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State of Wisconsin is hereby requested to review and revise the entry-level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys and the pay schedule for experienced Assistant District Attorneys in order to make them competitive with other public sector attorney positions as well as to keep up with the rate of inflation. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is sent to Governor Tony Evers, all members of the Wisconsin State Legislature representing Price County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all other Wisconsin Counties. Motion Erickson/Kyle to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (0). Absent (2): Hallstrand, Palecek. Motion carried.

Palecek returned to meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Appointments:

2. Veterans Service Commission – three-year terms to expire 12/31/2025: Motion Strobl/Spacek to approve the appointment of Benjamin Greiner. Motion carried.
3. Price County Humane Officer: Motion Houdek/Wakefield to approve the appointment of Mindy Dabler. Motion carried.
4. Local Emergency Planning Committee: Motion Strobl/Palecek to approve the appointment of Roger Petrick and Marvin Nevelier. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous:

2. Forestry and Parks – 2023 Annual Work Plan: Motion Strobl/Spacek to approve the 2023 Annual Work Plan. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole:

1. Board Chair Report – Alan Barkstrom: Attended FoFS meeting. Internet for All information on programs available for citizens. Highway Legislative Seminar, voiced concern about Highway 13 project delay. 5-R property cleanup. Discussion with Norvado regarding their services in the County. Letter to DNR regarding DNR pulling out of Steve Creek maintenance.
2. County Administrator's Report – Nick Trimner: Held required employee training on harassment health insurance meetings.
 - a. 2022 Financial Summary: No updated report. Jail expenses continue to be high.
 - b. Updates
 - i. Fair Grounds Transfer: Hydrology study completed and on file. Cleared for building. Agreements are being completed with entities using the facilities. Transfer should take place by end of year. The Baratka family has ongoing plans.
 - ii. Carbon Credits: Paperwork has been completed. Defining plots. Expecting first payment in the 4th quarter 2023.
3. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Administration – Wartgow: Union negotiation meeting on November 16th.
 - b. Buildings & Grounds – Spacek: New chiller installation on the Courthouse building. Roof complete. New air handler in the Safety Buildings. FoFS repairs almost complete. Readying for winter. New windows in the Normal Building. New boiler for Normal Building is the next project needed.
 - c. Executive – Barkstrom: Six parcels taken In Rem. Profit from land sales need to be offered to the prior owner.
 - d. Forestry & Parks – Spacek: Approved timber bid sales. 2022 revenue on track. Reviewed park projects completed in 2022.
 - e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Public hearing for the transportation aid. COVID update. One of three online public health trainings. Update on Aspirus Nursing Home closure. Approved 2023 suggested donations for senior meals. New Community Outreach position filled. High-cost placement expenses are down from prior year.
 - f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Shouldering, sign replacement, culvert replacement, readying for winter maintenance. Winter Road School scheduled for January. \$1 million funding received for the County Highway E project. Airport Improvement project completed. Dams winter drawdown.
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Wartgow: Three conditional use permits. Approved two of three special exception requests. Land Conservation is closing out cost share projects and working on three snowmobile bridges. 4-H and FoodWise reports.
 - h. Law Enforcement – Ernst: Chief Deputy Brian Roush retiring. New Chief Deputy Robert Hawn. Two active K-9 units. Significant drug bust. Discussion on drugs that are on the streets. Discussed roles of Humane Officer. Staffing changes in District Attorney and Clerk of Courts

offices.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 11:05 a.m.

Date of Next Meeting: February 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.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).

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Call-in number: 1-408-418-9388

Meeting Code: 2495 942 1052

Join Meeting:

<https://price.webex.com/price/j.php?MTID=mf47e5de58bbb0005728043865589d5da>

Meeting password: ytmUPaUS493

Date: December 13 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 November 15, 2022

Communications and Announcements

Public Comments

Miscellaneous:

1. Amend Price County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, to Include the Phillips School District Plan

Resolutions:

1. Funding for Community Emergency Shelter for Offsite 911 Dispatch, Alternate Jail Site and Other Emergency Response Uses (Executive)

2. Amend Resolution 7-22 Elected Official Salaries for 2023 through 2026 (Executive)

3. Ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Price County and Price County Deputies Union WPPA Local 645 (Administrative)

4. Authorizing Entry into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Relating to the "Wisconsin Investment Series Cooperative" and Authorizing Participation in the Investment Programs of the Fund (Executive)

5. Amend Price County Comprehensive Recreational Plan (Forestry & Parks)

Committee of the Whole:

1. Board Chair Report

2. County Administrator's Report

 a. 2022 Financial Summary

 b. Updates

3. County Board Supervisor Reports

Convene out of Committee of the Whole

Date of Next Meeting: February 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Adjourn

By: Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair

Posted: December 1, 2022

Reviewed by County Administrator: Nicholas Trimner

C: The Price County Review

WCQM/WPFP

Corporation Counsel

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MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
December 13, 2022
Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair.

Invocation: Moment of silence

Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance.

Roll Call: Present (12): Alan Barkstrom, Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Jason Hastings, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Mark Kyle, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, Patricia Stephan, Ginny Strobl, Dennis Wartgow. Absent: Lorelei Wakefield. Also present: Nick Trimner.

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

Approval of Minutes November 15, 2022: Motion Wartgow/Houdek to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2022 meeting as presented. Supervisor Hastings commented that he had signed in at 8:55 a.m. He was not recognized as attending until 9:55 a.m. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: Supervisor Hastings and Supervisor Strobl commented that they had difficulty with remote audio at a recent meeting. Supervisor Strobl against the program to provide internet access to county students. Invite to the employee appreciation at SpecSys Manufacturing in Prentice. Letter from Town of Kennan in favor of Steve Creek maintenance. Reminder to supervisors to review the policy and procedure manual.

Public Comments: None.

Miscellaneous:

1. Amend Price County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, to Include the Phillips School District Plan: Motion Houdek/Kyle to approve the amendment to the Price County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan to include the Phillips School District Plan. Motion carried.

Resolutions:

Resolution 52-22

Funding for Community Emergency Shelter for Offsite 911 Dispatch, Alternate Jail Site and Other
Emergency Response Uses

WHEREAS, the Price County Board of Supervisors believes that intergovernmental cooperation for purposes of sharing emergency management resources should be encouraged in the event of a large-scale emergency, natural disaster, or man-made catastrophe; and

WHEREAS, current community emergency shelters are limited in scope and availability; and

WHEREAS, the School District of Phillips has been identified as a site, and possible recipient of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds, for the construction of a community emergency shelter; and

WHEREAS, said shelter could provide a location for numerous Price County emergency response agencies including offsite 911 dispatch, alternate jail site and emergency operation center; and

WHEREAS, residents of Price County would have access to the facility whenever emergency shelter needs would arise; and

WHEREAS, anticipated estimated cost for the project will be \$4,000,000; and

WHEREAS, if received, FEMA funding would cover 90% of the project, or \$3,600,000 of eligible project costs; and

WHEREAS, the School District of Phillips has committed to funding the remaining 10% local share, or up to \$400,000; and

WHEREAS, since providing emergency services to county residents is a primary responsibility of Price County, the Price County Board of Supervisors agrees that a portion of the funding for an emergency shelter should be a responsibility of Price County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Price County commits 10% or up to \$40,000, toward the 10% local matching share of FEMA eligible project costs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, if FEMA funding is awarded to the School District of Phillips, Price County agrees to pay their committed share of the FEMA eligible costs, authorizing funds to be used from remaining ARPA funds.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee: s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeff Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of December 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 0, Abstain: 1.

Motion Houdek/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11):

Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Abstain (1): Hastings. Motion carried.

Amend 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 ~~3-2~~, 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)

Original signatures on file.

Submitted for amendment by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chairperson; Jeff Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Mark Kyle; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Amended by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of December 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, 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, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 53-22

Ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Price County and Price County Deputies Union
WPPA Local 645

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

WHEREAS, the Administration Committee has reached an agreement between Price County and Price County Deputies Union WPPA Local 645 for the 2023 Contract; and

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Price County and Price County Deputies Union WPPA Local 645 covering the periods from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025.

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Mark Kyle, Jordan Spacek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of December 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0.

