



OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 18, 2023 – February 20, 2024

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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).

Members of the public may access all public meetings remotely.

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

Meeting Code: 2487 876 5301

[Join Meeting](#)

Meeting password: VyqdYQzY229

Date: April 18, 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 February 21, 2023

Communications and Announcements

Public Comments

Ordinances:

1. 2023-01 An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Price County, Chapter 223 Thereof, Entitled "Animals": to add Article IV Breeding Facilities
2. 2023-02 An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Price County, Chapter 223 Thereof, Entitled "Animals": to Amend §223-8 Duties of Sheriff and Municipal Law Enforcement; §223-9 Quarantine; §223-20 Dog License, Rabies Vaccination Required; §223-22 Abandonment of dead animal, disposal of domestic animal; §223-25 Dangerous dogs; §223-30 Prohibited animals
3. 2023-03 An ordinance to Amend the Code of Price County, Chapter 290 Thereof, Entitled "Fees and Penalties"

Resolutions:

1. Request the State of Wisconsin to Use a Portion of the 2023 Budget Surplus for Maintenance of the County Trunk Highway System (Highway & Transportation)
2. Temporary Use of America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to Continue the Solberg Lake County Park Expansion Project (Forestry & Parks and Executive)
3. Authorizing Price County to Enter into the Opioid Settlement Agreements (Executive)
4. Approval of Price County Species and Habitat Conservation Agreement (Forestry & Parks)
5. Acceptance of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) County Forest Sustainable Forestry Grant (Forestry & Parks)
6. Town of Lake Bridge and Culvert Aid Request (2022) (Executive)
7. 2022 Budget Amendments (Executive)
8. 2023 Regular Non-benefit Eligible and Casual Employee Wage Schedule (Administration and Executive)
9. **Ratification of Price County Disaster Declaration (Board Chair) *amended April 13, 2023***

Appointments:

1. Phillips Library Board: Term to expire April 30, 2024 (Beth Tenut), Term to expire April 30, 2025 (Kristi Speer), Term to expire April 30, 2026 (Brian Ernst)
2. Price County Library Board: Terms to expire April 30, 2026 (Karen Tesmer, Bonnie Uhren, Paula Houdek)
3. Nutrition Advisory Council: Terms to expire April 30, 2026 (Philip Youngs, Sharon Wade, Debra Werner)
4. Transportation Coordinating Committee: Terms to expire April 30, 2026 (Jordyn Fink, Pam Snyder, Carissa Smith)
5. Health & Human Services Board: Terms to expire May 31, 2026 (Patricia Stephan; Suzanne Ocker, RN; Sally Huml)

Reports on File:

1. 2022 Annual Report of Wages

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: May 16, 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: April 7, 2023

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 accommodation 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
April 18, 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 (9:27 a.m.), 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 February 21, 2023: Motion Houdek/Spacek to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: Chair Barkstrom reviewed code of conduct at the meeting.

Public Comments: None.

Ordinances:

Ordinance 2023-01

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Price County, Chapter 223 Thereof, Entitled "Animals":
 to add Article IV Breeding Facilities,

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 IV as follows:

§223-53 Permit Required.

- A. No person shall operate a breeding facility without a valid breeding permit issued pursuant to the terms of this ordinance. A breeding permit shall be issued for a breeding facility is subject to the general permit requirements and provisions set forth in this ordinance. There shall be three (3) tiers of breeding permits required for any breeding facility.
 - 1) Tier 1: Any breeding facility authorized to house, sell, or barter fewer than 25 dogs or cats per breeding permit period.
 - 2) Tier 2: Any breeding facility authorized to house, sell, or barter at least 25 but no more than 50 dogs or cats per breeding permit period.
 - 3) Tier 3: Any breeding facility authorized to house, sell, or barter at least 50, but no more than 99 dogs or cats per breeding permit period.
 - 4) A breeding facility with any more than 99 dogs or cats is prohibited in Price County and shall not be permitted to operate in Price County.

- B. A breeding permit shall be twelve (12) month period ending on September 30 of each year. A breeding permit may be no longer than twelve (12) months and may be less than twelve (12) months, depending on the date of issuance of a breeding permit.
- C. A breeding permit fee shall be set by the County Board Of Supervisors.

§223-54 Operation.

In addition to the terms of a breeding permit, this ordinance and all other applicable laws, a breeding facility shall comply and be subject to any provisions set forth in other county and state approvals or permits, such as conditional use permit issued for the operation of a breeding facility, and follow guidelines regarding inspections by WI Department of Agriculture Trade And Consumer Protection.

§223-55 Multi-dog license.

Any person who keeps or operates a breeding facility shall apply to the Price Co Humane Officer for a multi-dog license for all dogs, which have attained five (5) months of age kept at the breeding facility, with current proof of rabies immunization vaccination.

§223-56 Additional Standards

In addition to the required standards set forth in this ordinance, a breeding facility shall comply with the following for the welfare of the dogs or cats:

- A. Breeding age of female animals shall be no younger than two (2) years old and nor older than seven (7) years old. After age seven (7) years old, any female kept at the breeding facility shall be spayed.
- B. No breeding facility shall produce more than one litter per twelve (12) month breeding permit period of puppies or kittens per female of breeding age.
- C. A puppy or kitten may not be physically transferred to another facility or owner until it is at least eight (8) weeks of age or older.

§ 223-57 Enforcement.

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

§ 223-58 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 Price County Law Enforcement Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Doug Erickson; Brian Ernst; Lorelei Wakefield. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of April 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Yes: 10, No: 2.

Motion Ernst/Erickson to consideration ordinance for consideration. Motion Strobl/Wakefield to remove items #3 and #4 from §223-53 Section A. Roll call vote: Yes (5): Hastings, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield. No (7): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Wartgow. Motion failed. Roll call vote on ordinance adoption: Yes (10): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Stephan, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (2): Spacek, Strobl. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-02

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Price County, Chapter 223 Thereof, Entitled "Animals": to amend §223-8 Duties of Sheriff and Municipal Law Enforcement, to amend §223-9 Quarantine, to amend §223-20 Dog License, Rabies Vaccination Required, to amend §223-22 Abandonment of dead animals disposal of dead domestic animals, to amend §223-25 Dangerous Dogs, to amend §223.30 Prohibited animals.

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:

§223.8. Duties of Sheriff and municipal law enforcement.

If the Price County Sheriff has cause to believe that any dog, cat or ferret has bitten a person ~~other than the owner or the owner's immediate family~~, an officer shall order a dog, cat, or ferret quarantined. The Sheriff shall investigate the incident, and if such dog, cat or ferret can be identified and located, the Sheriff shall take action in accordance with this article.

§223.9. Quarantine

B. The custodian of an isolation facility or the owner shall keep a dog, cat or ferret which is ordered to be quarantined in strict isolation under the supervision of a veterinarian for 223, at least 10 days ~~after the incident occurred~~.

§223.19 Definitions

Exotic Animal

Any animal that is not normally domesticated in the United States or any animal that is generally recognized as a non-domesticated animal.

Habitual Offender

Any animal owner or harbinger, who within any three (3) year period is convicted of three (3) or more violations of domestic animal related offenses under §223 of the Price County Code. The controlling date is the date of each violation, not the date of the plea entered or the date of conviction resulting therefrom.

Wild Animal

Any warm- or cold-blooded animal that can normally be found in the wild state, habitat, woods, or wilds, including, but not limited to, any non-human primate, raccoon, skunk, fox, wolf, coyote, poisonous snake, leopard, panther, tiger, lion, lynx, bear, badgers, otters, muskrats, or prairie dogs.

§223.20. Dog license; rabies vaccination required.

It is required that all owners of a dog more than ~~four~~ five months of age on January 1 of any year or ~~four~~ five months of age within the license year shall annually, or on or before the date the dog becomes ~~four~~ five months of age, pay the dog license ~~tax fee~~ and obtain a license. As part of the requirement of obtaining a dog license the owner of a dog shall have the dog vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian within 30 days after the dog reaches ~~four~~ five months of age and revaccinated within one year after the initial vaccination. If the owner obtains the dog or brings the dog into Price County after the dog has reached ~~four~~ five months of age...

§223.22 Abandonment of dead animals; disposal of dead domestic animals.

~~B. No person shall dispose of an animal, its parts or blood by burial any animal carcass, blood or remains of an animal on the land of another without the permission of the owner of the land.~~

~~D. All carcasses will be buried below the surface of the ground and shall be completely covered so as to prevent their being reached by wild animals or dogs. Cremation will be performed by a licensed veterinarian, or the animal shall be taken to a licensed rendering plant. Recommended means of disposal of carcass is by rendering, burial, burning, and landfilling. Rendering of livestock at a licensed rendering plant, or cremation by a licensed veterinarian is preferred.~~

§ 223-25. Dangerous dogs.

~~A. Certificate required. It shall be unlawful for any person to have or possess a dangerous dog without a certificate of registration issued by the County. No more than one certificate of registration shall be granted per person or owner for a dangerous dog. No more than one certificate shall be issued per domicile.~~

~~B. Conditions for issuance of certificate. Subject to the requirements of this section for dangerous dogs and subject to revocation for noncompliance and possible confiscation, the County Clerk under the direction of the Health Officer shall issue a certificate of registration to the owner of a dangerous dog if the owner presents to the Price County Health Department or County Clerk sufficient evidence of the following:~~

- ~~(1) A proper enclosure to confine the dangerous dog; and~~
- ~~(2) The posting on the premises of a dangerous dog sign obtained from the County, warning that there is a dangerous dog on the property.~~

~~C. Additional requirements. In addition to the requirements of Subsections A and B of this section, the owner of a dangerous dog shall present to the County Clerk evidence of:~~

~~(1) Insurance. A policy of insurance in the amount specified by the Price County Board of Health issued by an insurer authorized to transact business in this state insuring the owner of a dangerous dog against liability for any personal injuries inflicted by the dangerous dog, provided that:~~

- ~~(a) The name of the dog and its description are listed on home insurance policy;~~
- ~~(b) It shall be the continuing and sole duty of the owner to provide the County Clerk with an updated and effective policy;~~
- ~~(c) The owner shall notify the County Clerk of any changes, renewals, and/or cancellations by written notice at least 30 days prior to any change, renewal, and/or cancellation; and~~
- ~~(d) The County shall have the right to rely on the representations of the owner to maintain the required insurance when the owner qualifies for the issuance of the certificate of registration; or~~

~~(2) Surety bond. A surety bond in the amount specified by Price County Board of Health and issued by a surety company authorized to transact business in this state payable to any persons injured by the dangerous dog.~~

~~D. Fees. The certificate of registration must be renewed annually on the date the dog was declared a dangerous dog. An annual fee to register dangerous dogs as set by Price County shall be~~

~~paid by the owner to Price County.~~

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to have or possess a dangerous dog without notification to the Price Co Sheriff Office. Dangerous dog defined as such under § 223-19.
- B. Requirements of keeping of dangerous dog.
 - (1) Adequate structural strength enclosure to confine the dog from escape
 - (2) Posting on premises of a dangerous dog sign; warning there is a dangerous dog on the property.
 - (3) Annual license of the dog and paying additional license fee for Dangerous Dog.

§223.30. ~~Prohibited animals~~ Exotic and Wild Animals

~~It shall be unlawful to purchase, sell, own, possess, harbor or breed skunks, foxes, prairie dogs, raccoons, coyotes, wolves, hybrid wolves, any hybrid animal that is part wild animal, exotic cats or any other wildlife unless licensed by the respective federal or state department of agriculture to possess such animals.~~

- A. No person shall keep or permit to be kept on their premises; any exotic or wild animal for display or exhibition purpose, whether gratuitously or for a fee. This section shall not be construed to apply to zoological parks, circuses, or persons with state or federal permits.
- B. No Person shall keep or permit to be kept any exotic or wild Animals defined in §223-19. Specifically, it shall be unlawful for any person to keep, maintain, have in possession or under control, sell or convey within Price County any of the following without obtaining a permit:
 - 1) Poisonous reptiles
 - 2) Poisonous insects
 - 3) Any poisonous animals
 - 4) Constrictor snake over 10 feet in length
 - 5) Non-human primates, including but not limited to monkeys, apes, chimpanzees, gibbons, lemurs, gorillas, orangutans, siamangs, & baboons
 - 6) Alligators or crocodiles
 - 7) Elephants
 - 8) Rhinoceros
 - 9) Hippopotamus
 - 10) Game cocks and other fighting birds
 - 11) Wild animals as defined in §223.19
 - 12) Exotic animals as defined in §223.19
- C. Exceptions. The prohibitions of the above sections shall not apply where the animals are in the care, custody, or control of a state licensed game farm, a veterinarian for treatment, agricultural fairs, shows, a display for judging purposes, an itinerant or transient carnival, circus or other show, public or private educational institutions, or zoological park; if all below requirements are in compliance with Wisconsin State Statutes and local ordinances and proof of purchase from a legal domestic seller. If purchased from a licensed and legal seller outside of the United States, the owner must show a US Customs Certificate showing the animal was brought into the United States legally and is free of disease.
 - 1) Their location conforms to the provisions of the Price County Zoning Code
 - 2) All animals and animal containment areas are kept in a sanitary condition and so maintained as to eliminate objectionable odors and defined in §223-42 Sanitation and in §223-24 Animals Creating Nuisances.
 - 3) Animals are adequately contained to prevent their escape.
 - 4) Annual inspection by Humane Officer
- D. Penalties. Seizure of all animal(s) shall occur immediately upon violation of this section. The owner as defined in §223.19 may be cited for violation of this ordinance, and shall be responsible for all cost resulting from the seizure, veterinarian costs, relocation of animal(s) costs, euthanasia and disposal costs.
- E. Permit Issuance and Requirements
 - 1) No person shall engage in the keeping of such animals as described in this ordinance without first obtaining a permit in compliance with and as required by this ordinance.
 - 2) An applicant shall complete a permit application obtained from the Humane Officer. An applicant shall return the completed application, any additional materials supporting the application, and the required fee to the Humane Officer. Application fees shall be set by the County Board of Supervisors and stated within the application. The Humane Officer shall issue the permit within ten (10) days of receiving a complete permit application, so long as the following conditions are met:
 - i. Applicant and permittee have not withheld or falsified any information on the permit application
 - ii. Applicant and permittee shall agree to comply to all terms of the permit

- iii. Applicant and permittee shall acknowledge this ordinance's requirements and agree to comply with all terms of this ordinance, any regulations established by the County Board of Supervisors, and any other applicable laws, including, but not limited to Wisconsin State Statutes Chapter 95, Chapter 173, Chapter 174, Wisconsin Admin Code Chapter WI DATCP 16, and laws set by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
 - iv. Applicant and permittee shall agree to allow the Humane Officer to inspect all animals and the premises kept on at any reasonable time with a reasonable notice to owner in advance
 - v. Applicant and permittee shall acknowledge that any violation of the terms of the permit, this ordinance or any other applicable law shall result in revocation of the permit and seizure of that animal(s).
 - vi. Applicant and permittee may not have been convicted of any civil, criminal, municipal or other violations related to the mistreatment of animals.
- 3) A permit period shall begin the first day of the calendar year and shall run for one (1) year. Renewal applications for permits shall be made no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the new calendar year.
- 4) If a change of ownership occurs, the owner shall notify the Humane Officer ten (10) days in advance and a transfer fee may be established by the County Board of Supervisors.

§223.52. Habitual Animal Offender

It shall be unlawful to be a habitual offender. If found to be a habitual offender, the court may order no animal ownership for a minimum period of three (3) years, not to exceed ten (10) years.

Section 2. Effective date.

This ordinance shall be effective as of date of publication.

Submitted by the Price County Law Enforcement Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Doug Erickson; Brian Ernst; Ginny Strobl; Lorelei Wakefield. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of April 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Yes: 12, No: 0.

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

Ordinance 2023-03

An Ordinance to Amend the Price County Code, Chapter 290 Thereof, Entitled "Fees and Penalties", by amending: §290.2 (D) Article II, Animal Welfare and Control Chapter 290 Thereof, Entitled "Fees and Penalties", by adding: §290.2 (E) Chapter 223, Animals (4) Article IV, Breeding Facilities And §290.5 (E) Chapter 223, Animals (4) Article IV, Breeding Facilities

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:

D. Chapter 223 Animals.

(2) Article II, Animal Welfare and Control

(j) Section 223-30 ~~prohibited animals~~ **exotic animals**: \$50 to \$500

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; E. Chapter 223, Animals, to be known as Section (4) as follows:

(3) Article IV, Breeding Facilities:

- a) Tier 1: \$0 to \$250
- b) Tier 2: \$251 to \$500
- c) Tier 3: \$501 to \$750
- d) Tier 4: \$751 to \$1,000

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.; E. Chapter 223, Animals, to be known as Section (4) as follows:

(3) Article IV, Breeding Facilities (Ordinance No. 2023-01).

