

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
September 20, 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: Deacon Jim Celba. 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 Trimmer.

Miscellaneous:

1. Term of County Board Supervisor – District 8 Appointee
 - a. Call for Special Election. Motion Heikkinen/Slaby to not have a special spring election to elect the supervisor for District 8. Roll call vote: Yes (6): Palecek, Slaby, Kurth, Heikkinen, Wartgow, Pluemer; No (6): Adolph, Hintz, Haskins, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka. Motion failed. Motion Kopisch/Vlach to call for a special spring election for the County Board District 8 position. Roll call vote: Yes (9): Palecek, Adolph, Hintz, Heikkinen, Wartgow, Haskins, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka; No (3): Slaby, Kurth, Pluemer. Motion carried. Result is appointee to Supervisor District 8 will serve until the third Tuesday in April, 2017.

Appointment of County Board Supervisor – District 8: Mr. Jilka presented Marguerite Sue Bocock for appointment to the County Board Supervisor District 8 seat. Motion Palecek/Adolph to approve the appointment. Comments by Jim Hintz regarding interview and appointment process. Motion carried. Official Oath – County Board Supervisor – District 8: Marguerite Sue Bocock was sworn in by County Clerk Jean Gottwald and took her seat on the Board.

Election – Executive Committee: Wartgow nominated Larry Palecek. Vlach nominated Kay Pluemer. Three calls for further nominations. Signed ballot: Palecek 8, Pluemer 5. Larry Palecek declared winner and will take the position on the Executive Committee.

Election – Highway and Transportation Committee – At Large: Heikkinen nominated Dennis Wartgow. Kopisch nominated Jim Hintz. Three calls for further nominations. Signed ballot vote: Wartgow 10, Hintz 3. Dennis Wartgow declared winner and will take the position on the Highway and Transportation Committee.

Approve minutes of the August 16, 2016 meeting: Motion Wartgow/Kopisch to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: None.

Public Comments: None.

Presentations:

1. 2015 Financial Audit – Baker Tilly: Kim Schultz from Baker Tilly presented a summary of the audit and was available for questions.
2. Law Enforcement Center Remodel Plan – Potter Lawson and Samuels Group: Eric Lawson from Potter Lawson presented the plan for the remodel project.

Recess 10:25 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

Resolutions:

Resolution 28-16

Approve Price County Law Enforcement Center Remodel

WHEREAS, it is the obligation of the Price County Board of Supervisors to maintain all county owned buildings and provide for the safety and wellbeing of all county employees and inmates being held in the Price County jail per Wis. Statute 59.27(1); and

WHEREAS, the Price County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 38-15, Approve Architectural Services for Price County Law Enforcement Center Needs and Transfer from Capital Improvement Fund which initiated an analysis of the Law Enforcement Center needs; and

WHEREAS, through working with Potter Lawson (architectural design) and Samuels Group (general contractor consulting), the Buildings and Grounds / Dams Committee has reviewed plans presented; and WHEREAS, the plan chosen is in the best interest of Price County, and will bring the Law Enforcement Center into Department of Justice compliance and correct numerous environmental, safety and space issues; and

WHEREAS, the projected cost of the remodel to the Law Enforcement Center is expected not to exceed \$3.8 million; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors approves the plan presented for remodel of the Price County Law Enforcement Center, such plan not to exceed \$3.8 million. Submitted by the Price County Buildings & Grounds / Dams Committee. s/John Vlach, Chair; Alan Haskins; Dean Kurth; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimmer Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 20th day of September, 2016.

s/Bruce Jilka, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Wartgow/Vlach to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Kurth, Hintz, Heikkinen, Wartgow, Bocock, Haskins, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Pluemer; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 29-16

Approve Price County 2017 Capital Projects to be Financed with Short-term Debt
WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has identified the need for the capital project of upgrades to the County computer storage systems with an estimated cost of \$450,000; and
WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has reviewed the financial impact of this project and recommends short-term borrowing to finance this project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Executive Committee to proceed with the implementation of the 2017 Capital Project in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 to be financed through the issuance of short-term debt and to include such debt payments to begin with the 2017 Price County budget.

Fiscal Impact: \$150,000 for three years_(budgeted). 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 20th day of September, 2016. s/Bruce Jilka, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Heikkinen/Adolph to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Kurth, Hintz, Heikkinen, Wartgow, Bocock, Haskins, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Pluemer; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 30-16

Approve Transfer to Offset 2015 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 2015 allowable expenditure budget, as stipulated above:

100-03 Circuit Court	\$30,968
100-05 Family Court Commissioner	\$ 2,923
100-09 Coroner	\$17,647
100-35 Sheriff	\$64,152
100-41 Emergency Management	\$10,347
100-79 Forestry	\$71,055
100-91 Land Conservation	\$38,663
100-99 Office of Administration	\$60,271

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Price County Board of Supervisors that the transfer is made from the general fund to cover the 2015 budget expenditure overage.

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 20th day of September, 2016. s/Bruce Jilka, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Palecek/Heikkinen to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Kurth, Hintz, Heikkinen, Wartgow, Bocock, Haskins, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Pluemer; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 31-16

2015 Transfer to 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:

- 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 2015 was \$897,700.04 which would provide \$179,540.01 as per above provision; and

WHEREAS, the audited General Fund revenues for 2015 were \$8,886,180.30 and General Fund expenses for 2015 were \$7,533,819.44 resulting in an excess of \$1,352,360.86 of which \$0 in continued appropriations and restricted fund balance has been deducted leaving a net \$1,352,360.86 which would provide \$676,180.43 as per above provision; and

WHEREAS, the profit from the 2015 land sales was \$2,831, the entire amount of which shall be transferred into the Capital Improvement Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the greater amount of \$676,180.43 plus \$2,831 profit from land sale for a total of \$679,011.43 be transferred from the General Fund into the Capital Improvement Fund for the year 2015.

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 20th day of September, 2016. s/Bruce Jilka, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Hintz/Adolph to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Kurth, Hintz, Heikkinen, Wartgow, Bocock, Haskins, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Pluemer; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 32-16

Price County Highway Department 2018-2022 Equipment Improvement Program
and 2018-2020 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 2018-2022 Equipment Improvement Program and the 2018-2020 Facilities Improvement Program.

Submitted by the Price County Highway and Transportation Committee. s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Jim Adolph; Al Haskins; Ron Heikkinen. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 20th day of September, 2016. s/Bruce Jilka, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Adolph/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Kurth, Hintz, Heikkinen, Wartgow, Bocock, Haskins, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Pluemer; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 33-16

2016 Longevity Pay for Exempt/Salaried Employees

WHEREAS, it has been past-practice that Price County has paid a premium to employees for longevity based on years of employment with the County; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the current pay structure eliminated longevity pay from the hourly and salary pay schedules; and

WHEREAS, the non-exempt/hourly employees have had the longevity premium built into their pay schedules; and

WHEREAS, it is intended that the results of the current wage study will have longevity built into the exempt/salaried employee pay schedule; and

WHEREAS, until that schedule is adopted, the exempt/salaried employees are being denied the longevity pay premium that employees in that category had been receiving up until 2016.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors adopt the attached one-time 2016 Longevity Pay for Exempt/Salaried Employees.

Fiscal Impact: \$10,064 (budgeted). 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 20th day of September, 2016. s/Bruce Jilka, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Wartgow/Hintz to consider resolution for adoption. Motion Wartgow/Hintz to amend the fiscal impact to \$10,064. Roll call vote on amendment: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Kurth, Hintz, Heikkinen, Wartgow, Bocock, Haskins, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Pluemer; No (0). Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Kurth, Hintz, Heikkinen, Wartgow, Bocock, Haskins, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Pluemer; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 34-16

Support of Increased Funding in the Children and Family Aids Allocation

WHEREAS, the Department of Children and Families provides funding to counties through the Children and Family Aids allocation for the provision of child abuse and neglect services, including prevention, investigation, treatment, and out-of-home placement costs; and

WHEREAS, base funding for child welfare services has not increased since the Department of Children and Families was created in 2009; and

WHEREAS, over the past few years, the child welfare workload has increased in all counties across the state; and

WHEREAS, the number of child protective services (CPS) referrals has increased by 30 percent since 2007 – from 55,895 referrals in 2007 to 72,698 in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the number of children in out-of-home care has increased from 7,653 in 2011 to 8,258 in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the number of screened-in CPS reports has increased from 18,706 in 2011 to 20,384 in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the number of Children in Need of Protection and Services (CHIPS) petitions filed with the court has increased 12.5 percent from 2008 to 2015; and

WHEREAS, the number of Children in Need of Protection and Services (CHIPS) petitions filed in Price County Juvenile Court at the end of August, 2016, is twice the number of total CHIPS petitions filed in 2015; and

WHEREAS, counties are struggling to recruit and retain child welfare workers; and

WHEREAS, the stress of increasing caseloads is taking its toll on CPS workers, causing many experienced child welfare workers to leave the profession; and

WHEREAS, the leading cause of these increases is the use of heroin, opiates, and methamphetamines; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that counties have the resources necessary to ensure the safety of children in every corner of the state; and

WHEREAS, counties are struggling to identify resources to increase child welfare staff, especially given the significant overmatch counties already put in the human services system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby request that the state of Wisconsin, in the 2017-19 state biennial budget, increase funding to counties in the Children and Family Aids allocation to assist counties in serving the increasing number of children and families in the child welfare system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Scott Walker, Department of Children and Families Secretary Eloise Anderson, Department of Administration Secretary Scott Neitzel, area legislators, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Submitted by the Price County Health and Human Services Board: s/Kay Pluemer, Vice-chair; Peter Dahlie; Bruce Jilka; Paula Kock; John Vlach; John Walasek; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 20th day of September, 2016. s/Bruce Jilka, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Wartgow/Haskins to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Kurth, Hintz, Heikkinen, Wartgow, Bocock, Haskins, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Pluemer; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 35-16

Acceptance of WDNR County Forest Sustainable Forestry Grant and Approval of Forest Management Project

WHEREAS, per Price County Resolution 50-14, the Price County Board of Supervisors authorized the land acquisition of a parcel consisting of 40 acres within Price County: E ½ SE NW and E ½ NE NW, Section 8, Township 37 North, Range 2 West, Town of Elk, Price County, Wisconsin to provide permanent access to a unit of the Price County Forest; and

WHEREAS, the forest management plan for a portion of this unit, which is currently in a nonproductive condition following the 1977 windstorm, is to prepare the site and plant it in red pine; and

WHEREAS, 3.17 miles of roads need to be built or reconstructed to facilitate adequate access to the management areas, with estimated projects cost of \$45,125; and

WHEREAS, the Forestry and Parks Department requested funding from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for the project under the County Forest Sustainable Grant program; and

WHEREAS, the request was tentatively approved for a total of \$45,125 to complete reconstruction / construction of roadwork needed to facilitate access to the parcel; and

WHEREAS, the project will not only allow adequate forestry management of the parcel but will also allow access to citizens for public use.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Price County accepts the WDNR County Forest Sustainable Forestry Grant award in the amount of \$45,125 and directs the Forestry and Park Department to move forward with the sustainable forest project.

Fiscal Impact: 0. Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: s/Ron Heikkinen, Chair, Larry Palecek; Kay Pluemer; Sheryl Slaby. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 20th day of September, 2016. s/Bruce Jilka, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Heikkinen/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Kurth, Hintz, Heikkinen, Wartgow, Bocock, Haskins, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Pluemer; No (0). Motion carried.

Miscellaneous:

2. Wage Study Process Update – Carlson Dettmann: Nick explained options discussed by the Administration Committee. Working on a budget amount to present.
3. Health Insurance Premium: Nick explained the Administration Committee decided to increase insurance premiums 20% effective October 1st. Committee is also discussing possible changes to plan structure.

Elections and Appointments:

1. County Administrator appointments for Board Approval
 - a. Health & Human Services Board – remainder of term ending 12/31/16: Motion Wartgow/Heikkinen to approve County Administrator's appointment of Sue Bocock to the Health and Human Services Board. Motion carried.
 - b. Price County Economic Development Association (alternate): Motion Wartgow/Palecek to approve County Administrator's appointment of Jim Adolph to be the alternate to the Price County Development Economic Development Association. Motion carried.

Convened to Committee of the Whole at 11:37 a.m.:

1. 2015 Financial Summary Report as of 12/31/15 – Final: Nick reviewed.
2. 2016 Financial Summary Report as of 8/31/16: Nick reviewed.
3. 2017 Budget: Nick reviewed. Initial deficit \$341,123.
4. Committee Chair Reports
 - a. Administration – Wartgow: Nothing additional.
 - b. Buildings & Grounds / Dams – Vlach: Ready for winter.
 - c. Executive – Jilka: Nothing additional.
 - d. Forestry & Parks – Heikkinen: Timber stumpage at \$1,051,370 with two active sales. Putting together fall timber bids.
 - e. Health and Human Services – Pluemer: Wisconsin Wins Tobacco Coalition did ID checks in Price County issuing three citations. ADRC staff hour increase. Service proposals for mental health crisis due September 21st. Sylvia Kerner is moving to Economic Development. Recruiting for new Kennan nutrition site manager. Report on the BART bus – participation continues to grow – will need \$25,000 in funding.
 - f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Airport sealcoat project started. Projects on maintenance building and terminal roof. Highway blacktopping and summer projects finishing. Winter readiness. Combining Dams and Airport departments with Highway Department.
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Kopisch: Zoning and Land Conservation remain steady. Land auction sale begins September 22nd. UW-Extension nEXT Gen structure process continues.
 - h. Law Enforcement – Hintz: Deputy interviews.
5. County Administrator's Report – Trimner: Nothing additional.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 12:42 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: October 18, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 12:42 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 September 20, 2016 and the whole thereof. Dated this 23rd day of September, 2016.



Jean Gottwald, County Clerk