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

Resolution 54-22

Authorizing Entry into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Relating to the “Wisconsin Investment Series Cooperative” and Authorizing Participation in the Investment Programs of the Fund

WHEREAS, Wisconsin school districts, technical college districts, cities, villages, counties and towns may invest their monies as authorized by Wisconsin Statutes, Section 66.0603 (1m); and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes, Section 66.0301 (the “Intergovernmental Cooperation Act”) provides, among other things, that municipalities may contract with other municipalities for the joint exercise of any power or duty required or authorized by law, including investment of their monies; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Investment Series Cooperative (formerly known as the Wisconsin School District Liquid Asset Fund) (the “Fund”) was formed as of June 23, 1988 pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act by the adoption of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement relating to the Wisconsin School District Liquid Asset Fund by Oregon School District and Sheboygan Area School District, as the initial participants of the Fund, which Agreement was amended as of July 15, 1994 and July 12, 2002 (the “Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement’); and

WHEREAS, the Fund is governed by the Wisconsin Investment Series Cooperative Commission (the “Commission”) in accordance with the terms of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement has been presented to this governing body (the “Governing Body”); and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement authorizes municipalities to adopt and enter into the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement and become participants of the Fund; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Body deems it to be advisable for this Municipality (the “Municipality”) to adopt and enter into the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement and become a participant of the Fund for the purpose of exercising jointly with other municipalities the power to invest their monies, so as to enhance the investment earnings accruing to each; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Body deems it to be advisable for this Municipality to make use from time to time, in the discretion of the officials of the Municipality identified in Section 2 of this Resolution, of the Fixed Rate Investment Program available to participants of the Fund; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Body deems it advisable for this Municipality to make use of, from time to time, the services provided by PMA Financial Network, Inc., PMA Securities, Inc., U. S. Bank National Association, and/or their affiliates and successors, in connection with the Municipality’s utilization of the Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. This Municipality shall join with other Wisconsin municipalities in accordance with the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act by becoming a participant of the Fund and adopting and entering into the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement. A copy of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement shall be filed in the minutes of the meeting at which this Resolution was adopted. The Chairperson and the Clerk are authorized to take such actions and execute any and all such documents as they may deem necessary and appropriate to effectuate the entry of this Municipality into the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement and to utilize Fund programs through PMA Financial Network, Inc., PMA Securities, U. S. Bank National Association, and/or their affiliates and successors.

Section 2. This Municipality is authorized to invest its available monies from time to time and to withdraw such monies from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement, including investment in the fixed-income program of the Fund through the intermediaries PMA Financial Network, and PMA Securities, LLC. The following officers and officials of this Municipality and their respective successors in office each are designated as “Authorized Officials” with full power and authority to effectuate the investment and withdrawal of monies of this Municipality from time to time in accordance with the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement and pursuant to the Fixed Rate Investment Program available to participants of the Fund:

Name	Position	Signature
Nicholas Trimner	County Administrator	
Lynn Neeck	County Treasurer	

Jean Gottwald County Clerk
Carrie Kyle County Accountant I

The County Clerk shall advise the Commission of any changes in Authorized Officials in accordance with procedures established by the Commission.

Section 3. Members of this Governing Body and officials of this Municipality are authorized to serve as Commissioners of the Commission from time to time if selected as such pursuant to the provisions of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement.

Section 4. This Municipality may open depository accounts, enter into wire transfer agreements, safekeeping agreements, and lockbox agreements, or other applicable or related documents with U. S. Bank National Association, and any other institutions participating in the Fund programs or programs of PMA Financial Network, LLC and PMA Securities, LLC pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 34.05, Wisconsin Statutes, Section 120.12(7) (if applicable) and, when directed by one of the Authorized Officials, Wisconsin Statutes, Section 66.0603. PMA Financial Network, LLC and/or PMA Securities, LLC are authorized to act on behalf of this Municipality as its agent with respect to such accounts and agreements.

Section 5. Credit unions, banks, savings banks, trust companies and savings and loan associations authorized to transact business in the State of Wisconsin which qualify as depositories under Wisconsin law and are included on a list approved and maintained for such purpose by the Administrator of the Fund are designated as depositories of this Municipality pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 120.12(7) (if applicable) and Wisconsin Statutes, Section 34.05. Monies of this Municipality may be deposited in such depositories, from time to time in the discretion of the Authorized Officials, pursuant to the Fixed Rate Investment Program available to participants of the Fund through the intermediary PMA Financial Network, LLC.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee: s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeff Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of December 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 10, Against: 1, Abstain: 1.

Motion Wartgow/Kyle to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (10): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Wartgow. No (1): Strobl. Abstain (1): Hastings. Motion carried.

Resolution 55-22

Amend Price County Comprehensive Recreational Plan

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

WHEREAS, per County Resolution 9-22, the Comprehensive Revision of the Price County Comprehensive Recreational Plan 2022 – 2027 was adopted on February 15, 2022; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Park Falls has presented suggestions to amend the Price County Comprehensive Recreational Plan to facilitate recreational opportunities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the amendments to 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/Jeff Hallstrand, Chair; Jordan Spacek; Patricia Stephan. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of December 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 10, Against: 1, Abstain: 1.

Motion Spacek/Hallstrand to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (10): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Wartgow. No (1): Strobl. Abstain (1): Hastings. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole:

1. Board Chair Report – Alan Barkstrom: Attended NWRPC meeting.
2. County Administrator's Report – Nick Trimner
 - a. 2022 Financial Summary: Reviewed current financial position. Sales tax continues to do well. Will meet budget for stumpage revenue. Collecting property taxes for eight municipalities. Self-funded health insurance starting January 1, 2023. Several employees switched to the narrow network.
 - b. Updates: Erika Hoffman's photo is highlighted in the Discover Wisconsin calendar. Working with Uniquely Wisconsin and team to develop the promotions to cover. Town of Worcester is

deciding to opt out of local zoning, which would bring it to the County. Restructuring the Child Support Agency. Received \$46,000 in opioid payments. Need to decide the process for usage. Working on removal of Old Highway H bridge. December 15th closing on transfer of Fairground property.

3. County Board Supervisor Reports: Developing guidelines for the student internet access program. Promoting the Beneficially Speaking newsletter.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 10:45 a.m.

Date of Next Meeting: February 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

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Meeting Code: 2487 876 5301

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Meeting password: VyqdYQzY229

Date: February 21, 2023

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 13, 2022

Communications and Announcements

Public Comments

Presentation:

1. Friends of Fred Smith – 2022 Year End Report
2. Phillips Area Chamber of Commerce – Tourism in Price County

Resolutions:

1. Authority to Appoint Additional Members to the Phillips Library Board (Executive)
2. Opioid Settlement Agreement (2) (Executive)
3. County Approval of Assuming Zoning Administration for the Town of Worcester and Reorganizing of Staffing for the Zoning and Forestry & Parks Departments (Land Use / UW-Extension)
4. Restructure Staffing to Include Dedicated Full-time Forestry & Parks Administrative Assistant and Part-time Land Use & Zoning Administrative Assistant (Executive and Administration)
5. Create Full-time Position: Additional Social Worker (Behavioral Health Unit) (Executive and Administration)
6. Create Part-time Position: Adult Protective Services Social Worker (Aging & Disability Unit) (Executive and Administration)
7. 2023 Employee Wage Schedule (Administration)
8. Amend Chapter 530 Article VI (Wincentsen Rezone) (Land Use / UW-Extension)
9. Request Wisconsin Department of Transportation to Prioritize the State Highway 13 Project (County Highway D to County Highway F) (Highway & Transportation)

Appointments:

1. 2023 Emergency Fire Wardens
2. Local Emergency Planning Committee

Reports on File:

1. Register of Deeds – 2022 Annual Report
2. Friends of Fred Smith – 2022 Annual Report

Committee of the Whole:

1. Board Chair Report
2. County Administrator's Report

- a. 2022 Financial Summary
- b. 2023 Financial Summary
- c. Updates
- 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

Convene out of Committee of the Whole

Date of Next Meeting: April 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Adjourn

By: Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair
 Reviewed by County Administrator: Nicholas Trimner

Posted: February 10, 2023

C: The Price County Review

WCQM/WPFP

Corporation Counsel

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**MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 February 21, 2023
 Meeting Minutes**

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair.