Section 3. Effective date.

This ordinance shall become effective as of date of publication.

Submitted by the Price County Law Enforcement Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Doug Erickson; Brian Ernst; Ginny Strobl; Lorelei Wakefield. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of April 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Yes: 12, No: 0.

Motion Strobl/Wartgow to consider ordinance for adoption. Roll call vote on ordinance adoption: Yes (12):

Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 9-23

Request the State of Wisconsin to Use a Portion of the 2023 Budget Surplus for Maintenance of the County Trunk Highway System

Whereas, on January 25, 2023, the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau reported the State of Wisconsin has a budget surplus estimated at \$7.1 billion, which is the largest budget surplus in Wisconsin's history; and

Whereas, the Joint Committee on Finance established the Local Supplemental Transportation Program as a one-time use of State revenue surplus to support local projects, which evolved into the popular and successful Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) and LRIP-Supplemental (LRIP-S).

Whereas, even though Governor Evers and the Legislature have recently devoted additional funding to counties through General Transportation Aids (GTA) and LRIP-S, counties throughout Wisconsin are still not receiving appropriate financial support to make roads and bridges safe for the speeds and weight of vehicles traveling on the county trunk highway systems.

Now therefore be it resolved, by the Price County Board of Supervisors that in an effort to assist the Wisconsin Counties Highway Association and the Wisconsin Counties Association, a request of additional funding through budgetary surplus be allocated to the county GTA appropriation for the backlog of maintenance on the county trunk highway system, as well as LRIP-S; and

Be it further resolved, a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, Legislators representing Price County, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Counties Highway Association and all Wisconsin Counties.

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 18th day of April 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Yes: 12, No: 0.

Motion Spacek/Strobl 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). Motion carried.

Resolution 10-23

Temporary Use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to Continue the Solberg Lake County Park Expansion Project

WHEREAS, Price County Parks and Campgrounds are a much-used natural resource for county residents and those visiting the Price County area; and

WHEREAS, historically, expansions and improvements to the Price County park system has been well received and provided additional opportunity for the use and enjoyment of these county resources; and

WHEREAS, the Forestry and Parks Committee has recognized that improvement and expansion of the Solberg Lake County Park will provide a positive impact for tourism and recreational benefits in Price County; and

WHEREAS, the Solberg Lake County Park expansion project has been identified to be funded with Carbon Credit revenues, although the timing for these revenues has not been finalized; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue with the Solberg Lake County Park expansion project, it has been determined that temporary use of ARPA funds is a viable solution, with repayment to the ARPA fund to be made with Carbon Credit revenues when they do become available.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the appropriation of up to \$650,000 in qualified ARPA funds to be used for the expansion of the Solberg Lake County Park, with such fund to be repaid with Carbon Credit revenues when they do become available.

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: s/Jeff Hallstrand, Chair; Jason Hastings, Jordan Spacek; Patricia Stephan; Ginny Strobl. And 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 April 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Yes: 12, No: 0.

Motion Ernst/Spacek 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). Motion carried.

Resolution 11-23

Authorizing Price County to Enter Into the Settlement Agreements with Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Allergan Finance, LLC, Walgreen Co., Walmart, Inc., CVS Health Corporation and CVS Pharmacy, Inc., Agree to the Terms of the Addendum to the MOU Allocating Settlement Proceeds, and Authorize Entry Into the MOU with the Attorney General

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors previously authorized the County to enter into an engagement agreement with von Briesen & Roper, s.c., Crueger Dickinson LLC and Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC (the "Law Firms") to pursue litigation against certain manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of opioid pharmaceuticals (the "Opioid Defendants") in an effort to hold the Opioid Defendants financially responsible for the County's expenditure of vast money and resources to combat the opioid epidemic;

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the settlement discussions with Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Allergan Finance, LLC, Walgreen Co., Walmart, Inc., CVS Health Corporation and CVS Pharmacy, Inc. (the "Settling Defendants") resulted in a tentative agreement as to settlement terms pending agreement from the County and other plaintiffs involved in the Litigation;

WHEREAS, copies of the various settlement agreements relating to the Settling Defendants (collectively "Settlement Agreements") representing the terms of the tentative settlement agreements with the Settling Defendants have been provided with this Resolution;

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

WHEREAS, the County is a Participating Subdivision in the Settlement Agreements and has the opportunity to participate in the benefits associated with the Settlement Agreement provided the County (a) approves the Settlement Agreements; (b) approves the Memorandum of Understanding allocating proceeds from the Settlement Agreements among the various Wisconsin Participating Subdivisions, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution (the "Allocation MOU"); (c) approves the Memorandum of Understanding with the Wisconsin Attorney General regarding allocation of settlement proceeds, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution (the "AG MOU"); and (d) the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance approves the terms of the Settlement Agreements and the AG MOU;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Settlement Agreements will be allocated;

WHEREAS, the proposed Addendum to the MOU ("Addendum") provided with this Resolution provides for allocation of settlement proceeds among the Wisconsin Participating Subdivisions according to the same percentages as that provided in the previously-approved MOU allocating the settlement proceeds of the settlements involving McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., AmerisourceBergen Corporation, Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc.;

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

WHEREAS, the County, by this Resolution, shall deposit the proceeds of the Settlement Agreements consistent with the terms of this Resolution and Wis. Stat. § 165.12(4)(b);

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. The execution of the Settlement Agreements and any and all documents ancillary thereto and authorizes the Board Chair or designee to execute same.
2. The final negotiation and execution of the Addendum in form substantially similar to that presented with this Resolution and any and all documents ancillary thereto and authorizes the Board Chair or designee to execute same upon finalization provided the percentage share identified as allocated to the County is substantially similar to that identified in the Addendum provided to the Board with this Resolution.
3. The final negotiation and execution of the AG MOU in form substantially similar to that presented with this Resolution and any and all documents ancillary thereto and authorizes the Board Chair to execute same.
4. The execution by the Board Chair or designee of any additional documents or agreements for the receipt and disbursement of the proceeds of the Settlement Agreements as referenced in the Addendum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: all proceeds from the Settlement Agreements not otherwise directed to the Attorney Fees Account shall be deposited in the County's Opioid Abatement Account. The Opioid Abatement Account shall be administered consistent with the terms of this Resolution, Wis. Stat. § 165.12(4), and the Settlement Agreements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the County hereby authorizes the establishment of an account separate and distinct from any account containing funds allocated or allocable to the County which shall be referred to by the County as the "Attorney Fees Account." An escrow agent shall deposit a sum equal to up to, but in no event exceeding, an amount equal to 20% of the County's proceeds from the Settlement Agreements into the Attorney Fees Account. If the payments to the County are not enough to fully fund the Attorney

Fees Account as provided herein because such payments are made over time, the Attorney Fees Account shall be funded by placing up to, but in no event exceeding, an amount equal to 20% of the proceeds from the Settlement Agreements attributable to Local Governments (as that term is defined in the Allocation MOU) into the Attorney Fees Account for each payment. Funds in the Attorney Fees Account shall be utilized to pay the fees, costs, and disbursements owed to the Law Firms pursuant to the engagement agreement between the County and the Law Firms provided, however, the Law Firms shall receive no more than that to which they are entitled under their fee contract when considering the amounts paid the Law Firms from the fee fund established in the Settlement Agreements and allocable to the County. The Law Firms may make application for payment from the Attorney Fees Account at any time and the County shall cooperate with the Law Firms in executing any documents necessary for the escrow agent to make payments out of the Attorney Fees Account.

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

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 April 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Yes: 10, No: 2.

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

Supervisor Hallstrand joined meeting at 9:27 a.m.

Resolution 12-23

Approval of Price County Species and Habitat Conservation Agreement

WHEREAS, Price County manages approximately 92,642 acres of County Forest Lands along with numerous recreational trails and facilities which are managed for multiple benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Long-eared Bat and Tri-colored Bat are expected to be listed as federally endangered in 2023 and the Little Brown Bat is under review for listing; and

WHEREAS, the states of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan have jointly developed the Lakes States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan in order to receive an incidental take permit for forest management activities issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and

WHEREAS, Price County plans to engage in activities that could result in the incidental take of the bats and seeks to be included in under the Incidental Take Permit issued to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, Price County will comply with the terms of the Species and Habitat Conservation Agreement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors in consideration of the needs to conserve the bat populations in Wisconsin while continuing multiple use management consistent with the Price County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan, hereby agree to enter into a Landowner Agreement and Certificate of Inclusion into the Lakes States Forest management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Forest Administrator be authorized to sign the agreement and submit this document to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: Jason Hastings, Jordan Spacek, Patricia Stephan, Ginny Strobl. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of April 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Yes: 12, No: 1.

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

Resolution 13-23

Acceptance of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) County Forest Sustainable Forestry Grant

WHEREAS, Price County maintains over 120 miles of woods roads and trails; and

WHEREAS, during severe weather conditions in the 2022-2023 winter season, Price County Forest lands sustained considerable damage to these roads and trails, making some of them impassable; and

WHEREAS, initial assessment found approximately one-third (1/3) of the roads need use of heavy equipment to repair these roads, making them passable, at an estimated cost of \$20,000; and

WHEREAS, the Forestry and Parks Department does not have the resources to tackle this project internally; and

WHEREAS, timber sale values will be reduced in areas where loggers would need to take on the task of opening roads to access their sale tracts; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to reopen these roads for timber sales, hunting, hiking and recreational activities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Price County accepts the WDNR County Forest Sustainable Forestry Grant award in the amount of \$20,000 and directs the Forestry and Park Department to move forward with the sustainable forest project as outlined.

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: Jason Hastings, Jordan Spacek, Patricia Stephan, Ginny Strobl. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of April 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Yes: 13, No: 0.

Motion Palecek/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.

Resolution 14-23

Town of Lake Bridge and Culvert Aid Request

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake had requested aid for design and installation of new culverts on Timm Road over Beaver Creek; and

WHEREAS, the project was presented before and approved by the Highway and Transportation Committee on May 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, project cost was \$95,268; and

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

50% Price County; 50% Town of Lake; 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 Town Bridge and Culvert Aid Request.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; 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 April 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Yes: 13, No: 0.

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.

Resolution 15-23

Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2022

WHEREAS the Price County Board of Supervisors at their November 9, 2021 meeting, after public hearing, adopted the 2022 budget for Price County; and

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Price County Board of Supervisors on April 13, 2023 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 2022.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Price County Board of Supervisors at their April 18, 2023 meeting that the 2022 budget, as adopted, be amended to include the amendments as attached; and

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

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; 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 April 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Yes: 13, No: 0.

Motion Houdek/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.

ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT CODE	AMOUNT	2022 BUDGET	NEW BUDGET AMOUNT
TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	100-00-59000-788-000-00000	390,931.00	-	390,931.00
TRANS FROM GENL FUND (OPER IN)	105-04-49210-000-000-00000	(390,931.00)	-	(390,931.00)
MUNICIPAL FEES	100-15-46105-000-000-00000	(4,795.00)	(12,000.00)	(16,795.00)
PRINTING & DUPLICATIONS	100-15-51440-313-000-00000	4,795.00	27,000.00	31,795.00
TREASURER'S FEES	100-17-46120-000-000-00000	(8,000.00)	(3,500.00)	(11,500.00)
RELATED EMPLOYMENT PERKS	100-17-51520-193-001-00000	375.00	-	375.00
LEGAL SERVICES	100-17-51520-212-000-00000	225.00	-	225.00
PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE	100-17-51520-513-000-00000	260.00	820.00	1,080.00
SMALL ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT	100-17-51520-314-000-00000	3,250.00	-	3,250.00
WAGES - COUNTY TREASURER	100-17-51520-111-000-00000	3,400.00	57,230.00	60,630.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	100-17-51520-151-000-00000	265.00	4,380.00	4,645.00
WRS RETIREMENT	100-17-51520-152-000-00000	225.00	3,720.00	3,945.00
STATE AID - WLIP GRANT	100-22-43513-000-000-00000	(96,256.00)	(50,000.00)	(146,256.00)
CO RECORDING FEES RETAINED	100-22-41235-000-000-00000	(5,928.00)	(27,000.00)	(32,928.00)
PLAT BOOK REVENUE	100-22-46175-000-000-00000	(4,800.00)	(5,000.00)	(9,800.00)
CAP OUTLAY - WLIP DOLLAR	100-22-51709-837-000-00000	40,000.00	20,000.00	60,000.00
2022 GRANT AD229051	100-22-51709-759-018-00000	60,000.00	-	60,000.00
2021 GRANT 219108	100-22-51709-759-015-00000	6,984.00	-	6,984.00
TRANSFER FEES - CO'S PORTION	100-23-41230-000-000-00000	(33,000.00)	(35,000.00)	(68,000.00)
HOSPITAL & HEALTH INSURANCE	100-23-51710-154-000-00000	23,500.00	20,675.00	44,175.00
HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT	100-23-51710-155-000-00000	4,200.00	2,800.00	7,000.00
WAGES - REGISTER OF DEEDS	100-23-51710-111-000-00000	5,300.00	90,860.00	96,160.00
SURVEYORS FEES	100-25-46121-000-000-00000	(10,615.00)	(150.00)	(10,765.00)
WAGES - SURVEYOR	100-25-51720-111-000-00000	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	100-25-51720-151-000-00000	615.00	765.00	1,380.00
INSURANCE RECOVERIES	100-31-48400-000-000-00000	(86,000.00)	-	(86,000.00)
CAP OUTLAY - SPECIAL PROJ FOF	100-31-51600-834-000-00000	84,296.00	-	84,296.00
SMALL ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT	100-31-51600-314-000-00000	1,704.00	-	1,704.00
INSURANCE RECOVERIES	100-35-48400-000-000-00000	(6,750.00)	(4,000.00)	(10,750.00)
REPAIR & MAINT - VEHICLES	100-35-52110-241-000-00000	6,750.00	20,000.00	26,750.00
STATE AID-POLICE TRAINING	100-35-43523-000-000-00000	(8,200.00)	(3,400.00)	(11,600.00)

MILEAGE/MEALS/LODGING	100-35-52110-339-000-00000	8,200.00	12,500.00	20,700.00
ROUTES TO RECOVERY ARPA GRANT	100-35-43525-000-000-00000	(11,280.00)	-	(11,280.00)
GAS, OIL & ANTIFREEZE	100-35-52110-351-000-00000	11,280.00	49,000.00	60,280.00
SCHOOL AID - DARE	100-35-43700-000-00000000	(2,295.00)	-	(2,295.00)
DARE SUPPLIES	100-35-52165-309-000-00000	2,295.00	-	2,295.00
DONATION - RESCUE VEHICLES	100-35-48555-000-000-00000	(17,470.00)	-	(17,470.00)
OTHER OPERATING SUPPLIES - REC	100-35-52125-349-000-00000	17,470.00	-	17,470.00
DONATION K-9	100-35-48700-000-000-00000	(9,200.00)	-	(9,200.00)
K9 - FUNDRAISING EXPENSE	100-35-52180-390-000-00000	9,200.00	-	9,200.00
STATE AID-POLICE TRAINING	100-36-43523-000-000-00000	(6,182.00)	(1,200.00)	(7,382.00)
MILEAGE/MEALS/LODGING	100-36-52700-339-000-00000	6,182.00	8,500.00	14,682.00
BOARD OF PRISONERS	100-36-46240-000-000-00000	(1,760.00)	(2,400.00)	(4,160.00)
CONTRACT-BOARD OF PRISONERS	100-36-52700-294-000-00000	8,300.00	17,250.00	25,550.00
PAY TO STAY	100-36-46242-000-000-00000	(3,970.00)	(19,000.00)	(22,970.00)
ELECTRONIC MONITORING	100-36-46243-000-000-00000	(11,296.00)	(4,000.00)	(15,296.00)
FOOD CONTRACT	100-36-52700-289-000-00000	8,726.00	80,000.00	88,726.00
ST AID-DA VICTIM/WITNESS PROG	100-19-43512-000-000-00000	(6,830.00)	(16,500.00)	(23,330.00)
WITNESS FEE REIMBURSEMENT	100-19-46710-000-000-00000	(4,060.00)	(300.00)	(4,360.00)
WAGES - DISTRICT ATTORNEY	100-19-51310-111-000-00000	10,890.00	109,290.00	120,180.00
DNR GRANT CRANBERRY CRK RIFLE	100-79-43584-000-000-00000	(71,425.00)	-	(71,425.00)
DNR GRANT - CRANBERRY CR RIFLE	100-79-56110-720-001-00000	65,900.00	-	65,900.00
NRA GRANT CRANBERRY CR 21WI006	100-79-56110-720-000-00000	5,525.00	-	5,525.00
GRANT FUNDED-RUFFED GROUSE	100-79-43270-000-300-00000	(5,250.00)	-	(5,250.00)
GRANT EXPENSE-RUFFED GROUSE	100-79-56110-700-300-00000	5,250.00	-	5,250.00
DAMS GRANT - WEIMERS	100-83-43508-000-005-00000	(270,580.00)	-	(270,580.00)
CAP OUTLAY - WEIMER DAM	100-83-56210-834-005-00000	270,580.00	-	270,580.00
ST AID-SNOWMOBILE TRAILS	100-91-43573-000-000-00000	(128,000.00)	(250,000.00)	(378,000.00)
STATE AID - WILDLIFE ABATEMT	100-91-43585-000-000-00000	(17,000.00)	(31,000.00)	(48,000.00)
STATE AID - LAND CONSERV PROJE	100-91-43587-000-000-00000	(15,000.00)	(125,000.00)	(140,000.00)
PAYMENTS TO ORGANIZATIONS	100-91-55300-724-000-00000	128,000.00	250,000.00	378,000.00
WILDLIFE ABATEMENT-ADMIN	100-91-56220-389-000-00000	17,000.00	31,000.00	48,000.00
DATCP C/S GRANT	100-91-56230-751-000-00000	15,000.00	40,000.00	55,000.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY - AUTO	100-91-56230-811-000-00000	(13,000.00)	14,895.00	1,895.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY - AUTO	100-27-56400-811-000-00000	13,000.00	1,925.00	14,925.00
CONTINGENT FUND	100-00-51000-799-000-00000	(52,334.00)	52,334.00	-
LEGAL SERVICES	100-99-51480-212-000-00000	52,334.00	32,000.00	84,334.00
GRANT - ARPA	250-80-43240-000-000-00000	(928,585.00)	-	(928,585.00)
CLERK OF COURTS JURY SOC DIST	250-80-51260-800-000-00000	8,535.00	-	8,535.00
B&G NORMAL BUILDING CONTROLS	250-80-57140-800-007-00000	289,800.00	-	289,800.00
B&G COURTHOUSE CHILLER	250-80-57140-800-008-00000	243,750.00	-	243,750.00
B&G SAFETY BUILDING CHILLER	250-80-57140-800-009-00000	215,000.00	-	215,000.00
B&G COURTHOUSE CONTROLS	250-80-57140-800-010-00000	171,500.00	-	171,500.00
STATE GRT-OTHER TRANS	160-49-43537-000-000-00000	(45,000.00)	-	(45,000.00)
AVIATION FUEL	160-49-53510-352-001-00000	45,000.00	30,000.00	75,000.00
CAP IMPROVE - AIRPORT PROJECT	160-49-53510-821-000-00000	122,500.00	-	122,500.00
TRANS FROM GENL FUND (OPER IN)	160-49-49210-000-000-00000	(122,500.00)	-	(122,500.00)

