

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 15, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Meeting called to order by Robert Kopisch, Chairperson at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call: Present – Jim Hintz, Paula Houdek, Robert Kopisch, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Also present – Nick Trimner, Carrie Kyle, Lynn Neeck

Nick reviewed process for those attending electronically.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment: None.
2. Communications and Correspondences: None.
3. Meeting minutes March 11, 2021: Motion Palecek/Houdek to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
4. Presentation: Lyn Ludwig – Advertising Billboard: Lyn not present. Requesting donation for billboard on State Highway 51 promoting Price County.
5. Treasurer – Lynn Neeck
 - a. Treasurer's monthly report: Reviewed. \$1 million loan was paid off. Senate Bill pertaining to real estate tax relief. Wisconsin County Treasurers Association is opposing the way the payments are being structured.
 - b. In Rem / Tax Deed: 2016 auction ready as soon as Park Falls razes structures on two properties. Expected in June.
 - i. 2017 Tax Deed: 40 parcels remain. Court petition to be filed.
 - ii. 2018 Tax Deed: Newspaper publication next week. October 31st payment deadline for next step of ordering title searches.
 - c. Delinquent Tax Status
 - i. Park Falls Development, LLC: Making monthly payments. One parcel remains delinquent for 2017.
 - ii. Phillips Lionite Wood Products Company, LLC: Making monthly payments, still toward 2017.
6. County Administrator: Nick Trimner
 - a. 2020 Actual vs Budget: Reviewed the departments that finished with overages.
 - i. Resolution – Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020: Motion Wartgow/Palecek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
 - b. 2021 Actual vs Budget: There are quite a few jury trials coming up, several expected to be high cost. Implementing COVID protocols with court system. Buildings & Grounds is struggling with HVAC system.
 - c. Administrator Report: Auditors. Recruitments.
7. Resolution – Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grant: New vault toilet at Timm's Hill County Park and electric service to Big Falls County Park. Motion Houdek/Hintz to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
8. Resolution – Outdoor Recreation Grant Application: Silent sports trail system maintenance. Motion Houdek/Palecek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
9. 2020 Annual Report of Wages for Price County: Reviewed. Corrections need to be made for the report to the County Board.
10. COVID Relief Bill Allocations and Uses: Expecting \$2.6 million. Procedures are still being developed.
11. Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation
 - a. Restructuring Status: Nothing new to report.
 - b. Economic Development Spending: Reviewed what area counties pay towards tourism and economic support. Discussion of the possibility of combining all three organizations (Park Falls and Phillips Chamber and PFACDC) into one that encompasses Price County Tourism and Economic Development.

12. Fairground Buildings Update: Open Class Building removal has been completed. The Highway Department will work on cleanup and grading. Engineer will look at the Barn to determine if it can be used.
13. Monthly Vouchers: Motion Palecek/Houdek to approve the accounts payable and payroll in the amount of \$2,786,851.85 for March and \$248,433.96 for Period 13 and voucher in the amount of \$375,527.86. Motion carried.
14. Closed Session: Announcement and motion Wartgow/Palecek to adjourn to closed session at 10:48 a.m. pursuant to the exemption in Wis. State Statute 19.85 (1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility for the purpose of:
 - a. County Administrator Performance Review
 - b. County Administrator Employment Agreement
 - c. Motion to Return to Open SessionRoll call vote: Yes (5): Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Palecek, Wartgow. No: (0). Motion carried.
Motion Palecek/Wartgow in closed session to return to open session at 12:10 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes (5): Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Palecek, Wartgow. No: (0). Motion carried.
15. Take Action, as needed, on closed session items: None taken.
16. Date of Next Meeting: April 20, May 13, June 10.
17. Meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk