

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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).

**DUE TO THE INABILITY TO ADEQUATELY ACCOMMODATE
PROPER SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOL IN MEETING ROOMS,
IN-PERSON SEATING IS LIMITED**

The public is being asked to attend meetings via conference call.

All public attendee lines will be muted for participation.

Conference call number: 1-408-418-9388

Conference code: 146 268 9259

Date: October 13, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Public Comment

Communications and Announcements

Presentation:

1. Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation

Approve minutes of the September 15, 2020 meeting

Resolutions (Referred from Committee):

1. Rescind Resolution 5126 – Appropriating Funds to the City of Park Falls and Village of Prentice for the Operation and Improvement of the Park Falls and Prentice Municipal Airports (and amendment thereof) (Executive)

Resolutions (Pending Referral from Committee):

2. Approve Price County 2021 Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be Financed with Short-term Debt (Executive)
3. Waiver of Interest and Penalty for Late Payment of 2019 Property Tax Payment – Biewer-WI Sawmill, Inc. (Executive)
4. Release of Gravel and Marl Rights – Town of Ogema (Highway and Transportation)
5. Provision of General Assistance Services 2021-2022 (Health and Human Services Board)

Convene to Committee of the Whole:

1. County Board Supervisor District 13 Vacancy
 - a. Call for Special Election
2. County Administrator's Report
 - a. 2020 Financial Summary – September 30, 2020
 - i. 2020 Highway Department Equipment Fund Purchases
 - b. 2021 Budget
 - i. 2021 Highway Department Equipment Fund Purchases
 - ii. Approve 2021 Budget and Forward to Public Hearing
 - c. Updated Administration Manual
 - d. Updated Employee Handbook
 - e. COVID-19 Pandemic Update
2. Board Chair
 - a. COVID-19 Update #15
 - i. Adhering to County Administrative Policy
 - b. Northwest Regional Planning Commission 2020-2024 CEDS Report
 - c. Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation Status
 - d. Levy Caps – WCA Agenda Items
3. Committee Chair Reports
 - a. Administration
 - b. Executive
 - c. Forestry & Parks
 - d. Health and Human Services
 - e. Highway & Transportation
 - f. Land Use & UW-Extension

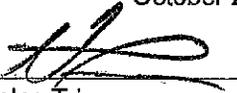
- g. Law Enforcement
- h. Ad Hoc Committee on Damage to Fairground Buildings

Date of Next Meeting: November 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room
Adjourn

By: Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair

October 2, 2020

Reviewed by County Administrator:



Nicholas Trimner
WCQM/WPFP

Corporation Counsel

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September 15, 2020

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Robert Kopisch, County Board Chairperson. Invocation: None.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance. Roll Call: Present (12): Alan Barkstrom, Jeffrey Hallstrand, James Hintz, Paula Houdek, Bruce Jilka, Robert Kopisch, Mark Kyle, Waldemar Madsen, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, Ginny Strobl, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Nick Trimmer.

Due to COVID protocol, the public was given the opportunity to attend via teleconference.

Approve minutes of the August 18, 2020 meeting: Motion Palecek/Houdek to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements:

1. Resignation of County Board Supervisors, District 13; Bill Teeters: Resignation received and filed with the Sheriff. Notice of interest posted until September 15th. Board Chair and Vice-Chair will interview potential candidates. May have appointment for the October Board meeting.

Presentations:

1. 2019 Financial Audit – Baker Tilly: Kim Shult presented via web conference.
2. RollCall Systems: Company representatives went through how the program operates. Presented via web conference.

Resolutions:

Amend Resolution 33-19
Town of Fifield Bridge Aid Request

Whereas, the Town of Fifield is requesting Federal Aid for design and construction of a new bridge on Turner Road over Squaw Creek; and

Whereas, project costs are estimated at ~~\$1,050,000~~ \$ 894,622 such costs to be determined upon project completion; and

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

87.5% \$ 673,774 Federal Forest Aid

6.25% \$ 110,424 Price County

6.25% \$ 110,424 Town of Fifield; and

Whereas, the County portion will be recovered by a direct/special tax levy per § 82.08(2)(a), Wis. Stats. Now therefore be it resolved, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the Town of Fifield Bridge Aid Request.

Fiscal Impact: ~~\$50,000~~ \$ 110,424 (estimated)

Committee signatures on file on original resolution.

Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimmer

Amended by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of September 2020.

s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

For: 11, Against: 0, Abstain: 1. Motion Spacek/Palecek to consider resolution for amendment. Roll call vote on resolution amendment: Yes (11): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Houdek, Jilka, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Abstain: (1): Hintz. Motion carried.

Resolution 29-20

Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grant (Shooting Range Improvement Project)

WHEREAS, Price County is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of the Cranberry Creek Shooting Range Improvement and Expansion Project (as described in the proposal); and

WHEREAS, the respondent attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the proposal; and

WHEREAS, an Agreement is required to carry out the project; and

WHEREAS, anticipated estimated cost for the project will be \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the State share for the project will be \$75,000 of eligible project costs with a County share of \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, Price County must designate an authorized representative to: sign and submit proposal, enter into an Agreement with the WDNR, submit annual and final reports to the WDNR to satisfy the Agreement, submit reimbursement request(s) to the WDNR per the Agreement, sign a Public Access Easement, sign and submit other documentation as necessary to complete the project per the Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and empowers the Price County Forest Administrator to be the aforementioned representative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Price County will meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the respondent will comply with all local, state and federal rules, regulations and ordinances relating to this project and the cost-share agreement; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Price County's share of funding shall be covered by donations from outside entities. If said donations are not received, the project will be returned to committee for reconsideration.

Financial Impact: Total estimated cost for this project is \$100,000. State share is estimated to be \$75,000 and County share is estimated to be \$0 (\$25,000 received in donations).

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee

s/Jeff Hallstrand, Chair; Paula Houdek; Waldemar Madsen; Jordan Spacek; Ginny Strobl

Reviewed and Approved by the Price County Executive Committee: s/Robert Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek; Dennis Wartgow

Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of September 2020.

s/Robert Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Hallstrand/Strobl to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Jilka, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 30-20

Approve Transfer to Offset 2019 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 2019 allowable expenditure budget, as stipulated above:

100-23	Register of Deeds	\$ 23,700
100-31	Buildings & Grounds	\$ 34,521
100-35	Sheriff	\$ 60,774
100-36	Jail	\$ 43,236
100-79	Forestry & Parks	\$ 67,693
100-83	Dams	\$ 34,419

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Price County Board of Supervisors that the transfer is made from the general fund to cover the 2019 budget expenditure overage.

Fiscal Impact: \$264,343. (not budgeted)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner.

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of September 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, 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): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Jilka, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 31-20

Approve Price County 2021 Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be Financed with Short-term Debt - \$300,000

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has identified the need for financing a portion of the 2021 Highway Department road constructions projects to the extent of \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has reviewed the financial impact of the proposed construction and recommends financing the projects through the use of short-term borrowing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Executive Committee to proceed with the implementation of financing 2021 Highway Department road construction projects in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 to be financed through the issuance of short-term debt and to include such debt payments to begin with the 2021 Price County budget.

Fiscal Impact: \$104,000 in 2021, 2022, 2023 (budgeted)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner.

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of September 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Palecek/Spacek to

consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Jilka, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 32-20

Approve Price County 2021 Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be Financed with Short-term Debt - \$400,000

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has identified the need for financing a portion of the 2021 Highway Department road constructions projects to the extent of \$400,000; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has reviewed the financial impact of the proposed construction and recommends financing the projects through the use of short-term borrowing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Executive Committee to proceed with the implementation of financing 2021 Highway Department road construction projects in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to be financed through the issuance of short-term debt and to include such debt payments to begin with the 2021 Price County budget.

Fiscal Impact: \$402,250 in 2021 (budgeted)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner.

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of September 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Madsen/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Jilka, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 33-20

Implement Price County 2021 Capital Projects to be Financed with Short-term Debt - \$650,000

WHEREAS, the following capital projects have been identified by the Price County Executive Committee: Courthouse roof repairs (Buildings & Grounds), pickup truck with plow and sander (Dams), phone system update (IT), two squad cars (Sheriff's Office), emergency response radio system (Sheriff's Office)

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 cost is approximately \$650,000; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Executive Committee to proceed with the implementation of the 2021 Capital Projects in an amount not to exceed \$650,000, to be financed with short-term debt and to include such debt payments to begin with the 2021 Price County budget.

Fiscal Impact: \$653,700 for 2021 (budgeted)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner.

