

**Price County Law Enforcement Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Date: March 10, 2023 Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Larry Palecek, Committee Chair. Roll Call - Present: Brian Ernst, Doug Erickson, Larry Palecek, Ginny Strobl, Lorelei Wakefield. Also present: Nick Trimner (remote), Brian Schmidt, Robert Hawn, Leanna Samardich (remote)

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: None.
2. Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2023: Motion Ernst/Strobl to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Coroner
 - a. Department Report: Nick will be submitting a letter of support to Marathon County for building a forensic facility. Will also support a new forensic facility in Green Bay.
 - b. Financial Reports and Vouchers: Motion Strobl/Wakefield to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$9,600.00. Motion carried.
4. District Attorney
 - a. Department Report: None.
 - b. Financial Reports and Vouchers: Motion Wakefield/Strobl to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$2,670.55. Motion carried.
5. Clerk of Circuit Court
 - a. Department Report: Recruiting for Judge’s Judicial Assistant. Recruiting for one Deputy Clerk of Courts position. Deputy Clerk of Court Fiscal has submitted resignation notice for November.
 - b. Financial Reports and Vouchers: Motion Strobl/Erickson to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$22,605.50. Motion carried.
6. Public Hearing declared open at 9:15 a.m. for the purpose of entertaining questions and comments on the following.

No comments and no correspondence received. Hearing declared closed at 9:16 a.m.

 - a. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Price County, Chapter 223 Thereof, Entitled “Animals”: Ordinance 2023-01: to add Article IV Breeding Facilities.
Motion Ernst/Erickson to approve Ordinance 2023-01 and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried on voice vote with opposition from Strobl.
 - b. Ordinance 2023-02: An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Price County Chapter 223 Thereof, Entitled “Animals”:
to amend §223-8 Duties of Sheriff and Municipal Law Enforcement,
to amend §223-9 Quarantine,
to amend §223-20 Dog License, Rabies Vaccination Required,
to amend §223-22 Abandonment of dead animals, disposal of dead domestic animals,
to amend §223-25 Dangerous Dogs,
to amend §223.30 Prohibited animals.
Motion Erickson/Wakefield to approve Ordinance 2023-02 and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
 - c. Ordinance 2023-03: An Ordinance to Amend the Price County Code, Chapter 290 Thereof, Entitled “Fees and Penalties” to reflect amendments to Chapter 223, Animals.
Motion Ernst/Erickson to approve Ordinance 2023-03, Option 2 and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
7. Sheriff’s Office – Brian Schmidt
 - a. Department Report: Looking for grants for requested inmate body scanner.
 - i. Staffing Update: Two deputies are in the field training process. One other candidate in the testing phase. Pending retirement in June. Female Jail/Dispatch position. Several part-time positions open.

- ii. Humane Officer / Animal Control: Mindy Dabler is transitioning. Recent cat hoarding situation.
 - iii. K-9 Units: Kane is doing well in training. Dixon continues to do well.
 - iv. Rec Officer: Seth Dabler winding up snowmobile patrol and response.
 - b. Financial Reports and Vouchers: Motion Strobl/Wakefield to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$102,020.05. Motion carried.
 - 8. Date of Next Meeting: May 12th
 - 9. Meeting adjourned 10:36 a.m.
- Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk