

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: May 19, 2020

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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

There will be a meeting of the Price County Board of Supervisors at the time and place indicated. The meeting is open to the public pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 19, Subchapter V. (Open Meeting Law).

PUBLIC ACCESS TO ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS IS BEING LIMITED

The public is being asked to attend via conference call.

All public attendee lines will be muted for participation.

Conference call number: 1-408-418-9388

Conference code: 964-131-189

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

County Board Supervisor District 3

1. Term of Office for Appointee
2. Call for Special Election
3. Appoint County Board Supervisor District 3
4. Oath of Office

Approve minutes of the April 21, 2020 meeting

Communications and Announcements

Resolutions:

1. 2019 Budget Amendments (Executive)

Elections and Appointments:

1. Appointments – Board Chair
 - a. Phillips TIF District Board (Nick Trimner)
2. Appointments - Administrator
 - a. Health and Human Services Board – fill remaining term to expire December 31, 2020 (Ginny Strobl)
 - b. Health and Human Services Board – three-year term ending December 31, 2022 (Paula Houdek)
 - c. Land Information Council – County Board representative – two-year term (Bill Teeters)
 - d. Land Information Council – two-year term (Judy Chizek, Eric Holm, Roxanne Kahan, Janet Krucky, Evan Lund, Amanda McMeekin, Lynn Neeck, Al Schneider, Adam Speer)
 - e. Price County Library Committee – three-year term ending April 30, 2023 (Paula Houdek, Ed Busby, Bonnie Uhren)
 - f. Land Use and UW-Extension Committee – two year term (Don Onchuck – FSA, Rick Morgan – School Administration)
 - g. Local Emergency Planning Committee (Jordan Spacek, Bob Kopisch, alt.)
 - h. NEWCOM (Bruce Jilka)
 - i. NW Wisconsin Community Employment Program (CEP) (Bob Kopisch)
 - j. NWITBEC Tourism Committee – two year term (Laurie Hansen)
 - k. Price-Taylor Rail Trail Corridor Commission (Jeff Hallstrand)
 - l. Traffic Safety (Dennis Wartgow)

Convene to Committee of the Whole:

1. Board Chair Report
2. Committee/Board/Council
 - a. Appointments
 - b. Meeting Schedule
 - c. Elect Chairperson
 - i. Administration Committee (Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Kopisch, Spacek, Wartgow)
 - ii. Forestry & Parks (Hallstrand, Houdek, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl)
 - iii. Highway & Transportation (Hallstrand, Hintz, Palecek, Spacek, Teeters)
 - iv. Land Use / UW-Extension (Barkstrom, Jilka, Kopisch, Teeters, Vacant)
 - v. Law Enforcement (Hintz, Jilka, Madsen, Palecek, Vacant)
3. WCA Fall Convention
 - a. Attendance
 - b. Resolutions for Submission

4. County Administrator's Report
 - a. 2019 Financial Summary
 - b. 2020 Financial Summary – April 30, 2020
 - c. 2021 Budget
 - d. COVID-19 Pandemic Update
 - e. Damage to Fairground Buildings
 - i. Authorize Ad Hoc Committee
 1. Number of Members
 2. Number of Meetings

Convene out of Committee of the Whole

Closed Session

1. Announcement and motion to adjourn to closed session pursuant to the exemptions in Wis. State Statute 19.85 (1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session and (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved for the purpose of:
 - a. Delinquent Property Taxes – Park Falls Development LLC
 - b. Return to Open Session
2. Take action, as needed, on closed session item

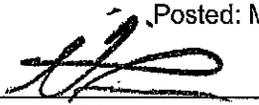
Date of Next Meeting: June 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Adjourn

By: Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair

Posted: May 8, 2020

Reviewed by County Administrator:



Nicholas Trimner
WCQM/WPFP

Corporation Counsel

C: The Price County Review

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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 21, 2020

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

Oaths of Office administered by Judge Klein prior to start of meeting.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Invocation: Pastor Matthew Arneson. Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance. Roll Call: Present (11): Larry Palecek, Jeffrey Hallstrand, James Hintz, Paula Houdek, Dennis Wartgow, Alan Barkstrom, Jordan Spacek, Robert Kopisch, Waldemar Madsen, Bruce Jilka, William Teeters. Also present: Nick Trimner. Due to COVID regulations, the public was given the opportunity to call in via teleconference.

Elections:

1. Chairperson: Palecek nominated Robert Kopisch. Three calls for further nominations. Motion Houdek/Hallstrand to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Robert Kopisch for County Board Chairperson. Motion carried on voice vote. Mr. Kopisch took over running of the meeting.

2. Vice-chairperson: Hintz nominated Paula Houdek. Spacek nominated Bruce Jilka. Three calls for further nominations. Vote: Houdek 7, Jilka 4. Paula Houdek declared winner of the County Board Vice-chairperson position.

3. Executive Committee (3 members) – Chair and Vice-chair are automatic members.

Member #1: Spacek nominated James Hintz, Houdek nominated Larry Palecek. Three calls for further nominations. Vote: Hintz 5, Palecek 6. Larry Palecek declared winner of the Executive Committee #1 position.

Member #2: Palecek nominated James Hintz. Jilka nominated Jordan Spacek (declined). Houdek nominated Bill Teeters. Three calls for further nominations. Vote: Hintz 8, Teeters 3. James Hintz declared winner of the Executive Committee #2 position.

Member #3: Spacek nominated Bruce Jilka. Teeters nominated Dennis Wartgow. Jilka nominated Alan Barkstrom. Three calls for further nominations. Vote 1: Jilka, 4, Wartgow 4, Barkstrom 3. Vote 2: Jilka 3, Wartgow 4, Barkstrom 3, Teeters 1. Vote 3: Jilka 4, Wartgow, 4, Barkstrom 3. Vote 4: Jilka withdrew, Wartgow 6, Barkstrom 5. Dennis Wartgow declared winner of Executive Committee #3 position.

4. Highway and Transportation Committee:

a. North (Dist. 1, 3, 5, 7 and 10): Wartgow nominated Larry Palecek. Jilka nominated Robert Kopisch (declined). Three calls for further nominations. Motion Teeters/Hallstrand to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Larry Palecek to the Highway and Transportation North position. Motion carried on voice vote.

b. Central (Dist. 8, 9, 11 and 13): Palecek nominated Jordan Spacek. Wartgow nominated Bill Teeters. Three calls for further nominations. Vote: Spacek 4, Teeters 7. Bill Teeters declared winner of the Highway and Transportation Committee central position.

c. South (Dist. 2, 4, 6 and 12): Jilka nominated Jeff Hallstrand. Kopisch nominated Bruce Jilka. Three calls for further nominations. Vote: Hallstrand 9, Jilka 2. Jeff Hallstrand declared winner of the Highway and Transportation south position.

d. 2 (two) members at-large:

Member #1: Teeters nominated Jordan Spacek. Three calls for further nominations. Motion Palecek/Teeters to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jordan Spacek for Highway and Transportation Committee member at-large #1. Motion carried on voice vote.

Member #2: Teeters nominated Paula Houdek. Palecek nominated James Hintz. Kopisch nominated Bruce Jilka. Spacek nominated Dennis Wartgow (declined). Three calls for further nominations. Vote 1: Houdek 2, Hintz 5, Jilka 4. Vote 2: Houdek (withdrew), Hintz 6, Jilka 5. James Hintz declared winner of the Highway and Transportation Committee at-large member #2.

Approve minutes of the ~~February 18~~, March 17, April 2, 2020 meetings: Kopisch noted title of meetings should be changed to "special" on both minutes. Motion Hintz/Teeters to approve the minutes of the March 17 and April 2, 2020 meetings as presented with changes noted. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: Palecek thanked Jean Gottwald for the ease of the board elections. Spacek thanked the poll workers and municipal clerks for the work they did at the April 7th election and dealing with COVID Safer at Home order. Teeters thanked Nick Trimner and all County employees for how they are handling the COVID situation.

Resolutions:

Resolution 13-20

Adopt Price County Board Policy and Procedure Manual

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

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

Motion Wartgow/Houdek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Palecek, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Barkstrom, Spacek, Kopisch, Madsen, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Reports on File

1. Clerk of Circuit Court – 2019 Annual Report

Convene to Committee of the Whole at 9:45 a.m.

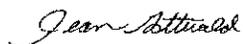
1. Board Chair Report – Kopisch: WCA district meetings have been cancelled. Supervisor District 3 position is being recruited. Appointment should be at the May 21st County Board meeting. Mr. Kopisch is taking on the NWCEP interim appointment until a member can be appointed. He will also sit on the Executive Committee. Auditors have completed their field work (remotely). There may be possible cash flow issues with disruption from COVID affecting property tax and stumpage payments. The Executive Committee will need to monitor.
2. Committee Assignments: Board chair will make appointments. Members should get preferences to him.
3. Responsibilities of committee members and committee chairs
 - a. Meeting dates: Discussed County Board dates and committee meeting dates. All committee meetings have been postponed due to COVID.
 - b. Meeting agendas: Discussed responsibility of the committee chair to get the agenda approved timely.
 - c. Policy and Procedure Manual Items: Discussed several items in the manual.
4. County Official Workshops (COWS): Have been postponed. Kopisch encouraged new members to attend when they are rescheduled.
5. WCA Survey: Members asked to fill out and return.
6. County Administrator's Report: Nick Trimner
 - a. 2019 Financial Summary: Reviewed overages in various departments.
 - b. 2020 Financial Summary – March 31, 2020: Reviewed.
 - c. COVID-19 Pandemic Update: Michelle Edwards, Public Health Officer, offered input. Michelle has daily web meetings with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. Emergency Operations Center team meets weekly for briefings. Governor Evers' Badger Bounce Back initiative has been announced. Emergency Management and chambers of commerce are meeting with businesses. Finetuning Emergency Plans for preparation and potential implantation. Several employees are working from home. A few have been granted COVID childcare exemption.
 - d. Damage to Fairground Buildings: Snow load damage to the cattle barn. Structural damage to the open class building. Initial estimates \$700,000 and \$350,000 respectively. Getting ideas, plans and estimates from insurance and engineer. Final decision to move forward will be decided by the County Board.
7. Highway Road Construction Plan – Joe Baratka: Proceeding with 2020 construction plan but will postpone purchase of \$400,000 Gradall. Moving forward with design, rut wedging and chip seal projects. Weight limits should be lifted on some County roads on May 4th. County Highway W causeway project in process and going well.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 11:29 a.m.

Date of Next Meeting: May 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 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 April 21, 2020 and the whole thereof.



Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

Resolution _____
Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2019 (#4)

WHEREAS the Price County Board of Supervisors at their November 13, 2018 meeting, after public hearing, adopted the 2019 budget for Price County; and

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Price County Board of Supervisors on May 14, 2020 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 2019.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Price County Board of Supervisors at their May 19, 2020 meeting that the 2019 budget as adopted be amended to include the amendments as attached; and

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

Fiscal Impact: 0

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee.

Robert D. Kopisch, Chair

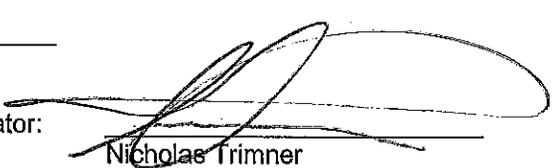
James Hintz

Paula Houdek

Larry Palecek

Dennis Wartgow

Reviewed by County Administrator:



Nicholas Trimner

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 19th day of May 2020.

Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair

Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

For: _____ Against: _____

2019 BUDGET AMENDMENT #3 YEAR END

Resolution # 5/5/2020

12/31/2019

Fund	Account Name	Acct Code	Description	Amount	2019 BUDGET	New Budget #
General	BUDGET PLACE HOLDER FOR CIP	100-00-48930-000-000-00000	Resolution 29-19 prior year capital improvement fund cal	(218,226.00)	-	(218,226.00)
	TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	100-00-59000-788-000-00000	Resolution 29-19 prior year capital improvement fund cal	218,226.00	-	218,226.00
LAND INFO	2016 GRANT AD169040	100-22-51709-759-006-00000	RECEIVED ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEY WLIP	10,640.00	-	10,640.00
	2017 SURVEY GRANT AD179039	100-22-51709-759-008-00000	RECEIVED ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEY WLIP	11,610.00	9,000.00	20,610.00
	2018 BASE BUDGET AD189038	100-22-51709-759-010-00000	RECEIVED ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEY WLIP	16,300.00	-	16,300.00
	2019 GRANT AD 199038	100-22-51709-759-011-00000	RECEIVED ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEY WLIP	14,000.00	-	14,000.00
	2019 STRATEGIC INITIATIVE	100-22-51709-759-012-00000	RECEIVED ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEY WLIP	173,000.00	-	173,000.00
	STATE AID - WLIP GRANT	100-22-43513-000-000-00000	RECEIVED ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEY WLIP	(225,550.00)	(50,000.00)	(275,550.00)
DAMS	CAP OUTLAY - MUSSER DAM	100-83-56210-834-001-00000	Dams-Capital Outlay - special Projects	31,812.93	-	31,812.93
	DAMS GRANT - MUSSER	100-83-43508-000-001-00000	Dams-Capital Outlay - special Projects	(15,838.00)	-	(15,838.00)
	CAP OUTLAY - SOLBERG DAM	100-83-56210-834-004-00000	Dams-Capital Outlay - special Projects	50,841.56	-	50,841.56
	DAMS GRANT - SOLBERG	100-83-43508-000-004-00000	Dams-Capital Outlay - special Projects	(25,708.00)	-	(25,708.00)
	TRANS FROM CAP IMP FUND	100-83-49270-000-000-00000	Dams-Capital Outlay - special Projects	(41,108.49)	-	(41,108.49)
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	HOME LAND SECURITY EQUIP	100-41-47110-000-000-00000	Grant Funding	(13,500)	-	(13,500.00)
	HOME LAND SECURITY EXERCISE 18	100-41-52500-755-000-00000	Grant Funding	13,500	-	13,500.00
Land Conserv	ST AID SNOWMOBILE TRAILS	100-91-43573-000-000-00000	ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEY SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE	(80,000.00)	(180,000.00)	(260,000.00)
	PAYMENTS TO ORGANIZATIONS	100-91-55300-724-000-00000	ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEY SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE	80,000.00	180,000.00	260,000.00
Public Health	CONTRACT/PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	115-53-54120-219-000-00000	additional funding	8,000.00	800.00	8,800.00
	FAMILY PLANNING PRIVATE PAY	115-53-46513-000-000-00000	additional funding	(8,000.00)	(5,000.00)	(13,000.00)
	FISCAL AGENT - FAMILY PLANNING	115-53-54120-290-000-00000	Additional Fiscal Agent Funding	279,000.00	334,000.00	613,000.00
	FAMILY PLANNING GRANT	115-53-43556-000-000-00000	Additional Fiscal Agent Funding	(279,000.00)	(411,327.00)	(690,327.00)
Forestry	SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT IPAD	100-79-56110-701-001-00000	SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT IPAD	22,500.00	-	22,500.00
	SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT RAHN	100-79-56110-701-002-00000	SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT RAHM	24,900.00	-	24,900.00
	SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT IPAD	100-79-43578-000-001-00000	SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT	(20,200.00)	-	(20,200.00)
	SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT RAHN	100-79-43578-000-002-00000	SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT	(2,300.00)	-	(2,300.00)
	SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT RAHN	100-79-43578-000-002-00000	SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT	(24,900.00)	-	(24,900.00)
	ATV GRANT 3703	100-79-56110-702-000-00000	ATV Grant	92,371.00	-	92,371.00
	STATE AID - ATV TRAILS	100-79-43539-000-000-00000	ATV Grant	(92,371.00)	(27,410.00)	(119,781.00)
Human Sv	BASE - FAMILY CARE	220-60-54420-919-725-00561	Correct budget between behavior hit and long term	140,000.00	50,000.00	190,000.00
	BASE	220-61-54420-919-725-00561	Correct budget between behavior hit and long term	(140,000.00)	150,000.00	10,000.00
	BASE-MH/AODA	220-60-54420-919-729-00561	Correct budget between behavior hit and long term	60,000.00	-	60,000.00
	BIRTH TO THREE	220-60-54420-919-550-00550	Correct budget between behavior hit and long term	55,000.00	20,789.00	75,789.00
	BASE MH AODA	220-61-54420-919-729-00561	Correct budget between behavior hit and long term	(115,000.00)	521,661.00	406,661.00
SHERIFF	INSURANCE RECOVERIES	100-35-48400-000-000-00000	Insurance recovers for totaled vehicle purchase	(42,000.00)	(4,000.00)	(46,000.00)
	CAPITAL OUTLAY - AUTO	100-35-52110-811-000-00000	Insurance recovers for totaled vehicle purchase	36,220.00	-	36,220.00
	PROPERTY INSURANCE CLAIMS	100-35-52110-525-000-00000	Insurance recovers for totaled vehicle purchase	5,780.00	7,000.00	12,780.00
SHERIFF	PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT	100-35-52110-740-000-00000	Correct Placement of budget for K9	(7,500.00)	7,500.00	-
	K9-CONTRACT/PROFESSIONAL SVCS	100-35-52180-219-000-00000	Correct Placement of budget for K9	7,500.00	-	7,500.00