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of September 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Hintz/Kyle to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Jilka, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 34-20

Approve Revisions to the Price County Board of Supervisors Policy and Procedure Manual (Electronic Meeting Policy)

WHEREAS, there currently exists public health concerns regarding COVID-19 to the extent that federal, state and local public health emergencies have been declared and guidelines and mandates have been issued to properly deal with these public health concerns; and

WHEREAS, during public health emergencies, "the emergency power of the governing body conferred under Wis. Stat. 323.11 includes the general authority to order, by ordinance or resolution, whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection and welfare of persons or property within the local unit of government in the emergency"; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Board adopted Resolution 9-20, Declaration of Emergency In Response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus, whereby "the County Supervisors are hereby authorized to attend meetings of the Board remotely, and the Board shall take all actions necessary to effectuate the same in compliance with all other applicable laws"; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Justice's (DOJ) Office of Open Government (OOG) issued advisories dated March 16, 2020 and March 20, 2020 in response to inquiries as to the applicability of the

Wisconsin's open meeting law in light of current public health concerns regarding COVID-19 pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.98; and

WHEREAS, governmental bodies typically can meet their open meetings obligations, while practicing social distancing to help protect public health, by conducting meetings via telephone conference calls if the public is provided with an effective way to monitor such calls; and

WHEREAS, per the above advisories, the open meetings law "does not require that all meetings be held in publicly owned places but rather in places 'reasonably accessible to members of the public'", 69 Op. Att'y Gen. 143, 144 (1980) (quoting 47 Op. Gen. 126 (1978)), and, further, the DOJ's longstanding advice is that a telephone conference call can be an acceptable method of convening a meeting of a governmental body, *Id.* at 146; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of any specific policy, the Price County Board of Supervisors has adopted to be governed by the "most current revised Robert's Rules of Order" on any parliamentary questions; and

WHEREAS, per Robert's Rules of Order, an electronic meeting (i.e. conference calls or other electronic means) is allowed if the requirements of a deliberative assembly are met and an electronic meeting is authorized in the by-laws of the organization which in Price County is its County Board of Supervisors Policy and Procedure Manual; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 9-20, as amended, has expired as of August 23, 2020 and Executive Order #82 issued by Wisconsin Governor Evers is due to expire on September 28, 2020, leaving Price County without the ability to exercise the emergency powers allowed per Wis. Stat. 332.10, 323.11 and 323.14 (4).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the proposed addition of the Electronic Meetings Policy to the Price County Board Policy and Procedure Manual.

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee: s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Alan Barkstrom; Jeff Hallstrand; Robert Kopisch, Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th September 2020. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 9, Against: 3. Motion Wartgow/Hallstrand to consider resolution for adoption. Motion Hintz/Jilka to add to the policy: "It is the responsibility of the committee member to notify the chairperson and the County Clerk if it is their intention to attend a meeting electronically. This notice needs at least a 24 hour notice." Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (9): Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Jilka, Kopisch, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Wartgow. No (3): Strobl, Barkstrom, Madsen. Motion carried.

Reports on File:

1. Price County Health & Human Services – 2019 Annual Report
Convene to Committee of the Whole at 10:59 a.m.

1. County Administrator's Report – Nick Trimner

- a. 2020 Financial Summary – August 31, 2020: Budget is tracking well.
- b. 2021 Budget: Deficit is currently at \$221,963. Books-by-mail and funding to Park Falls and Prentice airports are not included. 3.8% health insurance increase. Administration Committee will discuss plan and HSA/HRA options. Reduced funding to the Price County Fair Association, but the County will do more of the fairground maintenance.
- c. COVID-19 Pandemic Update: Grants: County \$231,000, Health Department \$250,000, election security \$38,000, Emergency Management \$10,000, Airport \$30,000. Continue to monitor positive cases. Working with schools during their re-openings. Received a supply of free masks for County and non-profit employees. Will reach out to County municipalities who can transfer any unused COVID funding to the County.

2. Board Chair – Robert Kopisch

- a. Reports: Northwest Regional Planning Commission: have received additional funding. Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation: moving toward county-wide organization. Requesting contributions from municipalities. Northwest Wisconsin Concentrated Employment Program (CEP): Offices have been closed due to COVID. Wisconsin Counties Association: There was a Board meeting on August 21st. Roles and Responsibilities presentation at the August 29th Board meeting – will include legislative updates.
- b. RollCall Systems – Automated Meetings: Discussion. Motion Wartgow/Houdek to proceed with purchase of RollCallPro with COVID funding. Motion carried. Administration will work with vendor to implement.