Invocation: Pastor Larry Tenut.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance.

Roll Call: Present (13): Alan Barkstrom, Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Jason Hastings, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Mark Kyle, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, Patricia Stephan, Ginny Strobl, Lorelei Wakefield, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Nick Trimner, Leanna Samardich.

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

Approval of Minutes December 13, 2022: Motion Palecek/Hallstrand to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: None.

Public Comments: In regard to agenda item Resolution #1: Shirley Smith, City of Phillips; Sally Huml, City of Phillip; Rebecca Puhl, Director Phillips Public Library; Patty Nutt, City of Phillips; Melinda Price, Town of Ogema; Rodney Price, Town of Ogema; Meredith Hueckman, City of Phillips; Jason Enderle, City of Park Falls; Sara Enderle, City of Park Falls.

Presentation:

1. Friends of Fred Smith – 2022 Year End Report: Ann Grzywnowicz, Operations Manager.
2. Phillips Area Chamber of Commerce – Tourism in Price County: Laura Palzkill, Executive Director.

Resolutions:

Resolution 1-23

Authority to Appoint Additional Members to the Phillips Library Board

WHEREAS, the County Board Chairperson currently has County Board approval to appoint two members to the Phillips Library Board; and

WHEREAS, State statute authorizes the county chairperson, with the approval of the county board, to appoint from the residence of the county additional members to library board of a public library of a municipality located in whole or in part in the county, for a term of three years from May 1 following the appointment, and thereafter for a term of three years, as follows:

If the annual sum appropriated by the county to the public library is equal to at least two-thirds, but less than the annual sum appropriated to the public library by any municipality in which the public library is located, four additional members; and

WHEREAS, the Phillips Public Library is funded by the City of Phillips and by the collection of funds

according to the Price County Plan of Library Services, with Price County collecting \$154,741.00 representing 47.5% of the library's current budget. Therefore, under WI Statute §43.60(3)(a)(4), Price County would be entitled to appoint up to a total of four members.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors authorizes the county chairperson to appoint its authorized allocation of four members to the Phillips Library Board.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand.

Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of February 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Strobl/Wakefield to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (9): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield. No (4): Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Wartgow. Motion carried.

Resolution - Opioid Settlement Agreement (2): Resolution not available at this time.

Resolution 2-23

County Approval of Assuming Zoning Administration for the Town of Worcester and Reorganizing of Staffing for the Zoning and Forestry & Parks Departments

WHEREAS, the Town of Worcester had 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 had entered into a Memorandum of Understanding whereby the County and Town had agreed upon the division of such zoning and land use planning authority; and

WHEREAS, by action of the Worcester Town Board on December 20, 2022, the Town of Worcester has decided to turn the zoning function of the Town of Worcester over to Price County Zoning; and

WHEREAS, by such action by the Town of Worcester Board, the zoning administration for the Town of Worcester will default to the responsibility of the Price County Zoning Department; and

WHEREAS, with this additional workload of the Zoning Department and also the unrelated additional workload seen by the Forestry and Parks Department associated with the increased activity at County Parks and increased activity in other departmental functions; there is justifiable need to restructure the one support staff currently shared between the two departments.

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby acknowledges assuming the responsibilities of zoning administration for the Town of Worcester; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the support staff structure be approved for an additional staff person in the Zoning Department and restructure of the support staff in the Forestry and Parks Department, with such recommendation being forwarded to Administration Committee for their consideration.

Submitted by the Price County Land Use / UW-Extension Committee: s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Alan Barkstrom; Doug Erickson; Ginny Strobl; Lorelei Wakefield. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of February 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 3-23

Restructure Staffing to Include Dedicated Full-time Forestry & Parks Administrative Assistant and Part-time Land Use & Zoning Administrative Assistant

WHEREAS, administrative support in the Forestry & Parks Department and the Land Use and Zoning Department has been one shared full-time position; and

WHEREAS, with the additional workload of assuming zoning duties for the Town of Worcester, the increase in reporting requirements to the State of Wisconsin, the increase in use of and foreseeable expansion of County parks, the amount of work for support staff can no longer be handled by one full-time person; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the restructuring of staffing for the two departments will come from the anticipated increase in county park revenues and the increase in fees collected through the Zoning Department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve restructure of the Forestry and Parks Department staffing to include a dedicated full-time administrative assistant and the Land Use and Zoning Department staffing to include a dedicated part-time administrative assistant and instructs the Administration Committee to develop job descriptions and approve recruitment process for the positions.