Resolution 16-23

2023 Regular Non-benefit Eligible and Casual Employee Wage Schedule

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors adopt the attached Regular Non-benefit Eligible and Casual Employee Wage Schedule, effective April 30, 2023.

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Jeff Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Mark Kyle; Jordan Spacek. And 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 April 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Yes: 13, No: 0.

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 17-23

Ratification of Price County Disaster Declaration

WHEREAS, per Resolution 36-13 the Price County Board of Supervisors gave the Board Chairperson the authority to declare a state of emergency to exist in any City, Village or Town in Price County; and WHEREAS, on April 10, 2023 a disaster, namely severe high water levels and flooding from melting snow caused by high temperatures and large snowpack from late spring snowstorms, has struck the County of Price in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, because of such emergency conditions, the Price County Board of Supervisors was unable to meet with promptness; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Board Chair signed said Price County Disaster Declaration on the 13th day of April 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby ratify the Price County Disaster Declaration signed on April 13, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution may be forwarded to Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) as an eligibility criteria for disaster assistance.

Submitted by the Price County Board Chair: s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of April 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Yes: 13, No: 0.

Motion Ernst/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.

Appointments:

1. Phillips Library Board: Term to expire April 30, 2024 (Beth Tenut), Term to expire April 30, 2025 (Kristi Speer), Term to expire April 30, 2026 (Brian Ernst). Motion Hallstrand/Erickson to approve appointments as presented. Motion carried.
2. Price County Library Board: Terms to expire April 30, 2026 (Karen Tesmer, Bonnie Uhren, Paula Houdek). Motion Wartgow/Hallstrand to approve appointments as presented. Motion carried.
3. Nutrition Advisory Council: Terms to expire April 30, 2026 (Philip Youngs, Sharon Wade, Debra Werner). Motion Strobl/Wartgow to approve appointments as presented. Motion carried.
4. Transportation Coordinating Committee: Terms to expire April 30, 2025 (Jordyn Fink, Pam Snyder, Carissa Smith). Motion Houdek/Ernst to approve appointments as presented. Motion carried.
5. Health & Human Services Board: Terms to expire May 31, 2026 (Patricia Stephan; Suzanne Ocker, RN; Sally Huml). Motion Houdek/Strobl to approve appointments as presented. Motion carried.

Reports on File:

1. 2022 Annual Report of Wages

Committee of the Whole at 9:48 a.m.

1. Board Chair Report – Alan Barkstrom: Ten students from the School District of Prentice identified for the internet assistant program. 5R property cleanup process moving forward, but there may be issues with the funds allocated. Working with the legislators to extend deadlines and get additional funds. The collapse of the Phillips Lionite Wood Products building cleanup will be under the jurisdiction of the City of Phillips. County decision on ownership of the Lower Steve Creek Dam extended to May 18th.
2. County Administrator's Report – Nick Trimner
 - a. 2022 Financial Summary: Reviewed budget amendments and overages. Ended with a positive year in the general fund. Annual financial audit conducted last week.
 - b. 2023 Financial Summary: Repairs needed to radio towers. Housing of Special Prosecutor as interim District Attorney. Electrical issue in building project. Yamaha provides a free use ATV, but County needs to provide a trailer. Self-funded health insurance fund being monitored. Cash flow doing well.
 - c. Updates Joe Lillie will present on Active Shooter. Price County Productions applied for permit to repair the Fairgrounds Barn. Governor's Fishing Opener being planned in Price County. Will be good promotional for the area. 2024 budget planning to start. Met with area legislators last week. Discussed Lower Steve Creek dam maintenance, housing, childcare, looking at different calculations for general shared revenue.
3. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Administration – Wartgow: Reviewed employment status. Wage study review. Interim DA. Monitoring self-funded insurance.
 - b. Buildings & Grounds – Spacek: Have not met. A lot of snow removal. Finishing courthouse projects. Remodel of Airport terminal.
 - c. Executive – Barkstrom: Resolution activity. Planning grant for study of fiber optic needs. IT will present training on issues with artificial intelligence. Fred Smith Park getting very active with the hiring of a new administrator.
 - d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Working on grants for Solberg Park expansion project. Spring timber bids are out.
 - e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Reviewed unit quarterly reports and programs. CDC COVID-19 emergency order ends May 11th.
 - f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Radio system upgrades. Old Highway H bridge sold and removed. County Highways E and D projects moving forward. Will switch from winter to summer maintenance. Received excellence in construction award for Airport project. Dams are being stressed with high water issues and debris. County Highway YY bridge dedication on April 20th. Work Zone Safety Week.
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Wartgow: Conditional use permits: three short-term rental, two storage units, 12-unit campground. Land divisions. Five parcels sold in recent land auction. Snowmobile bridge grants. Discussed UW-Extension roles and programming.
 - h. Law Enforcement – Palecek: Tragic loss of life of two officers in Barron County. Four officers attended the services representing Price County.

Price County Sheriff's Deputy Joseph Lillie presented Active Shooter information.
Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 11:21 a.m.
Date of Next Meeting: May 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room
Meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.
Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Notice of Meeting

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

Meeting Code: 2487 876 5301

[Join Meeting](#)

Meeting password: VyqdYQzY229

Date: May 16, 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 April 18, 2023

Communications and Announcements

Public Comments

Resolutions:

1. Amend Chapter 530 Article VI (Redetzke Rezone) (Land Use / UW-Extension)
2. Request the State of Wisconsin to Address Concerns of Act 216, Relating to Distributing the Proceeds from the Sale of Tax Delinquent Property to the Former Owner (Executive)

Committee of the Whole:

1. Board Chair Report
 - a. WCA Fall Conference
 - i. Attendance
 - ii. Resolutions for Submission
2. County Administrator's Report
 - a. 2023 Financial Summary
 - b. 2024 Budget
 - i. Department Guidelines
 - ii. Exercise on Budget and Debt Service
 - 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: June 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Adjourn

By: Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair

Posted: May 4, 2023

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
May 16, 2023
Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Jeff Hallstrand, County Board Vice-chair.

Invocation: Pastor Larry Tenut.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance.

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

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

Approval of Minutes April 18, 2023: Motion Strobl/Spacek to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: Governor's Fishing Opener held in Price County. Good local participation and promotion for the area.

Public Comments: Supervisor Houdek received communication from Karen Smart appreciating the updates from David Kempen, Dam keeper, regarding flooding issues. Bridge dedication to Ronald Heikkinen was held.

Resolutions:

Resolution 18-23

Amend Chapter 530 Article VI (Redetzke 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:

Petition for zoning amendment filed by Jeff Redetzke to rezone one (1) parcel of land located within part of the SE1/4 SE1/4, Section 30, Township 37N, Range 1E, Town of Worcester, (W6920 Paradise Lane), as indicated on the attached map. This petition is to rezone the parcel from A-1 (Agriculture District) to CI-C (Commercial District).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors approves the rezoning petition for Jeff Redetzke.

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 16th day of May 2023. s/Jeffrey Hallstrand, County Board Vice-chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 19-23

Request the State of Wisconsin to Address Concerns of Act 216, Relating to Distributing the Proceeds from the Sale of Tax Delinquent Property to the Former Owner

WHEREAS, under the previous State law addressing sale of tax delinquent property, counties retained the net proceeds from the sale unless the property was the homestead of the former owner(s) and the former owner(s) requested such payment; and

WHEREAS, before a tax delinquent property is foreclosed upon, the property must be delinquent for a minimum of three years; and

WHEREAS, before a tax delinquent property is foreclosed upon, the owner receives notice of the pending action and is given the opportunity to pay the back taxes, including the potential for a payment plan; and

WHEREAS, if the sale of the tax delinquent property does not cover the past due taxes, other associated costs and costs of processing the foreclosure, the county taxpayers are ultimately responsible to absorb the loss; and

WHEREAS, Act 216 purportedly requires a county to pay the net proceeds of the sale of tax delinquent property to any former owner, regardless of whether the former owner requests the payment and regardless

of whether the former owner used the property as his or her homestead, and hold such proceeds for five years if the former owner does not request payment; and
WHEREAS, the Act further attempts to require a county to pay off any lien placed on the property at the time of the foreclosure sale, notwithstanding the fact that all liens are discharged at the time of the foreclosure judgment, causing confusion for counties and courts; and
WHEREAS, the Act is further imprudent for the following reasons:

1. most often in tax foreclosure cases, property owners are not responsive;
2. it shifts the risk of loss onto the county causing the county to have an incentive to NOT exercise its authority to foreclosure, leading to many blighted properties throughout the county;
3. the Act purported to cause counties to act as realtors for private parties;
4. the Act requires treasurers to make complex ownership decisions between parties, tenants-in-common; LLCs, corporations and decedents' estates.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors urges the Legislature to repeal the changes implemented by Act 216, or, in the alternative, to modify the law to take away the risk to counties and consider a provision to place any proceeds from the sale of tax delinquent properties in a segregated account established by the county to be used for clean-up of blighted properties; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, Legislators representing Price County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all Wisconsin Counties.

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 May 2023. s/Jeffrey Hallstrand, County Board Vice-chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Committee of the Whole at 9:25 a.m.

1. Board Chair Report – Jeff Hallstrand: Raze order issued by the City of Phillips to the Lionite property owners. 5-R property issue continues.
 - a. WCA Fall Conference
 - i. Attendance: Board members should submit registrations by July 15th.
 - ii. Resolutions for Submission: Motion Houdek/Ernst to forward Resolution 19-23 (resolution #2 above) to the WCA for consideration at the WCA annual meeting. Motion carried.
2. County Administrator's Report – Nick Trimner: 2022 Audit finished. Ended with two adjusting journal entries. Conducting the single audit at Health & Human Services (individual programs).
 - a. 2023 Financial Summary: Nothing out of the ordinary. A few unexpected expenses.
 - b. 2024 Budget
 - i. Department Guidelines: Letter to departments.
 - ii. Exercise on Budget and Debt Service: Explained the allocation exercise pertaining to deciding what debt service will go toward. Postponing exercise to next meeting for better in-person attendance.
 - c. Updates: Nothing more.
3. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Administration – Wartgow: Hasn't met since last Board meeting.
 - b. Buildings & Grounds – Spacek: Updates on building projects. Airport terminal remodel.
 - c. Executive – Hallstrand: Received communication from a citizen against Steve Creek Dam ownership.
 - d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Stumpage is doing well. Parks getting cleaned-up and ready for summer. Extension requested for deadline on the decision of County ownership of the Steve Creek Dam ownership.
 - e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Report on County Health rankings. Update on the new Community Outreach/Program Coordinator position. Report on Children & Youth programming and funding. Transportation Coordinating Committee amended their bylaws to expand membership to include a representative from each of the cities.
 - f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Busy winter season. Short three operators. Spring melting caused a lot of road damage and
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Wartgow: Approved rezone. Reviewing department fees. Land Use grants were processed. Four snowmobile bridges. CleanSweep end of September in Phillips. Active 4-H program. Asked UW if they would support a full-time 4-H Educator. Discussion of UWEX programming.
 - h. Law Enforcement – Palecek: Have not met since last Board meeting. Several department staff vacancies.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole: 10:22 a.m.
Date of Next Meeting: June 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room
Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.
Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

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Date: June 20, 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 May 16, 2023

Communications and Announcements

Public Comments

Presentations:

1. Phillips Area Chamber of Commerce – Laura Palzkill
2. Community Outreach/Program Coordinator – Cheyanne Litvinoff

Resolutions:

1. Town of Worcester Bridge and Culvert Aid (Executive)
2. Request the Wisconsin Legislature to Amend §59.52(29)(a) Public Works Publication Requirements (Executive)
3. Request Elimination of the 0% Levy Cap Imposed on Wisconsin Counties (Executive)

Appointments:

1. Zoning Board of Adjustment: Three-year term to expire June 30, 2026 (Thomas Frane, Margaret Novak, Mark Luoma)

Reports:

1. Forestry & Parks Department – 2022 Annual Report

Committee of the Whole:

1. County Board Supervisor District 10
 - a. Resignation of Supervisor Wakefield
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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

Closed Session: Announcement and motion to adjourn to closed session pursuant to the exemption in Wis. State Statute 19.85 (1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and for the purpose of:

- a. County Administrator Performance Review
- b. Motion to Return to Open Session

Take Action, as needed, on closed session items

Date of Next Meeting: August 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Adjourn

By: Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair

Posted: June 8, 2023

Reviewed by County Administrator: Nicholas Trimner

C: The Price County Review

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MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
June 20, 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 (11): Alan Barkstrom, Brian Ernst, Jason Hastings (left 11:21 a.m.), Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Mark Kyle, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, Patricia Stephan, Ginny Strobl, Dennis Wartgow. Excused (1): Doug Erickson. Also present: Nick Trimner, Leanna Samardich.

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

Approval of Minutes May 16, 2023: Motion Houdek/Stephan to approve the minutes from the May 16 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: Chair Barkstrom acknowledged two awards received by the Child Support Agency. Wisconsin Certificate of Excellence, one of 16 counties recognized. Certificate of Outstanding Achievement, one of eight counties recognized. Last received was 2015. Kudos to Jessie Rumsy, Shelby Bierman, Lisa Neidlein, Leanna Samardich.

Public Comments: Joe Fox, Town of Worcester in opposition to resolution #3.

Presentations:

1. Phillips Area Chamber of Commerce – Laura Palzkill: Update on County Tourism initiatives. Governor's Fishing Opener went well and was good promotion for the area.
2. Community Outreach/Program Coordinator – Cheyanne Litvinoff: This position was the result of elimination of the UWEX Family Educator position and creating the new position in the Health & Human Services Department. Recap of programming and outreach.

Resolutions:

Resolution 20-23

Town of Worcester Bridge and Culvert Aid

Whereas, the Town of Worcester is requesting aid for design and installation of a new bridge on West Solberg Lake Road over Solberg Lake at Disappearing Creek; and

Whereas, project costs are estimated at \$890,000, such costs to be determined upon project completion; and

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

50% Federal LRIP; 25% Price County; 25% Town of Worcester; 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 approves the Town of Worcester Bridge and Culvert Aid Request.

Fiscal Impact: \$222,500 municipal tax levy (estimated)

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

Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 20th day of June 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 (11): Barkstrom, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 21-23

Request the Wisconsin Legislature to Amend §59.52(29)(a) Public Works Publication Requirements

WHEREAS, under the current State law, if the estimated cost of any public work is between \$5,000 and \$25,000, a class 1 notice is required before the project is contracted; and

WHEREAS, with the incredible increase in costs of construction, repair, remodeling or improvement of any public work, building, supplies or materials the project costs can easily fall in the threshold of \$5,000 to \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, in small rural counties, the publication options are generally on a weekly basis; and

WHEREAS, to meet the publisher's deadlines, the notice information needs to be submitted at least a week before publication; and

WHEREAS, this publication requirement can significantly delay a project and make it extremely difficult to move forward with contractors committing project costs and availability in their schedules.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors urges the Legislature to amend Wis. Stats. §59.29(29)(a) to eliminate the requirement for a class 1 notice for estimated cost of any public work being between \$5,000 and \$25,000; and

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

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 20th day of June 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 22-23

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the ever-increasing costs of operations including effective employee recruitment and retention, maintenance materials, operating supplies and unfunded mandates such as Child Protective Services, the issue continues to escalate out of control; and

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors requests complete elimination of the current 0% tax levy cap or replacing it with a levy allowance that adequately reflects

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

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 20th day of June 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 20th day of June 2023. 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 (8): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Wartgow. No (3): Ernst, Hastings, Strobl. Motion carried.

Appointments:

1. Zoning Board of Adjustment: Three-year term to expire June 30, 2026 (Thomas Frane, Margaret Novak, Mark Luoma): Motion Hallstrand/Houdek to approve appointments as presented. Motion carried.

Reports:

1. Forestry & Parks Department – 2022 Annual Report.

Convened to the Committee of the Whole at 9:27 a.m.

1. County Board Supervisor District 10
 - a. Resignation of Supervisor Wakefield: Effective May 17, 2023
 - b. Options to Fill Position
 - i. Appointment: Motion Wartgow/Palecek to direct appointment to fill the vacancy of Supervisor District 10. Roll call vote: Yes (10): Barkstrom, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (1): Houdek. Motion carried.
 - ii. Call for Special Election (April 2, 2024): Contest will be on the April 2, 2024 ballot.
2. Board Chair Report – Alan Barkstrom: Northwoods Rail Transit Commission meeting update. Met with Laura West, the new USDA representative.
3. County Administrator's Report – Nick Trimner
 - a. 2023 Financial Summary: Reviewed report, including areas of overages. Last day of redemption is July 27th for 2019 tax delinquent properties – including the Phillips Lionite Wood Products Co, LLC

Supervisor Hastings left meeting at 11:21 a.m.

- b. 2024 Budget
 - i. Department Guidelines: No major issues for 2024, yet.
 - ii. Exercise on Budget and Debt Service: With the zero-levy cap, look at debt to continue viable operations. Interactive exercise held to allow Supervisors to decide where debt funding should go and if there should be a debt increase. Nine supervisors in the room participated.
 - c. Updates: Nothing more.
4. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Administration – Wartgow: Has not met.
 - b. Buildings & Grounds – Spacek: Has not met. Summer maintenance and projects.
 - c. Executive – Barkstrom: Issue with trespass and destruction of public property on County-owned land. 5R property cleanup is ongoing. Continued discussion on Fred Mueller property. County Administrator's performance review.
 - d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Pine Line Trail and Timms Hill projects. Carbon credit plotting done. Summer projects. \$750,000 requested in state budget for Lower Steve Creek Dam.
 - e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Woodland Enhanced Health Services Commission appointment approved for Paula Houdek. Report on Health and Wellness Coalition and Public Health Level II Certification. Foster Care Appreciation banquet held.
 - f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Summer paving projects – County Highways B and E. Prepping County Highway W for next year's project. Summer maintenance. Airport grounds and building maintenance. Terminal was remodeled. Dams continue to deal with debris from spring runoff. Supervisor Palecek attended Summer Road School.
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Wartgow: Several special exemptions and conditional use permits. UW-Extension is waiting to hear from state if additional funding for 4-H Educator will

be available.

- h. Law Enforcement – Palecek: Reviewed inmate, dispatch and response data. State continues to recruit a replacement DA. Working on impound fee. Joe Lillie retirement as of July 3rd. Yamaha offering free use of UTV for rec officer.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 11:51 a.m.

Motion Palecek/Hallstrand to postpone closed session to a future County Board meeting. Motion carried. Closed Session: Pursuant to the exemption in Wis. State Statute 19.85 (1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and for the purpose of:

- a. County Administrator Performance Review. b. Motion to Return to Open Session

Take Action, as needed, on closed session items: N/A

Date of Next Meeting: August 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

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Meeting Code: 2487 876 5301

[Join Meeting](#)

Meeting password: VyqdYQzY229

Date: August 15, 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

County Board Supervisor District 10

- 1. Term of Office for Appointee
- 2. Appoint County Board Supervisor District 10
- 3. Oath of Office

Approval of Minutes June 20, 2023

Communications and Announcements

Public Comments

Presentations:

- 1. Chanz Green, Representative to the Assembly, 74th District

Resolutions:

- 1. 2022 Transfer to Highway Facilities Fund
- 2. 2022 Transfer to Highway Equipment Fund
- 3. Town of Georgetown Bridge and Culvert Aid
- 4. Town of Knox Bridge and Culvert Aid
- 5. Town of Prentice (1) Bridge and Culvert Aid
- 6. Town of Prentice (2) Bridge and Culvert Aid
- 7. Amend Resolution 34-22 – Town of Fifield Bridge and Culvert Aid
- 8. Ratifying 2023 Price County Spring Land Sale
- 9. Transfer from General Fund to Highway Department (truck purchase)

Appointments:

- 1. Transportation Coordinating Committee – Two-year Term to End 4/30/2024 (Marshfield Clinic Rep, City of Phillips Rep), Two-year Term to End 4/30/2025 (Dixie Weidman, City of Park Falls Rep)
- 2. Land Use and UW Extension Committee – Remainder of Term to End April 30, 2024 (Rachel Hoffman, Superintendent School District of Phillips)
- 3. Woodland Enhanced Health Services Committee (Paula Houdek)

Reports:

- 1. Health and Human Services Department – 2022 Annual Report

Committee of the Whole:

1. Board Chair Report
2. County Administrator's Report
 - a. 2023 Financial Summary
 - b. 2024 Budget
 - c. Updates
 - i. Lower Steve Creek Flowage Dam Update
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 - d. Forestry & Parks
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 - f. Highway & Transportation
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension
 - h. Law Enforcement

Convene out of Committee of the Whole

Closed Session: Announcement and motion to adjourn to closed session pursuant to the exemption in Wis. State Statute 19.85 (1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and for the purpose of:

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

Take Action, as needed, on closed session items

Date of Next Meeting: September 12, 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: August 3, 2023

C: The Price County Review

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MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

August 15, 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: None – 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. Also present: Nick Trimner, Leanna Samardich.

Communications and Announcements: None.

Public Comments: Representative from Tom Tiffany's office provided updates on legislative initiatives and task force efforts. Tara Tervort, Mayor of Park Falls, discussed things going on in the city. Received \$1 million and \$250,000 grants for the new city park project. Groundbreaking for expansion project at the Marshfield Clinic Medical Center. Have been in communication with the owners of the Park Falls Mill.

County Board Supervisor District 10

1. Term of Office for Appointee: Until April 16, 2024.
2. Appoint County Board Supervisor District 10: Motion Wartgow/Palecek to appoint Robert Kopisch to County Board Supervisory District #10. Roll call vote: Yes (8): Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Wartgow. No (4): Barkstrom, Hastings, Stephan, Strobl. Motion carried.
3. Oath of Office administered by Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Mr. Kopisch took the seat as the Supervisor District 10 representative.

Approval of Minutes June 20, 2023: Motion Houdek/Ernst to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations:

1. Chanz Green, Representative to the Assembly, 74th District: Available for Lower Steves Creek Flowage Dam discussion.

Resolutions:

Resolution 23-23

2022 Transfer to 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 Wisconsin Department of Transportation storage reimbursements for 2022 were \$81,564; and the amount of depreciation recorded for 2022 was \$117,071; and the amount of expenditures for 2022 were \$16,869; resulting in a transfer amount of \$3,706 from the Highway General Cash.

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

WHEREAS, the designated transfer of \$3,706 would bring the 2022 ending fund balance to \$300,000.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the amount of \$3,706 be transferred from the Highway General Fund to Highway Facilities Fund for the year 2022.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 15th day of August 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, Kopisch, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 24-23

2022 Transfer to 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 2022 was \$81,178; and the amount of depreciation recorded for 2022 was \$319,415; and the net amount of any profit from the annual equipment audit for 2022, not to exceed net operating income per the audit report for matching revenues (cash in) with expenditures (cash out), was \$147,716; and the equipment purchases were \$537,002 resulting in a net transfer amount of \$11,307 into the Highway Equipment Fund.

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

WHEREAS, in 2022, the general cash fund was used for project expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 year end general cash fund was \$205,133, since the loan proceeds was not received until January 2023 to replenish \$2.4 million of the general cash fund; and

WHEREAS, the designated transfer of \$11,307 would bring the 2022 ending equipment fund balance to \$183,975 and the January 2023 ending general cash fund to \$3,318,896.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the amount of \$11,307 be transferred from the Highway General Cash Fund into the Highway Equipment Fund for the year 2022.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 15th day of August 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, Kopisch, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 25-23

Town of Georgetown Bridge and Culvert Aid

Whereas, the Town of Georgetown is requesting aid for design and installation of a new culvert/bridge on Skinner Creek Lane over Skinner Creek; and

Whereas, project costs are estimated at \$40,000, 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 Georgetown; 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 approves the Town of Georgetown Bridge and Culvert Aid Request.

Fiscal Impact: \$20,000 municipal tax levy (estimated)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 15th day of August 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 26-23

Town of Knox Bridge and Culvert Aid

Whereas, the Town of Knox is requesting aid for design and installation of a new bridge on Brantwood Avenue over a ditch; and

Whereas, project costs are estimated at \$15,000, such costs to be determined upon project completion; and

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

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

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

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

Fiscal Impact: \$7,500 municipal tax levy (estimated)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 15th day of August 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 27-23

Town of Prentice (1) Bridge and Culvert Aid

Whereas, the Town of Prentice is requesting aid for design and installation of a new culvert/bridge on Goetzke Road over a ditch; and

Whereas, project costs are estimated at \$28,000, 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 Prentice; 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 approves the Town of Prentice Bridge and Culvert Aid Request (1).

Fiscal Impact: \$14,000 municipal tax levy (estimated)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 15th day of August 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Wartgow. No (0). Abstain (1): Erickson. Motion carried.

Resolution 28-23

Town of Prentice (2) Bridge and Culvert Aid

Whereas, the Town of Prentice is requesting aid for design and installation of a new culvert/bridge on Goetzke Road over a ditch; and

Whereas, project costs are estimated at \$10,000, 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 Prentice; 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 approves the Town of Prentice Bridge and Culvert Aid Request (2).

Fiscal Impact: \$5,000 municipal tax levy (estimated)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 15th day of August 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Amend Resolution 34-22

Town of Fifield Bridge and Culvert Aid

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 ~~were are estimated at \$270,795 \$306,714.48, 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~~ \$38,339.31 (estimated)

Original signatures on file. Adopted August 16, 2022.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 15th day of August 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 29-23

Ratifying 2023 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; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 15th day of August 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 30-23

Transfer from General Fund to Highway Department (truck purchase)

WHEREAS, Price County is obligated to keep county infrastructure safe for use by county citizens, provide funding for Highway Department operations and maintain a sustainable Highway Fund Balance; and WHEREAS, the Price County Highway Department has identified a need to replace a triaxle plow truck due to a truck being removed from service because of structural damages; and

WHEREAS, the normal period needed to obtain certain pieces of highway equipment can be two to three years; and

WHEREAS, the Highway and Transportation Committee, at its August 15, 2023 meeting, has reviewed and approved the need to purchase of a triaxle plow truck in a timely manner and forwarded the request to fund the purchase to the Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, the funding option that is in the best interest of Price County is to transfer the money from the General Fund Balance; and

WHEREAS, in the last year, the General Fund had unbudgeted revenue of \$399,170 from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund, of which funds are not designated.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Price County Board of Supervisors approve purchase of a Highway Department triaxle plow truck, with the sum not to exceed \$350,000 to be transferred from the General Fund Balance to the Highway Equipment Fund to finance the purchase.

Fiscal Impact: up to \$350,000 transfer from General Fund Balance.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 15th day of August 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Appointments:

1. Transportation Coordinating Committee – Two-year Term to End 4/30/2024 (Marty Stephan, City of Phillips Rep), Two-year Term to End 4/30/2025 (Dixie Weidman, City of Park Falls Rep). Motion Palecek/Spacek to approve appointments as presented. Motion carried.
2. Land Use and UW Extension Committee – Remainder of Term to End April 30, 2024 (Rachel Hoffman, Superintendent School District of Phillips): Motion Hallstrand/Erickson to approve appointment as presented. Motion carried.
3. Woodland Enhanced Health Services Committee (Paula Houdek): Motion Wartgow/Spacek to approve appointment as presented. Motion carried.

Reports:

2. Health and Human Services Department – 2022 Annual Report

Convened to Committee of the Whole at 9:31 a.m.

4. Board Chair Report – Alan Barkstrom: Wisconsin Supreme Court is reviewing legislative maps. NWRPC annual meeting. Friends of Fred Smith Board meeting. WCA annual conference in September.
5. County Administrator's Report – Nick Trimner
 - a. 2023 Financial Summary: Reviewed July report. Discussed items of overage or shortage.
 - b. 2024 Budget: Not many significant changes anticipated. 1% net new construction. Increase in shared revenue and child support revenue. Anticipating no health insurance premium increase. The Board debt service exercise at the June meeting resulted in requesting Forestry & Parks truck, Highway Department additional truck, \$2 million highway construction projects, three squad cars, drone, increase debt levy. Requests from libraries for aid have gone down. Mill rate should go down about 80 cents. WCA lobbying for increase in county share of court costs and mental health funding. Draft of 2024 budget will be presented at next meeting.
 - c. Updates – Price County Library Board decided to eliminate Books-by-Mail.

- i. Lower Steve Creek Flowage Dam Update: State biennial budget approved \$750,000. Joe Grapa, has been working with DNR engineer for project development. Resolution will be coming forward to take over ownership and maintenance of the dam. Acknowledged Representative Chanz Green for his work to secure funding.
6. Committee Chair Reports:
- a. Administration – Wartgow: Retention and recruitment continue to be an issue. Recruiting for 17 positions. Requesting funding in 2024 budget for updating the wage study. Updated several employee handbook policies. Not anticipating any changes in health insurance plan.
 - b. Buildings & Grounds – Spacek: Have not met.
 - c. Executive – Barkstrom: Damage to dam property and personal property on County land. Steve Creek Flowage dam discussion.
 - d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Steve Creek Flowage Dam project. Three active timber sales. Market has been slow. Solberg Lake Park projects coming to completion. Vandalism at Solberg and Tuscobia Parks. Timm’s Hill toilet project moving forward. Losing some access on a boat landing on Solberg Lake at Disappearing Creek due to bridge construction. Omaha Road paving project done to Smith Lake Park. Reviewing ordinances and fees.
 - e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Quarterly unit reports. Out of home placements are down from previous years. Looking for new senior meal site in City of Phillips. Continue to recruit for several social worker positions. Held annual public participation meeting.
 - f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Mowing, replaced signs, culvert changing, rut filling, County Highways B & E projects ongoing, storm damage. Equipping one new plow truck. August 17th Hamburger Fly-in. Fall Road Tour August 28th.
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Wartgow: Land divisions. Contracted for several snowmobile bridges. County is requesting an increase in the 4-H Educator position from half-time to full-time.
 - h. Law Enforcement – Palecek: Working on updating several County ordinances. Acknowledged Leanna Samardich’s 17 year tenure at the County.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 10:40 a.m.

Closed Session: Announcement and motion Houdek/Strobl to adjourn to closed session at 10:40 a.m. pursuant to the exemption in Wis. State Statute 19.85 (1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and for the purpose of:

- e. County Administrator Performance Review
- f. Motion to Return to Open Session

Roll call vote: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Kopisch, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Motion Palecek/Kopisch in closed session to return to open session at 11:15 a.m. Roll call vote: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Kopisch, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Take Action, as needed, on closed session items. Motion Erickson/Houdek to approve the performance review of Nicholas Trimner, County Administrator. Motion carried.

Date of Next Meeting: September 12, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 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: 2481 400 3700

[Join Meeting](#)

Meeting password: VyqdYQzY229

Date: September 12, 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 August 15, 2023
Communications and Announcements
Public Comments

Presentations:

1. Auditors' Report – 2022 Audited Financial Statements – Baker Tilly LLP
2. Daughters of the Revolution – Meritorious Award Presentation (Deputy S. Peterson, Deputy Eder, Sargeant Zoubek) amended September 7, 2023

Resolutions:

1. Approve Free Searches and Copies of Vital Records to All Price County Agencies (Executive)
2. Approve Transfer to Offset 2022 Budget Overages (Executive)
3. 2022 Transfer into Capital Improvement Fund (Executive)
4. Price County Highway Department 2025-2029 Equipment Improvement Program and 2025-2027 Facilities Improvement Program (Highway & Transportation)
5. Price County 2023 Capital Projects and Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be Financed with Short-term Debt (Executive)
6. Price County Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be Financed with Short-Term Debt (Executive)
7. Reduced Access to Disappearing Creek Boat Landing (Forestry & Parks)
8. Support of Increase in UW-Extension Educator Services (Land Use / UW-Extension)
9. Requiring the Repair of an At-Grade Railroad Crossing on County Road D (Highway & Transportation)

Appointments:

1. Health & Human Services Board (remainder of term to expire May 31, 2025): Robert Kopisch amended September 7, 2023

Reports:

1. 2022 Audited Financial Statements

Committee of the Whole:

1. Board Chair Report
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 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension
 - h. Law Enforcement

Convene out of Committee of the Whole

Date of Next Meeting: October 17, 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: August 31, 2023

C: The Price County Review

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Corporation Counsel

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MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
September 12, 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 Tenut, Anchor of Truth Church.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance.

Roll Call: Present (11): Alan Barkstrom, Brian Ernst, Jason Hastings, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Robert Kopisch, Mark Kyle, Larry Palecek, Patricia Stephan, Ginny Strobl, Dennis Wartgow. Excused (2): Doug Erickson, Jordan Spacek. Also present: Nick Trimner.

Approval of Minutes August 15, 2023: Motion Houdek/Kopisch to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements:

None. Public Comments: None.

Presentations:

1. Daughters of the Revolution (DAR) – Meritorious Award Presentation (Deputy S. Peterson, Deputy Eder, Sargeant Zoubek): Presented by Susan Clark, Regional DAR President
2. Auditors' Report – 2022 Audited Financial Statements – Baker Tilly LLP: Presented by Sheanne Hediger, Partner.

Resolutions:

Resolution 31-23

Approve Free Searches and Copies of Vital Records to All Price County Agencies

WHEREAS, Price County Agencies/Departments are periodically required to obtain copies of Wisconsin Vital Records or program use; which are defined as birth, death, divorce or annulment, marriage certificates, declarations of domestic partnerships and terminations of domestic partnerships; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute §69.22(6) permits the Register of Deeds to provide free searches and free copies of vital records to County Agencies/Departments at the discretion of the County Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Price County Board of Supervisors, that the Register of Deeds is hereby authorized to provide free searches and free copies of Wisconsin vital records for program use by all Price County Agencies and/or Departments.

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

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 12th day of September 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 32-33

Approve Transfer to Offset 2022 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 2022 allowable expenditure budget, as stipulated above:

100-00	General	\$ 28,679
100-15	Elections	\$ 18,336
100-15	District Attorney	\$ 34,565
100-27	Zoning	\$ 24,357
100-31	Buildings & Grounds	\$ 45,944
100-35	Sheriff	\$ 214,810
100-36	Corrections & Communications	\$ 332,582
	Traffic Safety Comm	\$ 114
100-63	Child Support	\$ 47,669

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Price County Board of Supervisors that the transfer is made from the general fund to cover the 2022 budget expenditure overages.

Fiscal Impact: \$747,056 (not budgeted)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 12th day of September 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Motion Strobl/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Kopisch, Palecek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 33-23

2022 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 2022 was \$1,333,208 which would provide 266,642 transfer as per above provision; and

WHEREAS, the audited General Fund revenues for 2022 were \$10,347,214 and General Fund expenses for 2022 were \$9,826,563 resulting in a profit of \$520,651 of which an additional \$33,854 in continued appropriations and restricted fund balance has been added leaving a net profit of \$554,505 which would provide 50% or \$277,253 transfer as per above provision; and

WHEREAS, the net income from the 2022 land sales was \$27,135 which shall be transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the greater amount of \$277,253 plus \$27,135 profit from land and property sale for a total of \$304,388 be transferred from the General Fund into the Capital Improvement Fund for the year 2022.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 12th day of September 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 34-23

Price County Highway Department 2025-2029 Equipment Improvement Program and 2025-2027 and 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 2025-2029 Equipment Improvement Program and the 2025-2027 Facilities Improvement Program.

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 on this 12th day of September 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County

Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 35-23

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: Forestry & Parks – Large Dump Truck
Sheriff's Office – Three Squad Cars and Drone
Highway Department – 2024 Road Maintenance Projects and Plow Truck

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 costs are approximately \$1,425,000 and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Executive Committee to proceed with the implementation of 2024 Capital Projects and Highway Department Road Construction in an amount not to exceed \$1,425,000, to be financed with short-term debt and to include such debt payment to begin with the 2024 Price County budget.

Fiscal Impact: \$1,256,000 for 2024, \$108,000 for 2025, \$103,000 for 2026

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 12th day of September 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 36-23

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 2024 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 2024 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 2025 Price County budget.

Fiscal Impact: \$2,010,000 (2025 budget)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 12th day of September 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 37-23

Reduced Access to Disappearing Creek Boat Landing

WHEREAS, there has been a Price County boat landing on Disappearing Creek providing access to both the creek and Solberg Lake; and

WHEREAS, this landing has been used by property owners on Disappearing Creek to launch their boats and by small craft access to the creek and Solberg Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Worcester bridge project on West Solberg Lake Road will make changes to this boat landing, decreasing access to the landing and making it unsafe for vehicles to back trailers into Disappearing Creek; and

WHEREAS, with the extensive improvements to the Solberg Lake County Park boat landing and the increase in the passage size provided under the new Disappearing Creek Bridge, larger crafts have the ability to be launched at the park or at the East Side Boat Landing and navigate under the new bridge providing safer and more efficient access for property owners and voyagers on Disappearing Creek; and WHEREAS, shoreline fisherman access and parking will still be available at the Disappearing Creek Board Landing, along with ability to launch small crafts (row boats, canoes, kayaks); and WHEREAS, boat landing and parking area will continue to be maintained by the Price County Forestry and Parks Department; and NOWTHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Price County requests approval of reduced access of the current Disappearing Creek Boat Landing by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: s/Jeffrey Hallstrand, Chair; Jason Hastings; Patricia Stephan; Ginny Strobl. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 12th day of September 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Motion Strobl/Kopisch to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Kopisch, Palecek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 38-23

Support of Increase in UW-Extension Educator Services

WHEREAS, Price County has a history of collaboration with University of Wisconsin (UW)-Extension Educator Services; and WHEREAS, over the years, those services have differed in structure; and WHEREAS, the current UW-Extension Educator Services is comprised of a one half-time 4-H Educator position; and WHEREAS, the youth of Price County have been provided many varying opportunities and activities through the current 4-H program; and WHEREAS, with such a positive on-going program, Price County wishes to explore expanding the UW-Extension Educator Services; and WHEREAS, one option might be working with the UW-Extension to expand the 4-H/youth development programming to a full-time position; and WHEREAS, Price County realizes that other programming options, with an emphasis on youth development and programming, may become available to provide the equivalent of a full-time UW- Extension Educator; and WHEREAS, on average, the UW System pays 55% of the costs associated with any educator position and they also offer a \$10,000 first-educator discount if the current half-time positions were increased to full-time. WHEREAS, Price County realizes the value provided with collaborating with the UW-Extension and sees a potential to expand the 4-H/youth development program in Price County. NOW THEREFORE BE IS RESOLVED, that the Land Use and UW-Extension Committee explore options for increasing the current half-time educator position to a full-time position with the understanding that any request for expanded services needs to be approved by the UW System; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Price County needs to commit to providing any increase to their share of funding UW-Extension programming and will need to request any additional funding from the Executive Committee. Submitted by the Price County Land Use / UW-Extension Committee: s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Alan Barkstrom; Doug Erickson; Rachel Hoffman; Robert Kopisch; Ginny Strobl. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 12th day of September 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Motion Wartgow/Strobl to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (10): Barkstrom, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kopisch, Palecek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (1): Kyle. Motion carried.

Resolution 39-23

Requiring the Repair of an At-Grade Railroad Crossing on County Road D (Highway & Transportation)

WHEREAS, County Road D, a public road in the Town of Knox in the County of Price in the State of Wisconsin crosses the tracks of the Watco Fox Valley and Lake Superior Rail System at-grade; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute §86.12 requires railroads to maintain public at-grade crossings in good condition and repair for public travel; and

WHEREAS, the County Road D crossing is not in good condition and repair for public safe travel over the crossing's disintegrated condition of the asphalt is imperative; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Price County hereby requires that the Watco Fox Valley and Lake Superior Rail System pave, plank, repair, change or otherwise improve the County Road D crossing, as needed to return this crossing to safe travel condition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Price County Clerk to serve a copy of this resolution upon the Watco Fox Valley and Lake Superior Rail System requiring the railroad to repair the rail-highway crossing on County Road D with the tracks of the Watco Fox Valley and Lake Superior Rail System in the Town of Knox in the County of Price in the State of Wisconsin; and BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event that the Watco Fox Valley and Lake Superior Rail System fails to repair the rail-highway crossing within 30 days after service of the resolution, Price County hereby directs the Price County Highway Department staff to take all necessary steps to petition the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads for an investigation and order for the repair of the rail-highway crossing of County Road D with the tracks of the Watco Fox Valley and Lake Superior Rail System in the Town of Knox in County of Price in the State of Wisconsin.

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 on this 12th day of September 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Appointments:

1. Health & Human Services Board (remainder of term to expire May 31, 2025): Robert Kopisch: Motion Wartgow/Kyle to approve the appointment as presented. Motion carried.

Reports:

1. 2022 Audited Financial Statements: On file, presented earlier in the meeting. Committee of the Whole at 10:11 a.m.

1. Board Chair Report – Alan Barkstrom: City of Phillips issued raze order on Phillips Lionite property. Quote on clean-up \$250,000. Discussion with stakeholders in the county on lack of day care and affordable housing.
2. County Administrator's Report – Nick Trimner.
 - a. 2023 Financial Summary: Currently housing 14 cats for pending criminal court case. Health & Human Services costs are doing well. The highway budget was impacted by last winter's expenses. Sales tax and stumpage revenue doing well. Tracking self-funded health insurance activity.
 - b. 2024 Budget
 - i. Preliminary Budget Packet: Covered in detail at the Executive Committee meeting. Net New Construction of \$71,725 approved. Motion Ernst/Kopisch to approve the New Construction of \$71,725. Motion carried. Tax levy increase of 3.66% and mill rate decrease of 12.54%, due to changes in equalized value. Budget will need to be accepted at the October meeting and forwarded to the November Public Hearing. Adjustment in Shared Revenue for 2024. Reviewed list of budget assumptions that would provide \$300,000 in wage schedule adjustments and additional staffing for departments that are inadequately staffed.
 - ii. Highway Department – 2024 Road Construction, Equipment and Facilities Plans: Reviewed.
 - c. Updates: Update on Carbon Credit process.
3. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Administration – Wartgow: Has not met – nothing to report. New DA was appointed as of October 16th. Will start working with current Special Prosecutor. Judicial Assistant position filled.
 - b. Buildings & Grounds: Have not met.
 - c. Executive – Barkstrom: Nothing more to report.
 - d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Three active timber sales. Projects at Solberg Lake County Park, Timms Hill and ATV trail graveling coming to completion.
 - e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: No report – meeting is September 13th.
 - f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Road Tour was well attended. County Highways B

- and E coming to completion. Summer maintenance projects. Preparing for two new plow trucks. State Highway 13 through the City of Phillips rut wedging to be done. Several maintenance project at Airport. Monitoring and maintenance on dams.
- g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Wartgow: Several special exemptions and conditional use permits. Working with DNR on two more snowmobile bridges. Resolution for UW-Extension service increases.
 - h. Law Enforcement – Palecek: Have not met. Chief Deputy Hawn gave update on department. Dealing with out of date communication towers and radios. Looking at potential extended tower services for the county as a whole.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 11:42 a.m.

Date of Next Meeting: October 17, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

**PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Call-in number: 1-408-418-9388

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Date: October 17, 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 September 12, 2023

Communications and Announcements

Public Comments

Resolutions:

1. Using Public Health American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for Community ADA Compliant Playground Equipment (Health & Human Services)
2. Employee Trust Fund Continuation of Income Benefit (Administration)
3. Creation of a New Position – ADRC-N Disability Benefit Specialist (Administration & Executive)

Appointments:

1. Transportation Coordinating Committee – Filling Two-year Term to End 4/30/2024 (Marshfield Clinic Rep.) (Joshua England)

Committee of the Whole:

1. Board Chair Report
 - a. WCA Conference Update
2. County Administrator's Report
 - a. 2023 Financial Summary
 - b. 2024 Budget – Approve and Forward to Public Hearing
 - 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: November 14, 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: October 5, 2023

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MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
October 17, 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 Tenut, Anchor of Truth Church.
Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance.
Roll Call: Present (13): Alan Barkstrom, Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Jason Hastings (remotely), Paula Houdek, Robert Kopisch, Mark Kyle, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, Patricia Stephan, Ginny Strobl, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Nick Trimner.
Approval of Minutes September 12, 2023: Motion Palecek/Hallstrand to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
Communications and Announcements:
None. Public Comments: None.
Resolutions:

Resolution 40-23
Using Public Health American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for Community ADA Compliant
Playground Equipment

WHEREAS, Price County Public Health has received American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to meet and address emergent public health needs including programs or services that address disparities in public health that have been exacerbated by the pandemic; and
WHEREAS, the 2021 Community Needs Assessment found mental health and chronic disease a concern in Price County; and
WHEREAS, according to the Wisconsin's 2020 Statewide Health Assessment, Wisconsinites across the state expressed that state and local parks, and the outdoors, have a positive impact on their health and quality of life; and
WHEREAS, the City of Park Falls, City of Phillips and Village of Prentice, each have individual community groups that are actively fundraising for a new ADA compliant playground in each community; and
WHEREAS, that in an effort to reduce chronic disease and improve mental health and provide for the inclusion of people of all abilities, Price County Public Health will utilize ARPA funds to assist in the cost of the purchasing and installation of new ADA compliant playground equipment; and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors approves utilizing up to \$300,000 of the Public Health ARPA funds to assist the three community groups in the City of Park Falls, the City of Phillips and the Village of Prentice in the purchase and installation of ADA compliant playgrounds; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the distribution of up to \$300,000 of eligible costs for the three individual community projects will be determined by the Health and Human Services Board, with the stipulation that all eligible costs for each individual community project must be incurred by December 31, 2024; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if any of the three community groups awarded these funds does not raise enough money to start their individual project, funds may be redistributed or returned to the State of Wisconsin ARPA Fund; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health will have final plan review and approval of eligible costs for each individual community project and if such approval is not granted, funds may not be available for distribution.
Submitted by the Price County Health and Human Services Board: s/Paula Houdek, Chair; Peter Dahlie; Robert Kopisch, Mark Kyle; Sally Huml; Suzanne Ocker; Patricia Stephan; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by

County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 17th day of October 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, Kopisch, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 41-23

Employe Trust Fund Continuation of Income Benefit

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Price County that pursuant to the provisions of §40.61 of the Wisconsin Statutes, Price County hereby determines to offer the Income Continuation Insurance Plan to eligible personnel through the program of the State of Wisconsin Group Insurance Board, and agrees to abide by the terms of the plan as set forth in the contract between the Group Insurance Board and the Administrator.

The resolution shall be effective on the later of the 1st of the month on or after 90 days following its receipt at the Department of Employee Trust Funds; and the proper officers are herewith authorized and directed to take all actions and make salary deductions for premiums and submit payments required by the State of Wisconsin Group Insurance Board to provide such Income Continuation Insurance.

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Mark Kyle. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 17th day of October 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair, Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 42-23

Creation of a New Position – ADRC-N Disability Benefit Specialist

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Department of Health Services provides for long-term care and support through the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC); and

WHEREAS, the ADRCs provide information and assistance on a broad range of programs and services for seniors and adults with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the ADRC of the North serves Ashland, Bayfield, Iron, Price and Sawyer Counties and members of the Bad River, Lac Courte Oreilles and Red Cliff Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the ADRC-N Disability Benefit Specialist position is currently located in Sawyer County; and WHEREAS, Sawyer County no longer has the capacity to house the position and Price County has expressed interest in assuming this position; and

WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services Board has reviewed and approved the request.

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

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Mark Kyle. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 17th day of October 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair, Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Appointments:

1. Transportation Coordinating Committee – Filling Two-year Term to End 4/30/2024 (Marshfield Clinic Rep.) (Joshua Englund): Motion Spacek/Hallstrand to approve the appointment as presented. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole at 9:30 a.m.

1. Board Chair Report – Alan Barkstrom
 - a. WCA Conference Update: Discussed resolutions WCA adopted, speakers and sessions held.
2. County Administrator's Report – Nick Trimner
 - a. 2023 Financial Summary: Reviewed. Several high-cost placements have occurred.

- Continue to deal with the cost of housing cats for a court date coming up in late November. Sales tax doing well. Stumpage meeting budget, but markets are currently slow.
- b. 2024 Budget – Approve and Forward to Public Hearing: Reviewed. Motion Spacek/Ernst to approve the 2024 budget as presented and forward to the November 14th Public Hearing. Motion carried. Discussion on increasing the Highway Department construction borrowing from \$2 million to \$3 million. Will come back to the County Board for consideration.
 - c. Updates: School District of Phillips is anticipating a \$3.9 million FEMA grant for community emergency shelter. \$5.2 million for the entire project. 10% local match plus cost of any non- project approved costs. Up to \$40,000 will be allocated from County ARPA funds. Meeting with legislators tomorrow. Delinquent tax property land sale issue continues to be unclear. Nick is on a WCA steering committee with legislators who are working on defining how the process will work. Bug Tussel presented on communication/cell tower expansion into Price County. Very difficult getting squad cars and highway vehicles. Moving forward with Steves Creek Flowage Dam acquisition.
3. Committee Chair Reports:
- a. Administration – Wartgow: Update on employee statuses. Working with Cottingham & Butler to conduct a review of the County’s wage schedule. Set 2024 health insurance premiums and deductibles.
 - b. Buildings & Grounds – Spacek: Will need to schedule a meeting.
 - c. Executive – Barkstrom: Presentation from Bug Tussel. DNR cleanup of the 5-R property is complete. Initial discussion on going cashless with no interest from committee members. Fred Mueller property owners are very interested in getting their property sold.
 - d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: No October meeting. Three active timber sales. Finishing summer projects. Parks being winterized. Fall timber sales being set up.
 - e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Presentation on community ADA compliant playgrounds. Flu vaccines are available. Phillips Senior Meal Site moved to First Presbyterian Church. Quarterly reports. Continue to recruit three social workers.
 - f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Prepping County W. Summer and fall maintenance. Rut wedge Highway 13 through Phillips. Prepping equipment for winter service. Dams winter drawdown scheduled.
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Wartgow: Approved several special exemptions and permits. Discussed possible increase in UW-Extension youth programming.
 - h. Law Enforcement – Palecek: Working on ordinance updates. Recruitment advertising with separation of dispatch and correction officer duties. Change in WRS Jailer status. Matthew McElroy appointed as new Price County District Attorney.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole: 10:37

Date of Next Meeting: November 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

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Time: 9:00 a.m.

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Meeting Code: 2480 442 5955

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Public Hearings

Notice is further given that at 9:05 a.m. a Public Hearing will be held on the proposed 2024 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.

Notice is further given that at 9:15 a.m. a Public Hearing will be held on the proposed amendments to the Code of Price County, notice 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.

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes October 17, 2023

Communications and Announcements

Public Comments

9:05 a.m. Public Hearing (time is approximate): Proposed 2024 Budget

9:15 a.m. Public Hearing

1. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the County of Price, Chapter 530 Thereof, Entitled Zoning, to Change Article XV Conditional Uses, Section 69 Short-term Rental
2. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the County of Price by Deleting and Repealing Chapter 218 Thereof Entitled "Alarms"
3. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the County of Price by Adding Chapter 403 Peace and Good Order Article XV Offenses Against State Laws Subject to Forfeiture
4. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the County of Price by Adding Chapter 403 Peace and Good Order Article XV Possession and Sale of Hemp-derived Cannabinoid Substances
5. An Ordinance (A Local Law) to Amend the Code of the County of Price by Deleting and Repealing Chapter 469 Thereof Entitled, "Vehicles, Abandoned", and Adding a New Article VI Thereof Entitled "Abandoned motor vehicles" in Chapter 473 Thereof Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic".

Ordinances:

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Resolutions:

1. 2023 Property Tax Levy (Board Chair)
2. Authorize the Issuance of Tax Deed for 2020 (Executive)
3. Approve Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Projects to be Funded with Money Transferred from the Capital Improvement Fund (Executive)
4. 2024 - 2025 County Board Chair Salary and County Board Supervisor Per Diem (Administration)
5. Adopt Revised Employee Handbook (Administration)
6. Designating General Fund Money for Parcel Replanting (Tract 6-23) (Forestry & Parks and Executive)
7. Price County Assuming Ownership and Associated Responsibilities of the Lower Steve Creek Flowage Dam (Forestry & Parks and Executive)
8. Authorized Signatory for American Carbon Registry (Forestry & Parks)
9. Amend Resolution 36-23: 2024 Price County Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be Financed with Short-Term Debt (Executive)

Appointments:

1. Veterans Service Commission – three-year terms to expire 12/31/2026 (Debra Metzker, David Schmidt, Mitchell Surman)
2. Indianhead Federated Library System Board of Trustees – three-year term to expire 12/31/2026 (Susan Marshall)
3. Price County Board of Canvass – two-year term 2024-2025 (Sandra Behling, Shirley Smith)

Miscellaneous:

1. Forestry and Parks – 2023 Annual Work Plan
2. County Board Meeting Schedule 2024-2025

Committee of the Whole:

1. Board Chair Report
2. County Administrator's Report
 - a. 2023 Financial Summary
 - b. 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: February 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room
Adjourn**

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

Posted: November 3, 2023

C: The Price County Review

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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 accommodation 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
November 14, 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 Tenut, Anchor of Truth Church.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance.

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

Approval of Minutes October 17, 2023: Motion Kopisch/Houdek to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried on voice vote.

Communications and Announcements: None.

Public Comments: None.

Public hearing declared open at 9:05 a.m. for the proposed 2024 Budget. No correspondence, communication or comments received.

Public hearing declared closed at 9:10 a.m.

Public hearing declared open at 9:15 a.m. for:

1. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the County of Price, Chapter 530 Thereof, Entitled Zoning, to Change Article XV Conditional Uses, Section 69 Short-term Rental
2. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the County of Price by Deleting and Repealing Chapter 218 Thereof Entitled "Alarms"
3. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the County of Price by Adding Chapter 403 Peace and Good Order Article XV Offenses Against State Laws Subject to Forfeiture
4. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the County of Price by Adding Chapter 403 Peace and Good Order Article XV Possession and Sale of Hemp-derived Cannabinoid Substances
5. An Ordinance (A Local Law) to Amend the Code of the County of Price by Deleting and Repealing Chapter 469 Thereof Entitled, "Vehicles, Abandoned", and Adding a New Article VI Thereof Entitled

“Abandoned motor vehicles” in Chapter 473 Thereof Entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”.
No correspondence, communication or comments received.
Public hearing declared closed at 9:19 a.m.
Ordinances:

Ordinance 2023-04

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the County of Price, Chapter 530 Thereof, Entitled Zoning, to Change Article XV Conditional Uses, Section 69 Short-term Rental

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

Section 1. Chapter 530 Zoning of the Code of the County of Price, is hereby amended to change Article XV Conditional Uses, Section 69 Short-term rentals as follows:

§530-69. Short-term Rentals.

In order to have fair and consistent regulation of all short-term rentals of single-family residences, all short-term rentals must have a valid conditional use permit and shall adhere to the provisions as follows:

- A. Approval of conditional use permits for short-term rental is only granted to the applicant. Conditional use permits for short-term rentals expire at time of property transfer.
- B. Each rental must adhere to state regulations in collecting all applicable state and local taxes, including local room taxes.
- C. Each rental must comply with all County ordinances, state laws, state statutes, state administrative rules, and federal regulations.
- D. Each rental must adhere to Wisconsin Department of Health Services requirements.
- E. Outdoor parking for overnight and day guests shall be limited to designated parking/driveway areas on the short-term rental property. Parking for short-term rental occupants and guests is not allowed on any public road or public right-of-way.
- F. Overnight occupancy of tents, campers or recreational vehicles is not permitted on short-term rental property.
- G. Neither the property that is subject to the conditional use permit, nor any property owned by the property owner within Price County, shall have any delinquent property taxes, fees, penalties or forfeitures owed to the County or room tax due to any local government entity.
- H. Each rental must list the maximum number of renters in the conditions.
- I. Failure to adhere to the provisions established in this section may result in the action of the Price County Land Use and UW Extension Committee terminating the conditional use permit for the parcel upon which noncompliance has been documented.
- J. Items to be submitted with conditional use permit application:
 - 1) If the property is served by a private onsite wastewater treatment system (POWTS) that is greater than 10 (ten) years old, an existing POWTS evaluation form must be submitted with the conditional use permit application.
 - 2) If the existing septic system does not have a soil test meeting the requirements of the Wisconsin Administrative Code for Safety and Professional Services Chapter SPS 385, Soil and Site Evaluations, a soil boring, conducted by a certified soil tester, will need to be provided with the existing POWTS evaluation form.
 - 3) Copy of the seller’s permit issued by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and municipal room tax permit (if imposed by the municipality where parcel is located).

Section 2. Effective date.

This ordinance shall become effective upon the date of publication.

Submitted by the Price County Land Use / UW-Extension Committee: s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Alan Barkstrom; Doug Erickson; Robert Kopisch; Ginny Strobl. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 14th day of November 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Kyle/Erickson to consider ordinance for adoption.

Motion Kopisch/Spacek to approve amendments to the originally submitted ordinance as presented. Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Kopisch, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried. Roll call vote on ordinance adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Kopisch, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-05

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the County of Price by Deleting and Repealing Chapter 218 Thereof Entitled “Alarms”

Be it ordained (enacted) by the Price County Board of Supervisors:

Section 1.

The Code of the County of Price is hereby amended by deleting and repealing Chapter 218, Alarms.

Section 2.

Effective Date.

This ordinance (local law) shall become effective upon the date of publication.

Submitted by the Price County Law Enforcement Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Doug Erickson; Brian Ernst; Robert Kopisch; Ginny Strobl. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 14th day of November 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Ordinance 2023-06

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the County of Price by Adding Chapter 403 Peace and Good Order Article XV Offenses Against State Laws Subject to Forfeiture

Be it ordained (enacted) by the Price County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. The Code of the County of Price is hereby amended by adding Article XV Offenses Against State Laws Subject to Forfeiture.

§ 403-62. Offenses against state laws subject to forfeiture enumerated.

The following statutes defining offenses against the peace and good order of the state are adopted by reference to define offenses against the peace and good order of the County. Any future amendments, revisions or modifications of the statutes incorporated herein by reference are intended to be made part of this chapter.

<u>Statute Section</u>	<u>Subject</u>
254.92	Purchase or possession of tobacco products by a person under 18 prohibited
941.10	Negligent handling of burning material
941.12(2) and (3)	Interfering with firefighting
943.01(1)	Damage to property
943.017	Graffiti
943.125	Entry into locked coin box
943.15	Entry onto a construction site or into a locked building, dwelling or room
943.20	Theft (value under \$500)
943.21	Fraud on hotel or restaurant keeper, recreational attraction, taxicab operator, or gas station (value under \$500)
943.37	Alteration of property identification marks
946.41	Resisting or obstructing officer

§ 403-63. 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 Price County Law Enforcement Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Doug Erickson; Brian Ernst; Robert Kopisch; Ginny Strobl. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 14th day of November 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Palecek/Houdek to consider ordinance for adoption.

Motion Spacek/Ernst to approve amendments to the originally submitted ordinance as presented. Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Kopisch, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried. Roll call vote on ordinance adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Kopisch, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-07

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the County of Price by Adding Chapter 403 Peace and Good Order Article XV Possession and Sale of Hemp-derived Cannabinoid Substances

Be it ordained (enacted) by the Price County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. The Code of the County of Price is hereby amended by adding Article XV

§ 403-64. Possession prohibited

Possession, use, and/or the sale of marijuana, hashish (any form thereof), and derivatives of tetrahydrocannabinol from the cannabis plant are prohibited as stated herein.

§ 403-65. Definitions.

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

MARIJUANA

All parts of the Cannabis Sativa L., whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds or resin. It does not include the mature stalks of the plant, fiber produced by the stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the mature stalk (except the resin extracted therefrom), fiber, oil or cake or the sterilized seeds of the plant, which is incapable of germination. It also includes any hemp-derived cannabinoids including, but not limited to the following:

- A. A cannabinoid other than Delta-9 Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), or an isomer derived from such cannabinoid (including but not limited to Delta-8 THC, Delta-10 THC, Hexahydrocannabinol (HHC), HHC-O, THCA, THC-O, THCP, THCv); or
- B. A hemp-derived product containing Delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol in a concentration of 0.3% or less; but
 - 1) Does not include non-intoxicating cannabinoids, including cannabidiol (CBD), which is an active ingredient in cannabis, but does not cause intoxication by itself, is not addictive, and does not contain other isomers as set forth herein.

HASHISH

A purified resin prepared from the flowering clusters and top leaves of the female cannabis plant and intoxicant.

PRACTITIONER

A physician, dentist, veterinarian, podiatrist, scientific investigator, or other person licensed, registered, or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct research with respect to or administer a controlled substance in the course of professional practice or research in this County. Also, a pharmacy, hospital, or other institution licensed, registered, or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct research with respect to or administer a controlled substance in the course of professional practice or research in this County.

DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

All equipment, products and materials of any kind which are used, intended for use, or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance, as defined in Wis. Stats. Ch. 961 in violation of this article. It includes, but is not limited to, hypodermic syringes, needles and other objects used, intended for use or designed for use in parenterally injecting controlled substances into the human body.

§ 403-66. Unlawful acts.

- A. Possession. It is unlawful for any person to possess, use or sell marijuana and/or hashish (any form thereof), hemp-derived cannabinoids, and derivatives of tetrahydrocannabinol from the cannabis plant such as, but not limited to, Delta-8 and Delta-10 THC, unless obtained directly from, or pursuant to, a valid prescription or order of, a practitioner while acting in the course of his or her professional practice, or except as otherwise authorized by Wis. Stats. Ch. 961.
- B. Sale. It is unlawful to sell or deliver marijuana and/or hashish (any form thereof), hemp-derived cannabinoids, and derivatives of tetrahydrocannabinol from the cannabis plant such as, but not limited to, Delta-8 and Delta-10 THC, except as specifically allowed by Wis. Stats. Ch. 961.

§ 403-67. Prohibited Activities.

- A. Possession of drug paraphernalia. No person may use, or possess with intent to use, drug paraphernalia to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, conceal, inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled substance in violation of this article.
- B. Manufacture, sale, or delivery of drug paraphernalia. No person may sell, deliver, possess with intent to deliver, or manufacture with the intent to deliver drug paraphernalia, knowing that it will be used to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, conceal, inject, ingest, inhale or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled substance in violation of this article.

- C. Advertisement of drug paraphernalia. No person may place in any newspaper, magazine, handbill, or other publication, or upon any outdoor billboard or sign, any advertisement, knowing that the purpose of the advertisement, in whole or in part, is to promote the sale of objects designed or intended for use as drug paraphernalia.
- D. Exemption. This section does not apply to manufacturers, practitioners, pharmacists, owners of pharmacies and other persons whose conduct is in accordance with Wis. Stats. Ch. 961. This subsection does not prohibit the possession, manufacture, or use of hypodermics in accordance with Wis. Stats. Ch. 961.

§ 403-68. Enforcement; violations and penalties.

- A. Injunction. The provisions of this article may be enforced by injunction in any court of competent jurisdiction.
- B. Seizure. Any drug and/or paraphernalia used in violation of this article shall be seized and forfeited to the County.
- C. Penalty. Any person who violates this article or who violates any condition upon which he is granted a license may be subject to a forfeiture as provided in Chapter 290 of the County Code.

Section 2. Effective date.

This ordinance shall be effective as of date of publication.

Submitted by the Price County Law Enforcement Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Doug Erickson; Brian Ernst; Robert Kopisch; Ginny Strobl. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 14th day of November 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Kopisch/Ernst to consider ordinance for adoption.

Motion Spacek/Erickson to approve amendments to the originally submitted ordinance as presented. Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Kopisch, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried. Roll call vote on ordinance adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Kopisch, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-08

An Ordinance (A Local Law) to Amend the Code of the County of Price by Deleting and Repealing Chapter 469 Thereof Entitled, "Vehicles, Abandoned", and Adding a New Article VI Thereof Entitled "Abandoned motor vehicles" in Chapter 473 Thereof Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic".

Be it ordained (enacted) by the Price County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. The Code of the County of Price is hereby amended by deleting and repealing Chapter 469, Licenses Vehicles, Abandoned.