3. Committee Chair Reports

- a. Administration – Wartgow: Electronic meeting policy. Health insurance options. Employee handbook. Recruitments.
- b. Executive – Kopisch: 2021 budget. 2016 tax delinquent properties In Rem court petition has been filed. Expect to be final in November. 2017 tax delinquent process is starting.
- c. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: County campgrounds were busy but winding down. Fall timber sale set up. DNR grant for rifle range improvements.
- d. Health and Human Services – Houdek: COVID updates. Program updates. Recommendation for Board member and various sub-committee members will wait until vacant County Board Supervisor position is filled. Minocqua BART Bus route is starting.
- e. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Patching, tree removal, culvert replacements, Counties C and YY project preparation, gearing up for winter maintenance. Adam Nelson hired as the new Dams Keeper. Winter drawdown in October. Preparing for 2021 Airport Improvement Project.
- f. Land Use & UW-Extension – Barkstrom: Special exemption, condition use permit and land division approvals. Two new snowmobile bridges installed. New 4-H Youth Educator hired.
- g. Law Enforcement – Hintz: Several large drug warrants with use of K-9 unit.
- h. Ad Hoc Committee on Damage to Fairground Buildings – Houdek
 - i. Update: Engineer report on soil borings indicated area is not suitable for building. Discussed issues, options, funding. Engineer will present options. Need to demo the Open Class Building and Barn wing that were damaged and relocate electric service. No project would be scheduled for 2021. Trying to get more of an insurance settlement.
 - ii. Request Additional Meetings: Motion Palecek/Madsen to approve an additional four committee meetings. Motion carried.

Date of Next Meeting: September 29 and October 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room
Meeting adjourned at 12:10 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 15, 2020 and the whole thereof.


Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

Res. 5126

RESOLUTION OF PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE CITY OF PARK FALLS AND VILLAGE OF PRENTICE
FOR THE OPERATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PARK FALLS AND PRENTICE
MUNICIPAL AIRPORTS

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City of Park Falls and the Village of Prentice presently own and maintain municipal airports without financial assistance from Price County, and

WHEREAS, each such municipal airport provides beneficial aviation services to the electors and industrial and commercial establishments primarily located in the northern and southern portions of Price County and similar services for all electors and business concerns located within Price County, and

WHEREAS, §114.11(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes authorizes the Price County Board of Supervisors to appropriate money to any city or village for the operation and improvement of an airport owned by such city or village,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Price County Board of Supervisors does resolve as follows:

1. The sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars shall be appropriated in 1986 to each of the City of Park Falls and Village of Prentice for their use in the operation and improvement of the municipal airport facilities owned and maintained by each such municipality.
2. Similar appropriations shall be made to the City of Park Falls and the Village of Prentice for subsequent calendar years for such period of time that each such municipality owns and maintains a municipal airport.

The above resolution was duly and regularly introduced and passed at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors for Price County, State of Wisconsin on the 17th day of June, 1986, by the following vote:

Ayes: 18 eighteen
Nays: 1 one

Absent: 1

Edgar Brankig
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Clarence Cvengros
Clarence Cvengros, County Clerk

Appropriation of Funds to the City of Park Falls and Village of Prentice for the Operation and the Village of Prentice for the Operation and Improvement of Airports (Amended 10-25-88) (Rescind 2-16-88: Failed)

Amendment to Resolution No. 5126 - Airport Support
Moved by Nussberger, seconded by Tenut to amend Resolution No. 5126 to replace the sum of \$5,000 with the sum of \$4,500 to both the Village of Prentice and Park Falls airports.
Moved by Nussberger to withdraw motion. Moved by Blomberg, seconded by Tenut to amend Resolution No. 5126 to replace the sum of \$5,000 with the sum of \$4,500 to both airports named. Roll call vote: Aye: Blomberg,

Helgeson, Cervenka, Nussberger, Hammerstrom, Skoterud, Dahlie and Tenut (8). Nays: Lukes, Bodoh, A. Schneider, Mattson, Gradinjan, Sutton (6). 6 absent. Motion carried.
Moved by Dahlie, seconded by Bodoh to adjourn until November 15, 1988. Motion carried.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
(SS
COUNTY OF PRICE)

I, Clarence Cvengros, County Clerk in and for Price County, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct statement of all the proceedings had by and before the Price County Board of Supervisors at the Adjourned Organizational Meeting held October 25, 1988, and the whole thereof. Dated this 25th day of October, 1988.

S/Clarence Cvengros
Clarence Cvengros
Price County Clerk

Resolution _____

**Approve Price County 2021 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 2021 Highway Department road construction projects to the potential extent of \$1,500,000; 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 2021 Highway Department road construction projects in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 to be financed through the issuance of short-term debt and to include such debt payment in the 2022 Price County budget.

Fiscal Impact: \$1,500,000 (2022 budget)

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 13th day of October 2020.

Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair

Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

For: _____ Against: _____

**Waiver of Interest and Penalty for Late Payment of 2019 Property Tax Payments
Biewer Wisconsin Sawmill, Inc. and John A. Biewer of Wisconsin, Inc.**

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of Price County property owners to timely pay annual property taxes assessed on their property; and

WHEREAS, payment of property tax liability is considered timely if it is mailed in a properly addressed envelope, postmarked by the last day prescribed for making the payment and is received by the proper official not more than five days after the prescribed date for making the payment; and

WHEREAS, neither the Village of Prentice or the County of Price have record of receiving timely payment of 2019 property tax liability from Biewer Wisconsin Sawmill, Inc. and John A. Biewer of Wisconsin, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, when said taxes went unpaid as of the due date of July 31, 2020, a delinquent notice was sent to the property owner; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Treasurer received correspondence from Gary Olmstead, Chief Financial Officer of the above-named entities on September 28, 2020 with the following:

- Checks in the amount of \$25,278.00 and \$8,031.19 which include tax liability of \$29,740.34 and \$3,568.85 in interest and penalty
- Statements indicating the original checks in the amount of \$22,569.64 and \$7,170.70 were mailed on July 24, 2020
- Stop payment orders from Bank of America, indicating the original checks had not clear their bank accounts
- A request that the interest and penalties be waived since their contention is that the checks were mailed but never received by the Village of Prentice.

WHEREAS, Mr. Olmstead has made request per Wisconsin State Statute 74.69(3)(b) which states: Any person required to pay interest or a penalty because of a late payment may, within 10 days of payment of interest or a penalty, but not later than December 1 of the year that the general property tax, special tax, special charge or special assessment was due, file a written request with the county treasurer requesting that the county board find that the late payment was timely under sub. (1) because the sole reason it was not timely was a delay or administrative error on the part of the U.S. postal service.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby believes there was sufficient evidence that the 2019 property tax payments for Biewer Wisconsin Sawmill, Inc. and John A. Biewer of Wisconsin, Inc. were timely mailed and the failure of payment reaching the Village of Prentice in a timely manner lies with the U.S. Postal Service and hereby waive the interest and penalties assessed in the amount of \$3,568.85.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Price County Treasurer be directed to refund Biewer Wisconsin Sawmill, Inc. \$2,708.36 and John A. Biewer of Wisconsin, Inc. \$860.49.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee:

Robert D. Kopisch, Chair

James Hintz

Paula Houdek

Larry Palecek

Dennis Wartgow

Reviewed by County Administrator: _____

Nicholas Trimmer

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of October 2020.

Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair

Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

For: _____ Against: _____

Resolution _____
Release of Gravel and Marl Rights

WHEREAS, the Price County Highway Department has reviewed a request to relinquish rights of ingress and egress, road and highway rights, and gravel and marl rights to a property located at SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 32, Township 34N, Range 1 West, Town of Ogema, Price County, Wisconsin; and

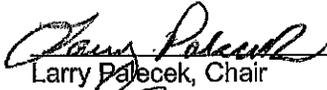
WHEREAS, the requestor has filed the necessary application; and

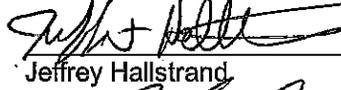
WHEREAS, the Price County Highway Department has approved said request per Price County policy for release of said rights and recommends approval by County Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby relinquish the gravel and marl rights to the property described above subject to the receipt of the acreage fee and execution of all of the appropriate documents within 45 days of the passage of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the case of non-performance by the applicant within the aforementioned 45-day period, this resolution shall become null and void.

Submitted by the Price County Highway and Transportation Committee:

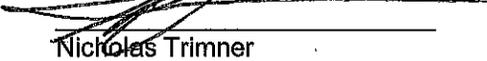

Larry Palecek, Chair


Jeffrey Hallstrand


Robert D. Kopisch -


James Hintz


Jordan Spacek

Reviewed by County Administrator: 
Nicholas Trimner

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of October 2020.

Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair

Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

For _____ Against _____

Resolution _____
Provision of General Assistance Services 2021 – 2022

WHEREAS, Price County's General Assistance Program has been established to meet temporary and basic needs of county residents who are determined to be in need of such assistance; and

WHEREAS, the program has proven to be a valuable, cost-effective, temporary mechanism for County residents who have needed short-term economic assistance; and

WHEREAS, after review and consideration of the policy, Price County Health and Human Services Board has determined that the program is a necessary resource for eligible county residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Price County continues its General Assistance program for calendar years 2021 - 2022.

Fiscal Impact: It is anticipated that this resolution will be budget neutral over time due to the repayment requirement of the program however; due to current economic conditions this program could have a levy impact of up to \$5,100. Additional expenditures beyond \$5,100 will require further County Board action in the form of an amended resolution.