Fiscal impact for 2023: \$ 0 Fiscal Impact for 2024: \$10,000

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Jeff Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Mark Kyle; Jordan Spacek. Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan

Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeff Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of February 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Motion Spacek/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 4-23

Create Full-time Position: Additional Social Worker (Behavioral Health Unit)

WHEREAS, in recent years the state of Wisconsin added numerous mandates and program expectations which increased county workload and costs for the Behavioral Health Unit; and

WHEREAS, the workload for the Behavioral Health Unit has steadily increased over the past several years in Children Long-Term Service cases due to the state mandating elimination of a waitlist for new client enrollment in as of August 2021, causing caseloads for unit social 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 clients and families served; and

WHEREAS, mental health cases have increased across the state with the need for an increase in services involving a more determined focus on linkage and follow-up; and

WHEREAS, part of this role is to collaborate with schools to implement more services as well as to identify needs sooner resulting from an increase in youth crisis calls; and

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

WHEREAS, the fiscal impact should be minimal because of grants and the ability to focus on linkage and follow-up which can decrease the need for higher cost placements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the creation of an additional full-time social worker position in the Behavioral Health Unit of the Health and Human Services Department and instructs the Administration Committee to develop a job description and approve recruitment process for the position.

Fiscal impact: None

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Jeff Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Mark Kyle; Jordan Spacek. Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeff Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of February 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 5-23

Create Part-time Position: Adult Protective Services Social Worker (Aging & Disability Unit)

WHEREAS workload for the Adult Protective Services portion of the Aging and Disability Unit within Price County Health and Human Services Department has steadily increased over the past three years due to the increasing proportion of county residents who are elderly and the increasing complexity of cases; and WHEREAS, Elder and Vulnerable Adult Investigations and responses are complex and time intensive, which requires maintaining an interdisciplinary team for joint problem solving and collaboration with community partners and in addition requires considerable outreach and education in order to protect our vulnerable citizens from the increasing rate of scams and financial exploitation; and

WHEREAS, the need for Guardianships, Protective Placements and Emergency Protective Placements as a form of protective services to our community is increasing with the changes in demographics; and

WHEREAS, the current Adult Protective Service Social Worker allocates half of their time to covering these duties, a position that has been determined is in need to be full-time to absorb the increased caseload for the department; and

WHEREAS, after extensive review of existing staffing structure within the Health & Human Services Department, creation of a part-time Adult Protective Social Worker will provide the existing Adult Protective Service Social Worker position the ability to transition into a dedicated full-time position to cover the growing caseload; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal impact is expected to be minimal due to availability of grants and state funding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve

the creation of an additional part-time Adult Protective Service Social Worker position in the Aging and Disability Unit of the Health and Human Services Department and instructs the Administration Committee to develop a job description and approve recruitment process for the position.

Fiscal impact: Less than \$10,000 (unbudgeted)

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Jeff Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Mark Kyle; Jordan Spacek. Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeff Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of February 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 6-23

2023 Employee Wage Schedule

WHEREAS, the Price County Board of Supervisors provided for an employee wage increase in the 2023 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 3%; and

WHEREAS, the result of the 3% increase is incorporated into the attached 2023 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 March 5, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors adopt the attached 2023 Price County Wage Schedule effective March 5, 2023, reflecting a 3% increase to the base wage rate.