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**Building 12
Large Animal Barn & Arena
Structural Evaluation**

Price County Fairgrounds

9130 N. Forest Lane Phillips, WI 54555

May 1, 2020

PREPARED FOR:

Jim Mead
Berkley Risk

Claim Number: BCLM CP 104298

PREPARED BY:

Abbott Consulting Forensics & Design LLC
Post Office Box 403
Chisago City, Minnesota 55013
612-599-6745

ABBOTT Project Number: 20-034

**Richard T. Abbott, P.E.
WI Engineering No 34150-006**

**Richard T.
Abbott**

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Conclusions

1. The cause of the collapse was a dual causation:
 - a) The roof structure had a defect that worsened over an extended period of time. The ability to support gravity loads diminished to the point of a truss being unable to support gravity loads.
 - b) The force that caused the downward collapse was less than severe snow.
2. It should be pointed out that the north and south wings that did not collapse were concluded to be unreliable for mild snow loads.
 - a) There were numerous structural repairs that were less than stout.
 - b) The wood roof members were weakened over an extended period of time due to age related crack propagation in the wood.
 - c) The ability to support anticipate mild snow loads was questionable. The structure should not be used in winter for human access. Yearly, inspections and strengthening should be made after every winter.
3. The building had significant movement due to shallow foundations and a high water table.
 - a) The building will continue to move up and down with seasonal changes.
 - b) Frost heave was an unavoidable issue that had caused problems in the past and will continue to cause problems in the future.
 - c) Modern construction techniques would have placed the buildings on deep foundations to avoid frost heave and to provide adequate bearing.
4. The recommended repair is to remove and replace the collapsed portion of the structure.
 - a) Deep foundations should be used for the new building. A geotechnical exploration by a geotechnical firm should be conducted to confirm the recommended foundation depth and type.
 - b) The structure should be replaced with an adequately designed and constructed building using the current building code.



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**Building 19
Open Class Display Building
Structural Evaluation**

9130 N Forest Lane Phillips, WI 54555

May 1, 2020

PREPARED FOR:

Jim Mead
Berkley Risk

Claim Number: BCLM CP 104298

PREPARED BY:

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WI Engineering No 34150-006**

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Conclusions

1. The concrete slab of the Band Shelter was excessively cracked, distorted, and uneven. This was evidence that the soils were seasonally moving up and down. The cause of the movements was more than typical frozen ground conditions. The movements were excessive. Frost heave was the main contributing factor. Frost heave had occurred due to the existence of saturated soil near the surface.
2. The frost heave problem was a site related problem not just limited to this building.
3. The concrete piers of the building were uneven. Some were excessively tilting. The movement was concluded to be from the same frost heave problem.
4. The foundations were inadequate. This was a construction error. A properly designed and constructed foundation will adequately protect a structure from frost heave and settlement.
5. The siding was deformed in a few locations indicating extreme movement of the piers with loss of bearing of the wood structure. The foundation and bearing conditions were unreliable. The building should not be open to the public.
6. Considering that this was the condition ever since initial construction, it was concluded to be a construction error. Special considerations must be made for buildings constructed on soil where the ground water is only a few feet below the surface.
7. Any repair to the foundations should be made under the guidance of a licensed structural engineer. The recommendations should be based on a geotechnical soil investigation that is conducted by a geotechnical firm with licensed geotechnical engineers.