Submitted by the Price County Health and Human Services Board:

Paula Houdek, Chair

Peter Dahlie

Sally Huml

Bruce Jilka

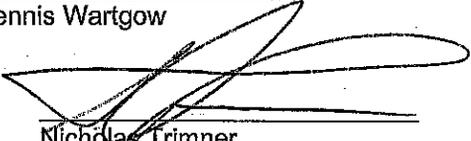
Suzanne Ocker

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October 1, 2020

Dear Price County Board member,

As you are aware, we have seen a spike in the number of COVID-19 positive cases over the past several weeks. Through today, we will be at around 140 cases. At our September 15th Board meeting, we were at 39 cases.

All areas of County government have been impacted. Each of our buildings has or had an employee either test positive or be quarantined because of being a contact to a person who tested positive. Our health department staff struggles to keep up with the tracing aspect of positive cases to the extent that we are looking to hire at least two Limited Term Employees (LTD's) to help with the tracing. In addition, we have trained two of our other employees to help with the effort. Obviously, this is straining our ability to provide the services that we are required to provide.

This makes protecting our employees even more critical. This is a serious issue. To this extent our Administrator through the Human Resources function, issued COVID-19 update #15 dated September 25, 2020. All of you were sent a copy of this memo. This memo defines what is required of County employees regarding the wearing of masks and social distancing. It also defines the rules for building access, an employee's role in maintaining a healthy workplace and the social distancing and working safe recommendations.

As County Board Supervisors, and elected employees of the County, we are subject to these same rules and requirements, as are all individuals visiting any of our County buildings. These are County rules and requirements, not the rules established by any State issued mask mandate.

Therefore, effective immediately, and until further notice, all County Board Supervisors will follow the County's policy as outlined in the above memo regarding the wearing of masks and social distancing in County buildings. If you cannot wear a mask, you need to participate in Board related meetings via conference call per our electronic meetings policy. If you need special accommodation in order to participate, please contact either the County Administrator or County Clerk to arrange for any possible accommodation.

As the County Board Chair, it is my responsibility to provide direction and guidance on Board issues. It is the responsibility of all of us to adhere to County policies and, in that regard, set an example for our County employees and constituents. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

Bob Kopisch – Price County Board Chair

WCA legislative agenda regarding levy limits – 8/21/20

- Enact an exemption for economic development efforts.
- Provide levy limit flexibility for initiatives that involve the transfer of services from one unit of government to another by eliminating the statutorily required property tax adjustments and support an incentive program to encourage more local government transferring and sharing services.
- Modify the current annual levy limit adjustment from “net new construction” to “new construction”.
- Amend state law to allow counties to engage in short-term general obligation borrowing for operation expenses.

PRICE COUNTY WISCONSIN

REVENUES COMPARED TO EXPENSES MONTH END SUMMARY REPORT

REPORT ENDING 09/30/2020

PERCENT OF YEAR COMPLETE 75%

DEPARTMENT NAMES	REVENUES				EXPENDITURES			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	% COLLECTED	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	% SPENT
GENERAL - FUND								
GENERAL REVENUES	\$ (4,503,933)	\$ (5,299,381)	\$ (795,448)	84.99%	\$ 364,328	\$ 6,730	\$ (357,598)	5413.49%
COUNTY BOARD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 31,797	\$ 52,985	\$ 21,188	60.01%
EXECUTIVE/FINANCE	\$ (300)	\$ -	\$ 300		\$ 158,661	\$ 168,890	\$ 10,229	93.94%
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES	\$ (2,328)	\$ -	\$ 2,328		\$ 393,010	\$ 583,230	\$ 190,220	67.39%
CIRCUIT COURT	\$ (175,913)	\$ (206,925)	\$ (31,012)	85.01%	\$ 328,944	\$ 459,244	\$ 130,300	71.63%
FAMILY COURT COMMISSIONER	\$ (2,369)	\$ (3,380)	\$ (1,011)	70.08%	\$ 13,686	\$ 22,022	\$ 8,336	62.15%
CORONER	\$ (8,180)	\$ (11,750)	\$ (3,570)	69.62%	\$ 43,832	\$ 64,547	\$ 20,715	67.91%
COUNTY CLERK	\$ (4,818)	\$ (11,700)	\$ (6,882)	41.18%	\$ 68,197	\$ 95,651	\$ 27,454	71.30%
BUDGET & ACCT MANAGER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$ (2,459)	\$ -	\$ 2,459		\$ 386,937	\$ 389,031	\$ 2,094	99.46%
PERSONNEL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
ELECTIONS	\$ (48,269)	\$ (8,000)	\$ 40,269	603.36%	\$ 65,471	\$ 21,500	\$ (43,971)	304.52%
COUNTY TREASURER	\$ (2,172)	\$ (750)	\$ 1,422	289.62%	\$ 47,923	\$ 68,521	\$ 20,598	69.94%
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	\$ (11,001)	\$ (24,850)	\$ (13,849)	44.27%	\$ 129,435	\$ 161,656	\$ 32,221	80.07%
LAND INFORMATION	\$ (142,066)	\$ (83,500)	\$ 58,566	170.14%	\$ 206,569	\$ 83,500	\$ (123,069)	247.39%
REGISTER OF DEEDS	\$ (103,036)	\$ (108,000)	\$ (4,964)	95.40%	\$ 107,479	\$ 150,092	\$ 42,613	71.61%
TAX LISTER	\$ (700)	\$ (2,000)	\$ (1,300)	35.00%	\$ 53,580	\$ 74,365	\$ 20,785	72.05%
SURVEYOR	\$ (20)	\$ (150)	\$ (130)	13.33%	\$ 17,012	\$ 11,528	\$ (5,484)	147.57%
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$ (187,277)	\$ (27,000)	\$ 160,277	693.62%	\$ 614,915	\$ 612,213	\$ (2,702)	100.44%
SHERIFF	\$ (53,064)	\$ (45,110)	\$ 7,954	117.63%	\$ 1,553,340	\$ 2,077,391	\$ 524,051	74.77%
JAIL	\$ (45,169)	\$ (46,550)	\$ (1,381)	97.03%	\$ 833,054	\$ 1,187,800	\$ 354,746	70.13%
JAIL ASSESSMENTS	\$ (8,054)	\$ (13,500)	\$ (5,446)	59.66%	\$ 395	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,105	2.93%
PROJECT LIFESAVER	\$ (1,660)	\$ -	\$ 1,660		\$ 871	\$ -	\$ (871)	
LEPC	\$ -	\$ (18,000)	\$ (18,000)	0.00%	\$ 1,405	\$ 16,150	\$ 14,745	8.70%
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$ (3,428)	\$ (37,200)	\$ (33,772)	9.22%	\$ 71,099	\$ 97,758	\$ 26,659	72.73%
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 40	\$ 335	\$ 295	11.94%
CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY	\$ (88,799)	\$ (220,000)	\$ (131,201)	40.36%	\$ 162,086	\$ 217,860	\$ 55,774	74.40%
TOURISM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 3,016	\$ -	\$ (3,016)	
UWEX	\$ (5,254)	\$ (12,200)	\$ (6,946)	43.06%	\$ 37,295	\$ 99,554	\$ 62,259	37.46%
FORESTRY (COUNTY)	\$ (914,608)	\$ (1,382,935)	\$ (468,327)	66.14%	\$ 390,565	\$ 514,053	\$ 123,488	75.98%
DAMS	\$ (25,819)	\$ -	\$ 25,819		\$ 101,891	\$ 76,744	\$ (25,147)	132.77%
LAND CONSERVATION	\$ (307,836)	\$ (331,500)	\$ (23,664)	92.86%	\$ 247,876	\$ 396,891	\$ 149,015	62.45%
ZONING	\$ (69,421)	\$ (82,500)	\$ (13,079)	84.15%	\$ 115,900	\$ 145,469	\$ 29,569	79.67%
OFFICE OF CORP COUNSEL	\$ (1,724)	\$ -	\$ 1,724		\$ 78,049	\$ 107,671	\$ 29,622	72.49%
GENERAL - FUND - TOTAL	\$ (6,719,677)	\$ (7,976,881)	\$ (1,257,204)	84.24%	\$ 6,628,655	\$ 7,976,881	\$ 1,348,226	83.10%
ANIMAL CONTROL								
Division 183 - DOG	\$ (59,928)	\$ (63,115)	\$ (3,187)	94.95%	\$ 64,963	\$ 63,115	\$ (1,848)	102.93%
VETERANS SERVICES - FUND								
VETERANS SERVICES	\$ (94,960)	\$ (94,554)	\$ 406	100.43%	\$ 66,075	\$ 94,554	\$ 28,479	69.88%
LIBRARY SERVICES - FUND								
Library Services (books by mail)	\$ (303,377)	\$ (316,377)	\$ (13,000)	95.89%	\$ 318,442	\$ 316,377	\$ (2,065)	100.65%
AIRPORT								
AIRPORT	\$ (180,502)	\$ (257,919)	\$ (77,417)	69.98%	\$ 135,443	\$ 257,919	\$ 122,476	52.51%
STATE FORESTRY								
STATE FORESTRY	\$ (51,676)	\$ (49,223)	\$ 2,453	104.98%	\$ 35,341	\$ 49,223	\$ 13,882	71.80%
HIGHWAY - FUND								
HIGHWAY	\$ (3,966,313)	\$ (5,095,781)	\$ (1,129,468)	77.84%	\$ 3,751,583	\$ 5,095,781	\$ 1,344,198	73.62%
HIGHWAY B & G FUND - 47	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND - 47	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 335,134	\$ -	\$ (335,134)	
OTHER FUND TOTAL	\$ (4,656,757)	\$ (5,876,969)	\$ (1,220,212)	79.24%	\$ 4,706,982	\$ 5,876,969	\$ 1,169,987	80.09%
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TOTAL								
Division 51 - General Public Health	\$ (481,694)	\$ (551,344)	\$ (69,650)	87.37%	\$ 437,483	\$ 551,344	\$ 113,861	79.35%
Division 52 - WIC	\$ (77,597)	\$ (127,690)	\$ (50,093)	60.77%	\$ 92,803	\$ 127,690	\$ 34,887	72.68%
Division 53 - Family Planning	\$ (326,088)	\$ (547,533)	\$ (221,445)	59.56%	\$ 520,701	\$ 547,533	\$ 26,832	95.10%
Division 54 - Safe and Stable Plan	\$ (16,521)	\$ (33,310)	\$ (16,789)	49.60%	\$ 17,527	\$ 33,310	\$ 15,783	52.62%
Division 55 - Oral Health	\$ (35,944)	\$ (60,120)	\$ (24,176)	59.79%	\$ 32,599	\$ 60,120	\$ 27,521	54.22%
Division 56 - Children and Youth	\$ (2,277,248)	\$ (2,245,962)	\$ 31,286	101.39%	\$ 1,332,025	\$ 2,245,962	\$ 913,937	59.31%
Division 58 - Economic Support	\$ (268,134)	\$ (387,636)	\$ (119,502)	69.17%	\$ 286,916	\$ 387,636	\$ 100,720	74.02%
Division 59 - Title 10	\$ (637,367)	\$ (91,760)	\$ 545,607	694.60%	\$ 717,650	\$ 91,760	\$ (625,890)	782.09%
Division 60 - Long Term Support	\$ (657,932)	\$ (768,706)	\$ (110,774)	85.59%	\$ 488,659	\$ 768,706	\$ 280,047	63.57%
Division 61 - Behavioral Health	\$ (741,601)	\$ (1,188,232)	\$ (446,631)	62.41%	\$ 599,074	\$ 1,188,232	\$ 589,158	50.42%
Division 66 - Aging Administration	\$ (41,357)	\$ (60,820)	\$ (19,463)	68.00%	\$ 55,953	\$ 60,820	\$ 4,867	92.00%
Division 67 - Nutrition Congregate	\$ (74,370)	\$ (169,118)	\$ (94,748)	43.98%	\$ 97,050	\$ 169,118	\$ 72,068	57.39%
Division 68 - Home Delivered Meals	\$ (114,510)	\$ (70,582)	\$ 43,928	162.24%	\$ 70,888	\$ 70,582	\$ (306)	100.43%
Division 70 - Transportation	\$ (11,543)	\$ (16,073)	\$ (4,530)	71.82%	\$ 26,150	\$ 16,073	\$ (10,077)	162.70%
Division 71 - Escort	\$ (33,074)	\$ (121,456)	\$ (88,382)	27.23%	\$ 118,212	\$ 121,456	\$ 3,244	97.33%
Division 72 - Benefit Specialist	\$ (45,187)	\$ (85,389)	\$ (40,202)	52.92%	\$ 57,743	\$ 85,389	\$ 27,646	67.62%
Division 73 - Wellness	\$ (152)	\$ (2,325)	\$ (2,173)	6.54%	\$ 170	\$ 2,325	\$ 2,155	7.31%
Division 74 - Caregiver	\$ (2,459)	\$ (8,158)	\$ (5,699)	30.14%	\$ 8,869	\$ 8,158	\$ (711)	108.72%
HHS - FUND - TOTALS	\$ (5,842,779)	\$ (6,536,214)	\$ (693,435)	89.39%	\$ 4,960,471	\$ 6,536,214	\$ 1,575,743	75.89%
Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ (2,190,771)	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 2,190,771	\$ -	
Debt Levy	\$ (888,000)	\$ (1,600,410)	\$ -		\$ 925,509	\$ 1,600,410	\$ -	
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ (362,335)	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -	
Capital Projects	\$ (2,564)	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 176,004	\$ -	\$ -	