Annual Fiscal Impact: \$90,000 (budgeted)

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Jeff Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Mark Kyle; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of February 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair, Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 7-23

Amend Chapter 530 Article VI (Wincentzen Rezone)

WHEREAS, Chapter 59, Wisconsin State Statutes require that the Price County Land Use & UW-Extension Committee hold a public hearing and report to the Price County Board of Supervisors on all petitions to amend Zoning Ordinances or Zoning District Maps; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Board of Supervisors must then act upon the recommendation of the Price County Land Use and UW-Extension Committee, either approving or disapproving or returning the petition with changes recommended by the Price County Board of Supervisors, and

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 NE1/4, Section 8, Township 34N, Range 3E, Town of Spirit, (W1899 State Highway 86), as indicated on the attached map. This petition is to rezone the parcel from A-1 (Agriculture District) to RF-1 (Rural Residential-Forestry District).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors approve the rezoning petition for Leanne Meidam Wincentzen.

Submitted by the Price County Land Use / UW-Extension Committee: s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Alan Barkstrom; Doug Erickson; Ginny Strobl; Lorelei Wakefield. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of February 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 8-23

Request Wisconsin Department of Transportation to Prioritize the State Highway 13 Project (County Highway D to County Highway F)

WHEREAS, the portion of State Highway 13 within the City of Phillips has been severely deteriorating over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, the City of Phillips is dealing with failing infrastructure under this section of roadway that often requires closing of sections of this road to make repairs to the failing infrastructure, causing business disruptions, dangerous conditions and rerouting of state highway traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has had the reconstruction and pavement replacement of State Highway 13 from County Highway D to County Highway F on their project list for several years; and

WHEREAS, as recently as 2021, the WisDOT scheduled this project for 2023; and

WHEREAS, with the most recent road construction listing, this project has now been moved to 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors requests the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to prioritize the State Highway 13 construction project from County Highway D to County Highway F and bring this project forward in the construction schedule.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that his resolution be sent to Governor Evers; Wisconsin State legislators representing Price County; Craig Thompson, Secretary WisDOT; Tony Kemnitz, WisDOT Regional Safety Engineer; Wisconsin County Highway Association and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Submitted by the Price County Highway and Transportation Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Doug Erickson; Brian Ernst; Mark Kyle; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of February 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Appointments:

1. 2023 Emergency Fire Wardens: Motion Hallstrand/Erickson to approve appointments as presented. Motion carried.
2. Local Emergency Planning Committee: Motion Strobl/Spacek to approve appointments as presented. Motion carried.

Reports on File:

1. Register of Deeds – 2022 Annual Report
2. Friends of Fred Smith – 2022 Annual Report

Convened to Committee of the Whole at 10:33 a.m.

1. Board Chair Report – Alan Barkstrom: Alan and Nick met with local schools to implement the Starlink Program for students in need of internet access. Attended HazMat tabletop exercise. Attended NWRPC meeting.
2. County Administrator's Report – Nick Trimner
 - a. 2022 Financial Summary: Working on finishing year end journal entries as information becomes available.
 - b. 2023 Financial Summary: Starting out fairly normal. Self-funding health insurance implemented January 1st.
 - c. Updates: Primary Election Day. Visit from Representative Green. State biennial budget was released. Attended childcare symposium discussing the shortage of availability. Allocation of Opioid funds to be determined by work group, which is yet to be established.
3. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Administration – Wartgow: Approved RN job description. Self-funding health insurance going well. Resolutions that were forwarded to the Board.
 - b. Buildings & Grounds - Spacek: Have not met. Department dealing with ice/snow removal and completing project in the Courthouse.
 - c. Executive – Barkstrom: 5-R property DNR remediation scheduled. Temporary use of ARPA funds to continue with park expansion projects. Opioid settlement. Shortage of court reporters. Discussion of renewable energy sources. Resolutions that were forwarded to the Board.
 - d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Have not met. Stumpage budget met. Bid requests sent for

- summer projects. Working on carbon credit reporting. New Forester on staff.
- e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Review of Community Health Assessment Plan. Discussion on health equity. Discussion on the Senior Nutrition Program.
 - f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Ongoing winter maintenance. Attended Winter Road School. \$1 million received for County Highway E project funding. Discussion on use of debt service to cover project costs. New WCHA director. Recruitment and retention an issue everywhere.
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Wartgow: Permit approvals. Minimum bids set for spring land sale. Land Use projects. 4-H program updates. Requesting input from members on UW-Extension programming.
 - h. Law Enforcement – Palecek: Will be reviewing several ordinance amendments.

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

Date of Next Meeting: April 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk
