

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

August 16, 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: Vicar Glen Sokolowski. Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance. Roll Call: Present (12): Larry Palecek, James Adolph, Sheryl Slaby, Dean Kurth, James Hintz, Ronald Heikkinen, Dennis Wartgow, Alan Haskins, Robert Kopisch, John Vlach, Bruce Jilka, Kay Pluemer. Also present: Nick Trimner.

Approve minutes of the June 21, 2016 meeting: Motion Hintz/Adolph to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: Bruce discussed the District 8 vacancy. Resolutions being presented to the WCA annual conference are available.

Public Comments: None

Presentations:

1. Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation – Frank Kempf
2. Price County Economic Development Association – Dennis Rodewald

Resolutions:

Resolution 23-16

Highway Transportation Funding

WHEREAS, local government in Wisconsin is responsible for about 90% of the road miles in the state; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's diverse economy is dependent upon county and town roads as well as city and village streets and transit systems across the state; and

WHEREAS, according to "Filling Potholes: A New Look at Funding Local Transportation in Wisconsin," commissioned by the Local Government Institute of Wisconsin (LGI) the condition of Wisconsin's highways is now in the bottom third of the country; and

WHEREAS, state funding for local roads in Wisconsin has failed to keep up with costs over the past several decades which has adversely affected local transportation finances.

According to "Filling Potholes," municipal transportation spending has declined from \$275 per capita in 2000 to \$227 in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Mass Transit Operating Aids and County Elderly and Disabled Transportation assistance programs are funded through the state gas tax and vehicle registration user fee system. These programs are critical to ensuring that transportation services are delivered to vulnerable citizens. Proper funding for these programs helps ensure that all citizens have an opportunity to access the workplace as well as the marketplace; and

WHEREAS, levy limits do not allow local government to make up for the deterioration of state funding; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's over-reliance on borrowing eats away at the state's segregated funding sources - the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees - which increasingly pay debt service rather than fund transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, safety is a primary concern and responsibility of local governments across Wisconsin. Unfortunately, according to TRIP, a national non-profit transportation research group, Wisconsin had 347 non-interstate, rural road fatalities in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Board of Supervisors recognizes that our state highway and interstate system is the backbone of our surface transportation system and plays a vital role in the economy of Wisconsin. Both local *and* state roads need to be properly maintained in order for our economy to grow; and

WHEREAS, from a competitive standpoint Wisconsin motorists pay significantly less than any of our neighbors when you combine the annual cost of the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Finance and Policy Commission, appointed by the Governor and Legislature clearly found that if Wisconsin does not adjust its user fees, the condition of both our state and local roads will deteriorate significantly over the next decade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVE by the Price County Board of Supervisors urges the Governor and Legislature to *Just Fix It* and agree upon a sustainable solution: one that includes a responsible level of bonding and adjusts our user fees to adequately and sustainably fund Wisconsin's transportation system. Furthermore, the Price County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to our State Legislators and to Governor Scott Walker.

Submitted by the Price County Highway and Transportation Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Jim Adolph; Al Haskins; Ron Heikkinen; Travis Nez. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016  
s/Bruce Jilka, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion  
Palecek/Heikkinen to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12):  
Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Kurth, Hintz, Heikkinen, Wartgow, Haskins, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Pluemer; No  
(0). Motion carried.

Resolution 24-16

Authorize Price County Emergency Management Grant Application –  
Homeland Security Interagency Fire Emergency Radio Network Base Station

WHEREAS, communications between the various emergency response agencies is vital for the safety of  
citizens of Price County; and  
WHEREAS, the Department of Military Affairs – Homeland Security (HS) has announced a grant program  
for an Interagency Fire Emergency Radio Network (IFERN) Base Station; and  
WHEREAS, Price County is eligible for \$18,000 toward equipment and consultants/contractual for the  
*possible* purchase, installation and implementation of an IFERN Base Station; and  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors approve the Price  
County Emergency Management \$18,000 grant application for the HS IFERN Base Station with the  
project manager to be the Emergency Management Coordinator.  
Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Bruce Jilka, Chair; Robert Kopisch, Vice-chair;  
Ronald Heikkinen; James Hintz. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the  
Price County Board of Supervisors this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016. s/Bruce Jilka, County Board Chair; Jean  
Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Haskins/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption.  
Motion Kopisch/Wartgow to amend language “for the *possible* purchase”. Roll call vote on amendment:  
Yes (12): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Kurth, Hintz, Heikkinen, Wartgow, Haskins, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka,  
Pluemer; No (0). Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby,  
Kurth, Hintz, Heikkinen, Wartgow, Haskins, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Pluemer; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution – Not presented

Buildings and Grounds Secure Payment Drop Box and Transfer from Capital Improvement Fund  
Resolution was not forwarded to the County Board from the Executive Committee.

Resolution 25-16

Ratifying 2016 Price County Land Auction Sales to date

WHEREAS, Price County has exercised its right to conduct a sale of tax foreclosed properties and certain  
other excess real estate owned by Price County; and  
WHEREAS, Price County has authorized the Land Use and UW Extension Committee and the Executive  
Committee to set up and administer such land sale, which has now been done; 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 purchasers upon their payment under the authorized  
process set out in the online 2016 Price County Land Auction and to the successful purchasers upon their  
payment of the full minimum bid amount under the authorized process for sale of parcels not sold during  
the specific online 2016 Price County Land Auction, 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 sales and to have concluded and recorded the deeds for such sales.  
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 sales 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/Bruce Jilka, Chair; Robert Kopisch, Vice-chair;  
Ronald Heikkinen; James Hintz. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner  
Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016. s/Bruce Jilka, County  
Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Palecek/Adolph to consider  
resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Kurth,  
Hintz, Heikkinen, Wartgow, Haskins, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Pluemer; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 26-16

Cooperation Agreement for Community Development Block Grant –  
Emergency Assistance Program (CDBG-EAP)

This agreement entered into on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016 by and between Price County and the  
Counties of Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Sawyer and Washburn.  
WHEREAS, Price County has an identified Emergency Assistance need in the municipalities resulting  
from a natural disaster; and  
WHEREAS Price County contemplates submitting jointly with the Counties of Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett,  
Douglas, Iron, Sawyer and Washburn an application for funds under the Small Cities Community

Development Block Grant - Emergency Assistance Program of the Wisconsin Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources for the purpose of meeting those needs; and  
WHEREAS, Price County and the Counties of Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Sawyer and Washburn desire to and are required to, enter into a written cooperative agreement with each other to participate in such CDBG-EAP program; and  
WHEREAS, Price County and the Counties of Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Sawyer and Washburn understand that Iron County will act as the applicant and will have the ultimate responsibility to assume all obligations under the terms of the grant including assuring compliance with all applicable laws and program regulations and performance of all work in accordance with the contract; and  
WHEREAS, it is understood that the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Wisconsin Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources will have access to all participants' grant records and authority to monitor all activities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to §66.0301 Wisconsin Statutes, Price County and the Counties of Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Sawyer and Washburn agree to cooperate in the submission of an application for such funds, and agree to cooperate in the implementation of the submitted CDBG-EAP program, as approved by the Department of Administration, and the Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources.

Nothing contained in this agreement shall deprive any municipality of any power or zoning, development control or other lawful authority which it presently possesses.

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

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016. s/Bruce Jilka, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Wartgow/Hintz to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Kurth, Hintz, Heikkinen, Wartgow, Haskins, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Pluemer; No (0). Motion carried.

#### Resolution 27-16

Approve Temporary Beeper Pay for Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) Employees – Crisis Mental Health Services

WHEREAS, Price County is required to furnish crisis mental health services to the citizens of Price County; and

WHEREAS, the current provider of those services for Price County has terminated their contact with the County; and

WHEREAS, the County is actively searching for a provider for such services; and

WHEREAS, in the meantime, HHSD Crisis Mental Health Social Workers will be providing the crisis mental health services beginning August 8, 2016 and going until the County contracts with a new service provider; and

WHEREAS, the County will offer beeper pay to employees who will be on-call to provide this 24/7 coverage; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Social Workers in the Children and Youth Unit of HHSD, Crisis Mental Health Social Workers shall be required to carry the on-call cell phones and respond to after-hours calls on a rotation scheduled by the unit supervisor; and

WHEREAS, the Crisis Mental Health Social Workers shall be paid a per diem corresponding to the following schedule:

- Weekdays (M-F) \$35
- Weekends \$51
- Holidays \$50

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors approves the temporary beeper pay for Health and Human Services Department Employees – Crisis Mental Health Social Workers.

Fiscal Impact: 0

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016. s/Bruce Jilka, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Wartgow/Haskins to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Kurth, Hintz, Heikkinen, Wartgow, Haskins, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Pluemer; No (0). Motion carried.

Recess 9:55 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.

Miscellaneous:

1. Wage Study Process Update: Patrick Glynn from Carlson Dettmann gave presentation on wage study in progress.

Elections and Appointments:

1. County Administrator appointments for Board Approval
  - a. Board of Adjustment – three-year term ending June 30, 2019. Motion Palecek/Adolph to approve the appointment of Daniel Hauptert to the Board of Adjustment and Terrance Wasti as alternate #1. Motion carried.

Reports on File:

1. Health and Human Services Department – 2015 Annual Report

Convene to Committee of the Whole at 11:22 a.m.

1. 2015 Financial Summary Report as of 12/31/15 – Nick reviewed. Adjusting journal entries have been recorded. Audit will be presented at September meeting.
2. 2016 Financial Summary Report as of 7/31/16 – Nick reviewed.
3. 2017 Budget – Nick reviewed first draft.
4. Board Member Resignation. Travis Nez has resigned as District 8 Supervisor. Board commended Travis for the work he did on the Board and for being the youngest County Board Supervisor in the State. Recruitment in progress. Appointment will be made as September meeting.
5. Committee Chair Reports
  - a. Administration – Wartgow: Wage study and health insurance. New hires, retirements (Joanne Heitkemper after 35 years of service).
  - b. Buildings & Grounds / Dams – Vlach: Courthouse elevator project has been scheduled. Safety Building project presented. Several dam projects.
  - c. Executive – Jilka: Working on 2017 budget.
  - d. Forestry & Parks – Heikkinen: Stumpage at \$986,172 with two active sales. Campgrounds have been full on weekends. Red pine being replanted.
  - e. Health and Human Services – Pluemer: 25% increase in juvenile offenders. Public Health offering blood pressure clinics and dealing with animal bite cases. Crisis mental health service is being done by staff until provider can be contracted. Home delivery of meals continuing. BART bus going well with 50 riders per week. Recruiting Income Maintenance Specialist.
  - f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Airport – Sealcoat scheduled August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Fly-in went well. Traffic and fuel sales are up. Highway – crack filling, rut paving, ditching, striping. Highway 86 and other areas storm damage. Counties B and J are under construction.
  - g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Kopisch: Zoning permits are up. Several conditional use permits. Land Conservation is busy with summer projects. UW-Extension had one position cut - which wasn't being filled. State still unclear on budget implications.
  - h. Law Enforcement – Hintz. Sheriff Schmidt reported on testing for staff, field training for new hires, missing person in Prentice area, inmate medical expense will be over budget, self-defense course for school bus drivers.
6. County Administrator's Report – Nick: Working with Hedlund Agency on health insurance. New contracted Animal Control Officer starts September 1<sup>st</sup>. Some of the Highway crews have been working out of county to assist in storm damage. Negotiating with Town of Worcester on Old 13 Road issue. New Tourism visitors guide being done jointly with Park Falls and Phillips. UW-Extension has gone from 3.6 to 2.6 state employees. Two resolutions for next Board meeting - \$450,000 IT project for storage servers to be financed with a three year loan and moving forward with the \$3.8 million Safety Building remodel.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 11:50 a.m.

Date of Next Meeting: September 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY OF PRICE. I, Jean Gottwald, County Clerk in and for Price County do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct record of all the proceedings held by and before the Price County Board of Supervisors at the meeting held on August 16, 2016 and the whole thereof. Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.



Jean Gottwald, County Clerk