Section 2. The Code of the County of Price is hereby amended by adding the new Article VI to Chapter 473 to replace Chapter 469 hereinabove repealed, to be Chapter 473, Vehicles and Traffic, Article VI Abandoned motor vehicles to read as follows:

Chapter 473. Vehicles and Traffic

Article VI Abandoned Motor Vehicles

§ 473-23. Definitions. As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ABANDONED VEHICLE

Any vehicle that has been left unattended on any road or highway in the County of Price or upon public or private property without the permission of the owner or other person charged with the lawful jurisdiction thereof for more than 48 hours.

ROAD

Any public highway or alley and shall mean the entire width between the boundary lines of any public way where any part thereof is open to the public for the purpose of vehicular traffic.

TOWING AGENCY

Any towing agency authorized by the County of Price to tow vehicles on the County's behalf.

UNATTENDED

Unmoved from its location with no obvious sign of continuous human use. For purposes of this article, a vehicle shall be presumed unattended if it is found in the same position 48 hours after issuance of a traffic ticket or citation and if such traffic ticket or citation remains placed upon the windshield during said 48 hours.

VEHICLE

Any vehicle which is self-propelled, including a motor vehicle as defined in the Wisconsin Statutes, and also means every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported, and every type of equipment on wheels, including farm machinery, whether or not such vehicle is registered under Wisconsin law.

§ 473-24. Abandonment of vehicles on road or highways prohibited.

No person shall leave unattended any vehicle on any public road or highway or private or public property in the County of Price for such time and under such circumstances as to cause the vehicle to reasonably appear to have been abandoned.

§ 473-25. Exceptions. This section shall not apply to:

- A. A vehicle in an enclosed building or a vehicle stored on a premises licensed for storage of junk or junked vehicles and fully in compliance with County zoning regulations or to a vehicle parked in a paid parking lot or space where the required fee has been paid.
- B. Any vehicle left unattended for more than 48 hours on any public road or public ground when designated as not abandoned by the Sheriff's Department.

§ 473-26. Emergency removal.

- A. Every sworn member of the Sheriff's Department is hereby authorized to remove or have removed any vehicle whose location or existence jeopardizes public safety by either creating an unsafe condition or by significantly hindering the efficient movement of traffic.
- B. Any vehicle that has been removed for this purpose and remains unclaimed for 10 (ten) days at the impoundment site after certified mail notice has been sent to the owner and lienholders of record shall be considered abandoned and shall be dealt with according to the provisions of this article.

§ 473-27. Removal, impounding and storage of motor vehicles.

- A. Authority to remove or impound.
 - 1) Abandoned vehicles.
 - i. Every sworn member of the Sheriff's Department is hereby authorized to remove or to have removed any abandoned, wrecked, inoperative, junked, dismantled, or partially dismantled vehicle left at any place within the County of Price which reasonably appears to be in violation of this article or to be lost, stolen, or unclaimed.
 - ii. Any County law enforcement officer who discovers any such vehicle on any public road or highway or private or public property in the County of Price may cause the vehicle to be removed to an impoundment location until lawfully claimed or disposed of in accordance with this article and the procedures of the Sheriff's Department.
- B. Prior to having the vehicle towed, the Sheriff's Department shall determine whether the vehicle is lost, stolen or unclaimed.
 - 1) Vehicles which are determined to be stolen or needed for investigation shall be towed to the County's impound lot, and a fee for towing shall be paid to the towing agency. They shall be held until such time as the Sheriff's Department determines they may be disposed of pursuant to this section or pursuant to state or federal law.
 - 2) Vehicles which are not stolen or needed for investigation shall be towed to the County's impound lot, and a fee for towing shall be paid to the towing agency. Such vehicles shall be disposed of pursuant to § 473-29A.

§ 473-28. Storage, notice and reclaiming of abandoned and/or unregistered vehicles.

- A. Storage and reclaiming. Any vehicle which is determined by the Sheriff's Department to be abandoned shall be retained in storage for a period of 10 (ten) days after the Sheriff's Department sends a certified mail notice to the owner and lienholders of record. A fee in an amount set by the County Board for storage of an impounded vehicle shall be charged. Any such vehicle which may be lawfully reclaimed may be released upon the payment of all accrued charges, including any forfeiture imposed for the violation of this article, towing, storage, and notice charges, and upon presentation of the vehicle title or other satisfactory evidence to the Sheriff's Department to prove ownership or secured party interest in said vehicle. In the case of unregistered vehicles, satisfactory evidence that the vehicle is currently registered, or that an application for registration (including satisfactory emissions inspections) and the applicable fee has been delivered or mailed to the Department of Motor Vehicles, or that the vehicle is exempt from registration, must be presented.
- B. Notice to owner or secured party. Certified mail notice, as referred to herein, shall be made by the Sheriff's Department and shall notify the owner and lienholders of record of the following:
 - 1) That the vehicle has been deemed abandoned or unregistered and impounded by the County of Price, giving the year, make, model, and serial number of the vehicle and where the vehicle is being held, and shall inform the owner and any lienholders of their right to reclaim the vehicle.
 - 2) That if the vehicle is not wanted for evidence or other reason, the vehicle may be reclaimed upon the payment of all accrued charges, including towing, storage, and notice charges,

within 10 (ten) days of the date of notice.

- 3) That the failure of the owner or lienholders to exercise their rights to reclaim the vehicle under this section shall be deemed a waiver of all right, title, and interest in the vehicle and a consent to the sale of the vehicle. Each retained vehicle not reclaimed by its owner or lienholder may be disposed of under this section.

§ 473-29. Disposal of abandoned and/or unregistered vehicles.

- A. Any vehicle impounded by the County may be sold by public auction sale or public sale calling for the receipt of sealed bids. A Class 1 notice, including the description of the vehicle, the name(s) and address(es) of the titled owner and secured party of record, if known, and the time of sale, shall be published before the sale. Any interested person may offer bids on each vehicle to be sold. At such sale, the highest bid for any such motor vehicle shall be accepted unless the same is deemed inadequate by the County Sheriff or his designee, in which event all bids may be rejected. If all bids are rejected or no bid is received, the County may either readvertise the sale, adjourn the sale to a definite date, sell the vehicle at a private sale or junk the vehicle.
- B. When any vehicle is to be sold pursuant to Subsection A, a public notice shall be posted at the Sheriff's Department and at the County Courthouse. The posting of the notice shall be in the same form as the certified mail notice sent to the owner or lienholders of record. Any listing of vehicles to be sold by the County shall be made available to any interested person or organization who or which makes a written request for such list to the County Sheriff or his designee.
- C. Upon sale of a vehicle pursuant to Subsection A, the County shall provide the purchaser with a completed seized/abandoned/unregistered vehicle transfer certificate enabling the purchaser to obtain a regular certificate of title for the vehicle.
- D. The purchaser shall have 10 (ten) days to remove the vehicle from the storage area but shall pay the storage fee set forth in § 473.28A for each day the vehicle remains in storage after the second business day subsequent to the sale date. Ten days after the sale the purchaser shall forfeit all interest in the vehicle and the vehicle shall be deemed to be abandoned and may be sold again.

§ 473-30. Report of sale or disposal.

Within five days after the direct sale or disposal of a vehicle as provided for herein, the County Sheriff or his designee shall advise the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles, of such sale or disposal on a form supplied by said Division. A copy of the form shall be given to the purchaser of the vehicle enabling the purchaser to obtain a regular certificate of title for the vehicle.

§ 473-31. Owner responsible for impoundment and disposal costs.

- A. The owner of any abandoned vehicle is responsible for the ordinance violation and all costs of impounding and disposing of the vehicle. Costs not covered from the sale of the vehicle may be recovered in a civil action by the County against the owner.
- B. Payment of removal and impoundment costs is not required when the vehicle has been impounded for purposes of law enforcement investigation.

§ 473-32. Violation 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 Price County Law Enforcement Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Doug Erickson; Brian Ernst; Robert Kopisch; Ginny Strobl. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 14th day of November 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Strobl/Ernst to consider ordinance for adoption.

Motion Strobl/Spacek to approve amendments to the originally submitted ordinance as presented. Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Kopisch, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried. Roll call vote on ordinance adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Kopisch, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolutions:

Resolution 43-23
2023 Property Tax Levy

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Price County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled in Annual Session, this 14th day of November 2023, 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:

2023 Property Tax Levy, payable in 2024: \$11,761,701
Submitted by: s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Price County Board of Supervisors
Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner
Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of November 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 (12):
Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Kopisch, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow.
No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 44-23

Authorize the Issuance of Tax Deed for 2020

WHEREAS, the Treasurer of Price County has issued 2020 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 2020 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.
Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner.
Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 14th day of November 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.
Motion Strobl/Ernst to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12):
Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Kopisch, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 45-23

Approve Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Projects to be Funded with Money Transferred from the Capital Improvement Fund

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Price County Buildings and Grounds Department to keep and maintain all County properties and buildings for the safe use by County residents; and
WHEREAS, it has been determined that the following projects, with anticipated approximate costs of necessary

Courthouse and Normal Buildings Parking Lots	\$300,000
Normal Building Boiler	\$225,000
Courthouse Boiler Ventilation	\$ 25,000; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Committee has reviewed and approved these projects; and
WHEREAS, to fund these projects, it has been deemed necessary, and in the best interest of the County, that such funds be transferred from the Capital Improvement Fund in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors approve the projects presented in the amount of \$550,000 with funds of up to \$550,000 to be transferred from the Capital Improvement Fund.
Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 14th day of November 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.
Motion Strobl/Kopisch to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12):
Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Kopisch, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow.
No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 46-23

2024 - 2025 County Board Chair Salary and County Board Supervisor Per Diem

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Administrative Committee to review the County Board Chair's

annual salary and the County Board Supervisors per diem; and WHEREAS, is the responsibility of the Price County Board of Supervisors to set the salaries for elected officials pursuant to Wis. State Statutes 59.15, "prior to the earliest time for filing nomination papers"; and WHEREAS, the County Board Chair's annual salary is currently \$6,000 plus ~~\$100~~ \$75 per meeting day per diem for County Board meetings and ~~\$75~~ \$50 per meeting day per diem for committee meetings he/she serves on and;

WHEREAS, the County Board Supervisors per diem is ~~\$100~~ \$75 per meeting day per diem for County Board meetings and ~~\$75~~ \$50 per meeting day per diem for committee meetings he/she serves on; and WHEREAS, the Administration Committee has reviewed the salary of the County Board Chair and the County Board Supervisors per diems as outlined above and forwards, as a recommendation, to the County Board for their consideration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the County Board Chair annual salary to be \$6,000 and the County Board Supervisor per diem to be \$100 for County Board meetings, \$75 for all other authorized committee/board/commission/ad hoc meetings attended, an additional \$25 for serving as chairperson of any standing committee/board/ad hoc of the County Board (excluding the Executive Committee) and \$25 for any subsequent authorized meeting(s) held the same day as another authorized meeting, except when held on the same day as a County Board meeting, to be effective for the two-year term beginning April 16, 2024.

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Mark Kyle; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimmer. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 14th day of November 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair, Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Kopisch/Spacek to consider resolution for adoption.

Motion Wartgow/Kopisch to amend as presented. Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Kopisch, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried. Roll call vote on amended resolution adoption: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Kopisch, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (1): Ernst. Motion carried.

Resolution 47-23

Adopt Revised Employee Handbook

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors adopt the revisions to the Price County Employee Handbook as presented, with an effective date of January 1, 2024.

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Mark Kyle; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimmer. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 14th day of November 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair, Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 48-23

Designating General Fund Money for Parcel Replanting (Tract 6-23)

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

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

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

WHEREAS, included in the 2023 Fall Timber Sale bid packet is Tract #6-23, which includes 60 acres of red pine and spruce plantation, and will need to be artificially regenerated to maintain productivity;

and

WHEREAS, as a result of the 2023 Fall Timber Sale, at least \$43,795 will be paid to the County for stumpage cut on Tract #6-23, with an associated cost of \$39,000 for regeneration planting; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that when the time comes to artificially regenerate the 60 acre Tract #6-23, money from the General Fund, not to exceed \$39,000 will be transferred to the Forestry Department to cover the related expenses.

Fiscal Impact: \$39,000

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: s/Jeffrey Hallstrand, Chair; Jason Hastings; Jordan Spacek; Patricia Stephan; Ginny Strobl. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner.

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

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 14th day of November 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 49-23

Price County Assuming Ownership and Associated Responsibilities of the Lower Steve Creek Flowage Dam

WHEREAS, in March of 2022, a dam owned and operated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on Lower Steve Creek failed; and

WHEREAS, after inspection by the DNR, the following occurred:

- The DNR put temporary measures in place to stabilize the dam and surrounding area, and the impoundment was drawn down, and
- The DNR was ordered to repair the dam, abandon the dam, or transfer ownership of the dam to a party who would take responsibility for the dam, and
- The DNR determined that the cost of repairs was too high for its dam safety program to fund, and
- The DNR intended to pursue dam abandonment; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2023, the DNR notified Price County of the opportunity to assume ownership and associated responsibilities of the dam located on Lower Steve Creek Flowage (NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 28, T34N, R2W) with the understanding that the County would be responsible for meeting the stipulations in the dam safety order by January 1, 2025, which include:

- engage services of an engineer registered with the State of Wisconsin to develop plans and specifications and submit an application for repair/reconstruction or abandonment/removal of the Lower Steve Creek Flowage Dam
- submit an application for transfer of the permit of the Lower Steve Creek Flowage Dam and assume any outstanding items from the order
- upon DNR approval of the plans and specifications and permit issuance by the Department, select a competent contractor to complete the work; and

WHEREAS, with an extension of time to consider accepting dam ownership, the County was able to reach out to the legislators representing Price County to a request State funding in the amount of \$750,000 for the Lower Steve Creek Flowage Dam project, which was approved for the project in the 2024-2025 state biennial budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors accept the state funding of \$750,000 designated for the Lower Steve Creek Flowage Dam project and move forward with the process for transfer of ownership and responsibility of the dam located on Lower Steve Creek Flowage (NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 28, T34N, R2W) from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to Price County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Price County will work with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to comply with the DNR Order for Dam Reconstruction or Abandonment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Price County acknowledges the receipt of an agreement from the Town of Kennan (attached) specifying that the Town will not hold Price County liable for any damages to Wolf Creek Lane, which is the access to the Lower Steve Creek Flowage Dam, the Town will maintain Wolf Creek Lane and will not discontinue the road without the written consent of Price County.

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: s/Jeffrey Hallstrand, Chair; Jason Hastings (remote); Jordan Spacek; Patricia Stephan; Ginny Strobl. Reviewed by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 14th day of November 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Strobl/Ernst to consider resolution for adoption.

Motion Spacek/Ernst to approve amendments to originally submitted resolution as presented. Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hastings, Kyle, Kopisch, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (1): Houdek. Motion carried.

James Yach, DNR Secretary's Director - Northern Wisconsin and Derek Johnson, DNR available for questions.

Motion Ernst/Erickson to postpone until further information is available on what costs are covered by the grant. Roll call vote: Yes (6): Erickson, Ernst, Houdek, Kyle, Spacek, Wartgow. No (6): Barkstrom, Hastings, Kopisch, Palecek, Stephan, Strobl. Motion failed.

Discussion on anticipated costs of project, maintenance and potential abandonment.

Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (7): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hastings, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl. No (5): Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Palecek, Wartgow. Motion carried.

Resolution 50-23

Authorized Signatory for American Carbon Registry

WHEREAS, per County Board Resolution #58-21, Develop a Forest Carbon Offset Project for Price County Owned Lands, the Price County Board of Supervisors authorized the Price County Forest and Parks Administrator and County Administrator on behalf of Price County, in consultation with Price County Corporation Counsel, to develop a 40 year forest carbon offset project for all appropriate County Forest lands for participation in the voluntary carbon market under the American Carbon Registry (ACR) Improved Forest Management (IFM) program, and

WHEREAS, per County Board Resolution #58-21, the County Administrator is authorized to negotiate and execute an eight-to-12-year contract directly with Bluesource, LLC (who merged with Element Markets to form Anew Climate, LLC) to assist in the development of said forest carbon project, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that moving forward, the Price County Board of Supervisors approve the Price County Forest and Parks Administrator be hereby authorized to act on behalf of Price County as signatory on forest carbon offset project documents and other related instruments necessary to successfully execute, administer and manage the project throughout its term, including but not limited to contracts, agreements, obligations and/or other reports, including American Carbon Registry's Terms of Use, Risk Mitigation Agreement and annual Monitoring Report documents.

Submitted by the Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: s/Jeffrey Hallstrand, Chair; Jordan Spacek; Patricia Stephan; Ginny Strobl. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 14th day of November 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Amend Resolution 36-23

2024 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 2024 Highway Department road construction projects to the potential extent of ~~\$2,000,000~~ \$3,100,000; 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 2024 Highway Department road construction projects in an amount not to exceed ~~\$2,000,000~~ \$3,100,000 to be financed through the issuance of short-term debt and to include such debt payment in the 2025 Price County budget.

Fiscal Impact: ~~\$2,040,000~~ \$3,115,000 (2025 budget)

Original signatures on file.

Amendment submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 14th day of November 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Appointments:

1. Veterans Service Commission – three-year terms to expire 12/31/2026 (Debra Metzker, David Schmidt, Mitchell Surman)
2. Indianhead Federated Library System Board of Trustees – three-year term to expire 12/31/2026 (Susan Marshall)
3. Price County Board of Canvass – two-year term 2024-2025 (Sandra Behling, Shirley Smith)

Motion Kopisch/Spacek to approve the appointments as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Miscellaneous:

1. Forestry and Parks – 2024 Annual Work Plan: Motion Spacek/Ernst to approve the 2024 Annual Work Plan as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
2. County Board Meeting Schedule 2024-2025: Motion Erickson/Ernst to approve the County Board 2024-2025 meeting schedule as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

1. Board Chair Report – Chair Barkstrom: Attended meeting with Catkins Board of Trustees to discuss extent of their services. BART transportation consortium meeting.
2. County Administrator's Report – Nick Trimner.
 - a. 2023 Financial Summary: Unexpected costs to Catkins for housing cats for pending court case, which has been postponed to December 21st. No other unexpected costs. Several large projects have been finished. Sales tax and stumpage revenue doing well.
 - b. Updates:
3. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Administration – Wartgow: Will start work on updates to Supervisor Policy and Procedure Manual.
 - b. Buildings & Grounds – Spacek: Reviewed completed and pending projects. Prepping for winter maintenance.
 - c. Executive – Barkstrom: Presentation from Bug Tussel with information to bring more communication towers to Price County. Reviewed resolutions approved.
 - d. Forestry & Parks – Spacek: Fall timber bid packets approved, with bids to be received by December 7. Parks prepared for winter.
 - e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Approved designating ARPA funds to community groups planning ADA compliant playgrounds. Continue to recruit for various positions. Closed session – presentation of social worker client case(s).
 - f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Shoulders, tree trimming, culvert replacement, assisting municipalities and DNR, ditching, mowing, bridge work, brushing, plows out for first winter storm, two 2024 truck purchases awarded. Airport finished fall maintenance and ready for winter. Dam drawdown completed. Jobs Dam required inspection.
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Wartgow: Land divisions, exceptions and permit approvals. Revoked three short-term rental permits for failure to supply septic inspection. Approved USDA wildlife damage program. Approved UW-Extension contract. Continue to discuss programming.
 - h. Law Enforcement – Palecek: Work on ordinance updates. New District Attorney Matthew McElroy. Recruiting for DA and Clerk of Court open positions. Squad car purchases are hard to find. Recruiting for correction/dispatch positions.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 11:58 a.m.

Date of Next Meeting: February 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 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).

Date: February 20, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Members of the public may access all public meetings remotely.

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

Meeting Code: 2490 942 8236

Please go to the [events calendar](#) on the Price County website for more information on joining this meeting.

Call to Order

Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Minutes from November 14, 2023
Communications and Announcements
Public Comments

Presentations:

1. Price County Library Committee

Resolutions:

1. Amend Resolution 25-23: Town of Georgetown Bridge and Culvert Aid Request (Executive)
2. Designating Public Depositories (Executive)
3. Adopt the Price County Plan of Library Services 2024 – 2029 (Executive)
4. Approve Revisions to the County Board Policy and Procedure Manual (Administration)
5. Support of Increase in UW-Extension Educator Services (Community Development Educator) (Land Use / UW-Extension)
6. Amend Resolution 5-23: Create ~~Part-time~~ Full-time Position: Adult Protective Service Social Worker (Aging and Disability Unit) (Administration & Executive)
7. Create Full-time Sheriff's Deputy Position, Reclassify Full-time Sheriff's Deputy Position to Investigator (Administration)
8. Create Full-time Position: Benefits, Communications and Engagement Specialist (Administration)
9. Implementation of the 2024 Non-Represented Wage Grid (Administration)
10. Elected Official Salaries for 2025 – 2029 (Administration)

Appointments:

1. Highway Commissioner – Confirm Re-appointment of Roger Petrick
2. Phillips Library Board – to fill remainder of three-year term to expire 4/30/2024 (Jeffrey Fahl)
3. Emergency Fire Wardens – per list provided
4. Local Emergency Planning Committee – per list provided

Committee of the Whole:

1. Board Chair Report
2. County Administrator's Report
 - a. 2023 Financial Summary
 - b. 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 16, 2024 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 8, 2024

C: The Price County Review

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Corporation Counsel

Posting locations: Courthouse bulletin board, Normal Building bulletin board, Park Falls Public Library, Phillips Public Library, Ogea 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 accommodation 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
February 20, 2024
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 Tenut, Anchor of Truth Church.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance.

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

Approval of Minutes November 14, 2023: Motion Houdek/Strobl to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried on voice vote.

Communications and Announcements: None.

Public Comments: Josie and Alex Schmidt, City of Park Falls, regarding death of their child. Joe Fox, Town of Worcester; Shirley Smith, City of Phillips and Rebecca Puhl, City of Phillips, regarding Resolution #3.

Presentations:

1. Price County Library Committee: Deb Hyde, Park Falls Library Director. Reviewed Library Plan being presented. Input from committee members Rebecca Puhl, Mary Hebda, Bruce Marshall.

Resolutions:

Amend Resolution 25-23

Town of Georgetown Bridge and Culvert Aid Request

Whereas, the Town of Georgetown is requesting aid for design and installation of a new culvert/bridge on Skinner Creek Lane over Skinner Creek; and

Whereas, project costs are estimated at ~~\$40,000~~ **48,000**, 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 Georgetown; 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 approves the Town of Georgetown Bridge and Culvert Aid Request.

Fiscal Impact: ~~\$20,000~~ **\$24,000** municipal tax levy (estimated)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee – Original signatures on file.

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 15th day of August 2023.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 20th day of February 2024. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 1-24

Designating Public Depositories

WHEREAS, Associated Bank, Citizens State Bank, Forward Bank, Connexus Credit Union, Nicolet National Bank, Northwoods Community Credit Union, Prevail Bank, Wisconsin Investment Series Cooperative and the State of Wisconsin Local Government Investment Pool all qualify as public depositories under Wis. Stats. §34.05 and §59.61; and

WHEREAS, these institutions are designated as depositories in which the funds of Price County may from time to time be deposited; that any account under the Federal ID #39-6005733 be opened and maintained in the name of Price County; that the persons listed below are hereby authorized for and on behalf of Price County to sign order checks, as provided in Wis. Stat. §66.0607, for payment or withdrawal of checks, drafts, notes, bills, certificates of deposit or other instruments or orders for the payment of money owned or held by Price County; and

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

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

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

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

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

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 20th day of February 2024. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 2-24

Adopt the Price County Plan of Library Services 2024 – 2029

WHEREAS, the Price County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of access to quality public library service for all citizens of Price County for information, education, cultural enrichment and preservation of an informed electorate; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Board of Supervisors established the Price County Library Service in 1975 to facilitate open access to public libraries for all Price County residents and to improve the level of library service within Price County; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Library Service, Board of Trustees, acting as the Price County Library Planning Committee, following the statutory requirements and administrative rules of the State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Division of Libraries, Technology and Community Learning, has approved a revised Price County Plan for Library Services, 2024 – 2029.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors adopt the Price County Plan for Library Services, 2024 – 2029.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 20th day of February 2024. 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, Kopisch, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 3-24

Approve Revisions to the County Board Policy and Procedure Manual

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors previously adopted the Price County Board Policy and Procedure Manual on April 19, 2022; and

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

WHEREAS, the approved revised manual will be forwarded to the County Board of Supervisors for adoption at their Organizational Meeting on April 16, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the proposed revisions to the Price County Board Policy and Procedure Manual to be presented in final form for adoption at the April 16, 2024 County Board Organizational Meeting.

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 20th day of February 2024. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair, Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Wartgow/Houdek to consider resolution for adoption.

Motion Palecek/Wartgow to have Law Enforcement as a stand alone committee and combine Buildings & Grounds with Forestry & Parks. Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Motion Hastings/Kopisch to leave he/she instead of they. Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl. No (1): Wartgow. Motion carried.

Motion Strobl/Hastings to remove “(not limited)” on page 14 and add “limit to 12”.

Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (2): Hastings, Strobl. No (11): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Wartgow. No (0). Motion failed.

Motion Spacek/Strobl to remove "Buildings & Grounds with six (6) and the" and change "(not limited)" to "(see page *)" (*currently defined as page 19 but may vary depending on final draft of document). Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl. No (1): Wartgow. Motion carried.

Motion Kopisch/Wartgow to remove items b, c and d from Item 2 on Page 5. Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Wartgow. No (1): Strobl. Motion carried.

Motion Kopisch/Houdek to retain original language on Page 14, Item II (1). Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (8): Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan. No (5): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Strobl, Wartgow. Motion carried.

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

Resolution - Failed

Support of Increase in UW-Extension Educator Services (Community Development Educator)

WHEREAS, Price County has a history of collaboration with University of Wisconsin (UW)-Extension Educator Services; and

WHEREAS, the current Price County Extension Educator Services is comprised of a one half-time 4-H Educator position, a 4-H Summer Intern, and FoodWise Nutrition Education funded by a federal grant ; and

WHEREAS, with the growing volatile competition for communities to attract industry and expand economic development and vie for funding opportunities, Price County realizes the importance of providing services to the County and county municipalities to assist in these areas; and

WHEREAS, with such a need, Price County wishes to explore expanding the UW-Extension Educator Services by providing a Community Development Educator; and

WHEREAS, this position could serve as liaison between the County and municipalities in efforts to further economic growth in Price County; and

WHEREAS, on average, the UW System pays 55% of the costs associated with any educator position and they also offer a \$10,000 first-educator discount for a minimum of one full-time equivalent educator position; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Extension, UW Madison has agreed to fund its portion of a full-time Community Development Educator position, should one be hired; and

WHEREAS, Price County realizes the value provided with collaborating with the UW-Extension and sees a potential to expand a community development program in Price County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Land Use and UW-Extension Committee explore options to acquire a Community Development Educator position with the understanding that any request for expanded services needs to be approved by the Division of Extension, UW-Madison; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Price County needs to commit to providing any increase to their share of funding UW-Extension programming, which for this additional position in 2024 would be \$46,247, less the \$10,000 first-educator discount, and will need to request the additional funding from the Executive Committee.

Submitted by the Price County Land Use / UW-Extension Committee: s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Alan Barkstrom; Doug Erickson; Rachel Hoffman; Robert Kopisch. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 20th day of February 2024. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Wartgow/Erickson to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (6): Barkstrom, Erickson, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Wartgow. No (7): Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Strobl. Motion failed.

Amend Resolution 5-23

Create **Part-time Full-time** Position: Adult Protective Service Social Worker (Aging and 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~~ full-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~~ full-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.

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

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 20th day of February 2024. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 4-24

Create Full-time Sheriff's Deputy Position, Reclassify Full-time Sheriff's Deputy Position to Investigator

WHEREAS, there has been a significant increase in the number and difficulty of cases being handled by the Sheriff's Office Investigators; and

WHEREAS, there being only two Investigators on staff, the workload has become difficult to manage; and

WHEREAS, to alleviate the burden of the two existing employees and offer the ability to spread out the case load, the Sheriff's Office is requesting an additional full-time Sheriff's Deputy position which would allow reclassification of one Sheriff's Deputy position to an Investigator position.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the creation of an additional full-time Sheriff's Deputy position and reclassification of one Sheriff's Deputy position to Investigator.

Fiscal impact: \$90,000 (budgeted)

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Mark Kyle; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner.

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 20th day of February 2024. 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, Kopisch, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 5-24

Create Full-time Position: Benefits, Communications and Engagement Specialist

Whereas, Price County has been, and is still, dealing with a large number of employee vacancies; and

Whereas, with the ongoing time spent recruiting new employees, we have not been able to effectively communicate with our current employees about employee benefits or services; and

Whereas, the HR Specialist does not have the time to adequately and effectively communicate with employees when they have questions or need help with employee benefits; and

Whereas, there is also not enough time to adequately and effectively onboard new employees, keep job descriptions current and provide the required separation of duties for payroll duties; and

Whereas, employment reporting requirements continue to get more complicated and time consuming; and

Whereas, with all these overriding factors, we do not have the current staff levels to continue to effectively recruit and retain employees; and

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the creation of a full-time Benefits, Communications and Engagement Specialist position, with a request for the development of a job description and pay grade to be forwarded to the County's HR consultant; and

Be it further resolved, that there will be no immediate fiscal impact since this position's estimated cost of \$50,000, plus benefits, can be offset with available funds created by the various employee vacancies in the County.

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Jordan Spacek.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 20th day of February 2024. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Ernst/Wartgow to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (7): Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Wartgow. No (6): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Strobl. Motion carried.

Resolution 6-24

Implementation of the 2024 Non-Represented Wage Grid

WHEREAS, per Resolution 57-09, the Price County Board of Supervisors adopted a Non-Represented Wage Matrix for implementation on January 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Administration Committee to review salary and wage data and to administer the policy on wage adjustments for individual job positions and job classifications and make recommendations to the Price County Board of Supervisors for revisions as needed; and

WHEREAS, recruitment and retention of County employees had become increasingly difficult for certain positions and the Administration Committee reviewed job classifications, pay rates and hiring practices and developed the 2021 Retention and Recruitment Plan, as approved by the Price County Board of Supervisors on the 15th of June 2021; and

WHEREAS, recruitment and retention of County employees continues to be a challenging task for certain positions and the results are negatively affecting various services provided by the County and the workload put on employees; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive review of the Non-Represented Wage Grid, and subsequent implementation, was approved in the 2024 Price County budget, and is being provided with this resolution for approval and implementation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the changes to the Non-represented Wage Grid as presented and reflected in the attached wage grid, with an effective date of March 31, 2024; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Non-Represented Wage Grid will be implemented per these parameters:

1. All employees will receive a wage increase of a minimum of 3%,
2. Employees will be placed on wage Grid based on years of service in position, up to market rate,
3. Hiring range will be Step 1 through Step 5, based on experience; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Non-Represented Wage Grid will be reviewed by the Administration Committee at least every four years.

Fiscal Impact: \$660,925 (\$495,695 fiscal impact for 2024)

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Jordan Spacek.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 20th day of February 2024. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

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

Resolution 7-24

Elected Official Salaries for 2025 – 2029

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 base salary for the County Clerk, County Treasurer and Register of Deeds will be \$76,000 as of January 6, 2025; and
 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.
 Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors on this 20th day of February 2024. 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 (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wartgow. No (1): Ernst. Motion carried.

Appointments:

1. Highway Commissioner – Confirm Re-appointment of Roger Petrick.
 2. Phillips Library Board – to fill remainder of three-year term to expire 4/30/2024 (Jeffrey Fahl).
 3. Emergency Fire Wardens – per list provided.
 4. Local Emergency Planning Committee – per list provided.
- Motion Strobl/Wartgow to approve the appointments as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
 Committee of the Whole at 11:51 a.m.
1. Board Chair Report – Alan Barkstrom: NWRPC, PFACDC, WCA, economic reports.
 2. County Administrator's Report – Nick Trimner.
 - a. 2023 Financial Summary: Report covers December year-end and period 13 into January. Children and Youth costs were down, but Behavioral Health were up. Will be seeing increased costs due to medical facilities and services closing.
 - b. Updates: Attended Legislative Exchange.
 3. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Administration – Wartgow: Hired new Corporation Counsel. Worked on materials for resolutions and updates to the employee handbook.
 - b. Buildings & Grounds – Spacek: Need to schedule meeting.
 - c. Executive – Barkstrom: Met with Bug Tussel representative regarding expanding communication tower expansion. Criminal cat case was settled in court and proceeding with restitutions. Carbon credit sales. Combining office space first floor of Courthouse.
 - d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Four active timber sales. Worked through ordinance amendments. Stumpage is down. Working on carbon credit reports. Gave go ahead to proceed with engineering for Steves Creek Dam project. Funding approved for Solberg Lake Park campground expansion.
 - e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Public Health Department reconfirmed as Level 2. Update on ARPA funding for local ADA playgrounds. Discussed consequences of health facilities and services closing.
 - f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Slow winter storm maintenance. Brushing, tree removal, mowing. Trucks and equipment purchases. Airport tree and brush removal and maintenance. Jobs Dam inspection completed. Prentice Dams inspection due this year. Lake levels may have

- issues with no snow runoff. Attended Road School.
- g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Wartgow: Approved permit applications. UW-Extension staffing.
 - h. Law Enforcement – Palecek: Have not met. Continue to have problems getting squad cars.
Will have a new judge after the April election.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 12:19 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: April 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk
