

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