

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
October 18, 2016

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Bruce Jilka. Invocation: Moment of silence. Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance. Roll Call: Present (10): Larry Palecek, James Adolph, Sheryl Slaby, James Hintz, Dennis Wartgow, Sue Bocock, Robert Kopisch, John Vlach, Bruce Jilka, Kay Pluemer. Excused (3): Dean Kurth, Ronald Heikkinen, Alan Haskins. Also present: Nick Trimner. Approve minutes of the September 20, 2016 meeting: Motion Palecek/Adolph to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: None.

Public Comments: None.

Resolutions:

Resolution 36-16

Approve Merging the Airport and Dam Departments into the Highway Department
WHEREAS, the County Administrator has been given the task of analyzing County operations and recommending options for improving employee safety and efficiency in operations of County departments; and
WHEREAS, such an analysis has been performed on these aspects of the Airport Department and the Dams Department; and
WHEREAS, the Airport Department and the Dams Department operate as a one-person department with the exception of a fill-in employee in the Airport Department; and
WHEREAS, there is not sufficient or appropriate back-up for the positions of Airport Manager and Dams Keeper presenting numerous concerns about the ability to continue operations in the case of absence of either of these employees; and
WHEREAS, merging these positions into the Highway Department will allow for employees in that department to be trained as back-up and fill-in; and
WHEREAS, this proposed structure would provide more efficient use of the Airport Manager and Dams Keeper positions by allowing the day-to-day tasks of Airport and Dams operations to be performed by Highway Department crew members; and
WHEREAS, the Administrative Staff of the Highway Department are well versed in the skills needed to continue the report filing and grant writing requirements that are similar to those already performed by existing staff.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the merging of the Airport Department and the Dams Department into the Highway Department.

Fiscal Impact: None

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee: s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Alan Haskins; Ron Heikkinen; Robert Kopisch; Sheryl Slaby. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of October, 2016. s/Bruce Jilka, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 7, Against: 3. Motion Pluemer/Vlach to postpone until next meeting to gather more information. Motion deemed out of order. Motion Kopisch/Wartgow to consider resolution for adoption. Motion Pluemer/Vlach to postpone until next meeting to gather more information. Roll call vote: Yes (4): Slaby, Hintz, Vlach, Pluemer. No (6): Palecek, Adolph, Wartgow, Bocock, Kopisch, Jilka. Motion failed. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (7): Palecek, Adolph, Wartgow, Bocock, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka; No (3): Slaby, Hintz, Pluemer. Motion carried.

Resolution – not presented at this time.

Adopt Revised Employee Handbook and Administration Manual

Resolution 37-16

Designating Public Depositories

WHEREAS, Associated Bank, Community Financial Bank, First National Bank of Park Falls, Heritage Credit Union, Nicolet National Bank, Northwoods Community Credit Union, Time Federal Savings Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, and the State of Wisconsin Local Government Investment Pool all qualify as public depositories under sections §§34.05 and 59.61 Wisconsin Statutes; 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 is hereby authorized for and on behalf of Price County, to sign order checks as provided in §66.0607 Wisconsin Statutes, 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.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following officers and officials be designated as the "Authorized Persons" authorized 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 banks, credit unions, savings and loan associations, trust companies and mutual savings banks chartered under state and U.S. laws and located in the State of Wisconsin and the Local Government Investment Pool as County depositories under §§34.05 and 59.61 Wisconsin Statutes. 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 October, 2016

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Bruce Jilka, Chair; Ronald Heikkinen; James Hintz; Robert Kopisch; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of October, 2016. s/Bruce Jilka, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 10, Against: 0. Motion Palecek/Kopisch to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (10): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hintz, Wartgow, Boccock, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Pluemer; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 38-16

Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement – County Forest Road 701/702/Cranberry Creek Firelane

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

WHEREAS, changes in the jurisdiction of this highway system in the Township of Hackett and Harmony have been agreed to by both of the townships and Price County; and

WHEREAS, consistent with those agreed to changes, the Township of Hackett has passed a resolution dated the 13th day of July, 2015 and the Township of Harmony also passed a resolution dated the 11th day of January, 2016 approving the specific jurisdictional transfer described herein.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Price County agrees to transfer maintenance, jurisdiction and ownership of underlying right of way for .70 miles of County Forest Road 702/Cranberry Creek Firelane to the Township of Hackett as shown on the attached map; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Price County agrees to transfer maintenance, jurisdiction and ownership of underlying right of way for .80 miles of County Forest Road 701/Cranberry Creek Firelane to the Township of Harmony as shown on the attached map; and

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

Fiscal Impact: None

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: Ron Heikkinen, Chair; Dean Kurth; Kay Pluemer; Sheryl Slaby. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of October, 2016. s/Bruce Jilka, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 10, Against: 0. Motion Kopisch/Adolph to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (10): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hintz, Wartgow, Boccock, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Pluemer; No (0). Motion carried.

Miscellaneous:

1. Forestry and Parks - 2017 Annual Work Plan: Motion Wartgow/Kopisch to approve the Price County Forest and Parks 2017 Annual Work Plan. Motion carried.

Reports on File

1. Forestry & Parks – 2015 Annual Report

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

1. 2016 Financial Summary Report as of 9/30/16: Reviewed.
2. Wage Study Update: The Administration Committee postponed further action until 2017 budget is set and they know a dollar amount to work with.
3. Health Insurance Premiums: Administration Committee reviewed options and went with a breakeven fully funded policy: 12% employee contribution, \$4,000/\$8,000 deductible, \$1,500/\$3,000 HSA contribution.
4. 2017 Budget – Accept and Forward to Public Hearing: Discussion. Levy shortage of \$201,392. Needed to add \$165,000 for high cost placements.

Recess 10:12 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.

Adjustments made: \$50,000 less for wage study implementation and \$20,000 less contingency fund.

Recess 11:20 a.m. – 11:37 a.m.

Discussed other options including borrowing \$300,000. Motion Kopisch/Hintz to instruct the Executive Committee to borrow \$300,000, with annual payments of \$100,000 for three years, to fill budget gap. Roll call vote: Yes (9): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hintz, Wartgow, Bocock, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka; No (1): Pluemer. Motion carried. Motion Kopisch/Adolph to forward tax levy amount of \$8,073,137 to public hearing. Roll call vote: Yes (9): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hintz, Wartgow, Bocock, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka; No (1): Pluemer. Motion carried.

5. Wisconsin County Association Convention Reports: Vlach, Kopisch and Jilka gave reports of the sessions they attended.
6. Committee Chair Reports
 - a. Administration: Wage study and health insurance premiums. Two new hires. One recruitment. Will begin Sheriff Deputies' Union negotiations.
 - b. Buildings & Grounds / Dams: Vlach – Changing over to winter.
 - c. Executive: Jilka – Nothing additional.
 - d. Forestry & Parks: Palecek - \$1,096,290 stumpage revenue with no active sales. New round of timber sales being bid out. Squaw Creek Dam removal next year. New toilets going in at Solberg Lake Park.
 - e. Health and Human Services: Pluemer – HOPE Consortium, heating and energy assistance starting, proposals received for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse services – issued to New Horizons.
 - f. Highway & Transportation: Palecek – Highway shoulders, drainage repair, brushing. 2016 construction projects done. Planning 2017 projects. Open House November 10th. Airport sealcoat project done. Revenue up. Berm being fixed.
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension: Kopisch – Determining allocation of 2.6 state employees in UW-Extension Department. Two of four auction properties have sold. Filing requirements for current delinquent properties.
 - h. Law Enforcement: Hintz – Sheriff Schmidt gave report on accident with two fatalities. Jail population up. Issue with Town of Flambeau taxpayer.
7. County Administrator's Report: Trimner – Two properties sold through land auction. Wi-Fi in the Parks survey – Price County Telephone Company is exploring services at their cost. October 26th meeting with Potter Lawson and Samuels Group for Law Enforcement Center remodel.

Convened out of Committee of the Whole at 12:20 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: November 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY OF PRICE. I, Jean Gottwald, County Clerk in and for Price County do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct record of all the proceedings held by and before the Price County Board of Supervisors at the meeting held on October 18, 2016 and the whole thereof. Dated this 20th day of October, 2016.



Jean Gottwald, County Clerk