

## MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 18, 2023

### Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair.

Invocation: Pastor Larry Tenut.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance.

Roll Call: Present (13): Alan Barkstrom, Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Jason Hastings, Jeff Hallstrand (9:27 a.m.), Paula Houdek, Mark Kyle, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, Patricia Stephan, Ginny Strobl, Lorelei Wakefield, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Nick Trimmer, Leanna Samardich.

Instructions were given to any members of the public attending electronically.

Approval of Minutes February 21, 2023: Motion Houdek/Spacek to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: Chair Barkstrom reviewed code of conduct at the meeting.

Public Comments: None.

Ordinances:

#### Ordinance 2023-01

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Price County, Chapter 223 Thereof, Entitled "Animals":  
to add Article IV Breeding Facilities,

Be it ordained by the Price County Board of Supervisors, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 223 of the Code of the County of Price is hereby amended to add a new section, to be known as Article IV as follows:

§223-53 Permit Required.

- A. No person shall operate a breeding facility without a valid breeding permit issued pursuant to the terms of this ordinance. A breeding permit shall be issued for a breeding facility is subject to the general permit requirements and provisions set forth in this ordinance. There shall be three (3) tiers of breeding permits required for any breeding facility.
  - 1) Tier 1: Any breeding facility authorized to house, sell, or barter fewer than 25 dogs or cats per breeding permit period.
  - 2) Tier 2: Any breeding facility authorized to house, sell, or barter at least 25 but no more than 50 dogs or cats per breeding permit period.
  - 3) Tier 3: Any breeding facility authorized to house, sell, or barter at least 50, but no more than 99 dogs or cats per breeding permit period.
  - 4) A breeding facility with any more than 99 dogs or cats is prohibited in Price County and shall not be permitted to operate in Price County.
- B. A breeding permit shall be twelve (12) month period ending on September 30 of each year. A breeding permit may be no longer than twelve (12) months and may be less than twelve (12) months, depending on the date of issuance of a breeding permit.
- C. A breeding permit fee shall be set by the County Board Of Supervisors.

§223-54 Operation.

In addition to the terms of a breeding permit, this ordinance and all other applicable laws, a breeding facility shall comply and be subject to any provisions set forth in other county and state approvals or permits, such as conditional use permit issued for the operation of a breeding facility, and follow guidelines regarding inspections by WI Department of Agriculture Trade And Consumer Protection.

§223-55 Multi-dog license.

Any person who keeps or operates a breeding facility shall apply to the Price Co Humane Officer for a multi-dog license for all dogs, which have attained five (5) months of age kept at the breeding facility, with current proof of rabies immunization vaccination.

§223-56 Additional Standards

In addition to the required standards set forth in this ordinance, a breeding facility shall comply with the following for the welfare of the dogs or cats:

- A. Breeding age of female animals shall be no younger than two (2) years old and nor older than seven (7) years old. After age seven (7) years old, any female kept at the breeding facility shall be spayed.
- B. No breeding facility shall produce more than one litter per twelve (12) month breeding permit period of puppies or kittens per female of breeding age.
- C. A puppy or kitten may not be physically transferred to another facility or owner until it is at least eight (8) weeks of age or older.

§ 223-57 Enforcement.

This article will be enforced by the Price County Sheriff's Office and the Price County Land Conservation and Zoning Department.

§ 223-58 Violations and penalties.

Anyone causing, creating or maintaining a violation of this article shall be subject to a forfeiture as provided in Chapter 290 of the County Code, together with cost of prosecution.

Section 2. Effective date.

This ordinance shall be effective as of date of publication.

Submitted by the Price County Law Enforcement Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Doug Erickson; Brian Ernst; Lorelei Wakefield. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of April 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Yes: 10, No: 2.

Motion Ernst/Erickson to consideration ordinance for consideration. Motion Strobl/Wakefield to remove items #3 and #4 from §223-53 Section A. Roll call vote: Yes (5): Hastings, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield. No (7): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Wartgow. Motion failed. Roll call vote on ordinance adoption: Yes (10): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Stephan, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (2): Spacek, Strobl. Motion carried.

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.

Be it ordained by the Price County Board of Supervisors, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 223 of the Code of the County of Price is hereby amended to add a new section, to be known as Article III as follows:

§223.8. Duties of Sheriff and municipal law enforcement.

If the Price County Sheriff has cause to believe that any dog, cat or ferret has bitten a person ~~other than the owner or the owner's immediate family~~, an officer shall order a dog, cat, or ferret quarantined. The Sheriff shall investigate the incident, and if such dog, cat or ferret can be identified and located, the Sheriff shall take action in accordance with this article.

§223.9. Quarantine

B. The custodian of an isolation facility or the owner shall keep a dog, cat or ferret which is ordered to be quarantined in strict isolation under the supervision of a veterinarian for 223, at least 10 days ~~after the incident occurred~~.

§223.19 Definitions

Exotic Animal

Any animal that is not normally domesticated in the United States or any animal that is generally recognized as a non-domesticated animal.

Habitual Offender

Any animal owner or harbinger, who within any three (3) year period is convicted of three (3) or more violations of domestic animal related offenses under §223 of the Price County Code. The controlling date is the date of each violation, not the date of the plea entered or the date of conviction resulting therefrom.

Wild Animal

Any warm- or cold-blooded animal that can normally be found in the wild state, habitat, woods, or wilds, including, but not limited to, any non-human primate, raccoon, skunk, fox, wolf, coyote, poisonous snake, leopard, panther, tiger, lion, lynx, bear, badgers, otters, muskrats, or prairie dogs.

§223.20. Dog license; rabies vaccination required.

It is required that all owners of a dog more than ~~four~~ five months of age on January 1 of any year or ~~four~~ five months of age within the license year shall annually, or on or before the date the dog becomes ~~four~~ five months of age, pay the dog license ~~tax fee~~ and obtain a license. As part of the requirement of obtaining a dog license the owner of a dog shall have the dog vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian within 30 days after the dog reaches ~~four~~ five months of age and revaccinated within one year after the initial vaccination. If the owner obtains the dog or brings the dog into Price County after the dog has reached ~~four~~ five months of age...

§223.22 Abandonment of dead animals; disposal of dead domestic animals.

B. No person shall dispose of ~~an animal, its parts or blood by burial~~ any animal carcass, blood or remains of an animal on the land of another without the permission of the owner of the land.

D. ~~All carcasses will be buried below the surface of the ground and shall be completely covered so as to prevent their being reached by wild animals or dogs. Cremation will be performed by a licensed veterinarian, or the animal shall be taken to a licensed rendering plant.~~ Recommended means of disposal of carcass is by rendering, burial, burning, and landfilling. Rendering of livestock at a licensed rendering plant, or cremation by a licensed veterinarian is preferred.

§ 223-25. Dangerous dogs.

- ~~A. Certificate required. It shall be unlawful for any person to have or possess a dangerous dog without a certificate of registration issued by the County. No more than one certificate of registration shall be granted per person or owner for a dangerous dog. No more than one certificate shall be issued per domicile.~~
- ~~B. Conditions for issuance of certificate. Subject to the requirements of this section for dangerous dogs and subject to revocation for noncompliance and possible confiscation, the County Clerk under the direction of the Health Officer shall issue a certificate of registration to the owner of a dangerous dog if the owner presents to the Price County Health Department or County Clerk sufficient evidence of the following:~~
- ~~(1) A proper enclosure to confine the dangerous dog; and~~
  - ~~(2) The posting on the premises of a dangerous dog sign obtained from the County, warning that there is a dangerous dog on the property.~~
- ~~C. Additional requirements. In addition to the requirements of Subsections A and B of this section, the owner of a dangerous dog shall present to the County Clerk evidence of:~~
- ~~(1) Insurance. A policy of insurance in the amount specified by the Price County Board of Health issued by an insurer authorized to transact business in this state insuring the owner of a dangerous dog against liability for any personal injuries inflicted by the dangerous dog, provided that:~~
    - ~~(a) The name of the dog and its description are listed on home insurance policy;~~
    - ~~(b) It shall be the continuing and sole duty of the owner to provide the County Clerk with an updated and effective policy;~~
    - ~~(c) The owner shall notify the County Clerk of any changes, renewals, and/or cancellations by written notice at least 30 days prior to any change, renewal, and/or cancellation; and~~
    - ~~(d) The County shall have the right to rely on the representations of the owner to maintain the required insurance when the owner qualifies for the issuance of the certificate of registration; or~~
  - ~~(2) Surety bond. A surety bond in the amount specified by Price County Board of Health and issued by a surety company authorized to transact business in this state payable to any persons injured by the dangerous dog.~~
- ~~D. Fees. The certificate of registration must be renewed annually on the date the dog was declared a dangerous dog. An annual fee to register dangerous dogs as set by Price County shall be paid by the owner to Price County.~~
- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to have or possess a dangerous dog without notification to the Price Co Sheriff Office. Dangerous dog defined as such under § 223-19.
- B. Requirements of keeping of dangerous dog.
- (1) Adequate structural strength enclosure to confine the dog from escape
  - (2) Posting on premises of a dangerous dog sign; warning there is a dangerous dog on the property.
  - (3) Annual license of the dog and paying additional license fee for Dangerous Dog.

§223.30. ~~Prohibited animals~~ Exotic and Wild Animals

~~It shall be unlawful to purchase, sell, own, possess, harbor or breed skunks, foxes, prairie dogs, raccoons, coyotes, wolves, hybrid wolves, any hybrid animal that is part wild animal, exotic cats or any other wildlife unless licensed by the respective federal or state department of agriculture to possess such animals.~~

- A. No person shall keep or permit to be kept on their premises; any exotic or wild animal for display or exhibition purpose, whether gratuitously or for a fee. This section shall not be construed to apply to zoological parks, circuses, or persons with state or federal permits.
- B. No Person shall keep or permit to be kept any exotic or wild Animals defined in §223-19. Specifically, it shall be unlawful for any person to keep, maintain, have in possession or under control, sell or convey within Price County any of the following without obtaining a permit:
- 1) Poisonous reptiles
  - 2) Poisonous insects
  - 3) Any poisonous animals
  - 4) Constrictor snake over 10 feet in length
  - 5) Non-human primates, including but not limited to monkeys, apes, chimpanzees, gibbons, lemurs, gorillas, orangutans, siamangs, & baboons
  - 6) Alligators or crocodiles
  - 7) Elephants
  - 8) Rhinoceros
  - 9) Hippopotamus

- 10) Game cocks and other fighting birds
  - 11) Wild animals as defined in §223.19
  - 12) Exotic animals as defined in §223.19
- C. Exceptions. The prohibitions of the above sections shall not apply where the animals are in the care, custody, or control of a state licensed game farm, a veterinarian for treatment, agricultural fairs, shows, a display for judging purposes, an itinerant or transient carnival, circus or other show, public or private educational institutions, or zoological park; if all below requirements are in compliance with Wisconsin State Statutes and local ordinances and proof of purchase from a legal domestic seller. If purchased from a licensed and legal seller outside of the United States, the owner must show a US Customs Certificate showing the animal was brought into the United States legally and is free of disease.
- 1) Their location conforms to the provisions of the Price County Zoning Code
  - 2) All animals and animal containment areas are kept in a sanitary condition and so maintained as to eliminate objectionable odors and defined in §223-42 Sanitation and in §223-24 Animals Creating Nuisances.
  - 3) Animals are adequately contained to prevent their escape.
  - 4) Annual inspection by Humane Officer
- D. Penalties. Seizure of all animal(s) shall occur immediately upon violation of this section. The owner as defined in §223.19 may be cited for violation of this ordinance, and shall be responsible for all cost resulting from the seizure, veterinarian costs, relocation of animal(s) costs, euthanasia and disposal costs.
- E. Permit Issuance and Requirements
- 1) No person shall engage in the keeping of such animals as described in this ordinance without first obtaining a permit in compliance with and as required by this ordinance.
  - 2) An applicant shall complete a permit application obtained from the Humane Officer. An applicant shall return the completed application, any additional materials supporting the application, and the required fee to the Humane Officer. Application fees shall be set by the County Board of Supervisors and stated within the application. The Humane Officer shall issue the permit within ten (10) days of receiving a complete permit application, so long as the following conditions are met:
    - i. Applicant and permittee have not withheld or falsified any information on the permit application
    - ii. Applicant and permittee shall agree to comply to all terms of the permit
    - iii. Applicant and permittee shall acknowledge this ordinance's requirements and agree to comply with all terms of this ordinance, any regulations established by the County Board of Supervisors, and any other applicable laws, including, but not limited to Wisconsin State Statutes Chapter 95, Chapter 173, Chapter 174, Wisconsin Admin Code Chapter WI DATCP 16, and laws set by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
    - iv. Applicant and permittee shall agree to allow the Humane Officer to inspect all animals and the premises kept on at any reasonable time with a reasonable notice to owner in advance
    - v. Applicant and permittee shall acknowledge that any violation of the terms of the permit, this ordinance or any other applicable law shall result in revocation of the permit and seizure of that animal(s).
    - vi. Applicant and permittee may not have been convicted of any civil, criminal, municipal or other violations related to the mistreatment of animals.
  - 3) A permit period shall begin the first day of the calendar year and shall run for one (1) year. Renewal applications for permits shall be made no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the new calendar year.
  - 4) If a change of ownership occurs, the owner shall notify the Humane Officer ten (10) days in advance and a transfer fee may be established by the County Board of Supervisors.

#### §223.52. Habitual Animal Offender

It shall be unlawful to be a habitual offender. If found to be a habitual offender, the court may order no animal ownership for a minimum period of three (3) years, not to exceed ten (10) years.

#### Section 2. Effective date.

This ordinance shall be effective as of date of publication.

Submitted by the Price County Law Enforcement Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Doug Erickson;

Brian Ernst; Ginny Strobl; Lorelei Wakefield. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner.

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of April 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Yes: 12, No: 0.

Motion Erickson/Ernst to consider ordinance for adoption. Roll call vote on ordinance adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

#### Ordinance 2023-03

An Ordinance to Amend the Price County Code, Chapter 290 Thereof, Entitled "Fees and Penalties", by amending: §290.2 (D) Article II, Animal Welfare and Control Chapter 290 Thereof, Entitled "Fees and Penalties", by adding: §290.2 (E) Chapter 223, Animals (4) Article IV, Breeding Facilities And §290.5 (E) Chapter 223, Animals (4) Article IV, Breeding Facilities

Be it ordained by the Price County Board of Supervisors, as follows:

Section 1.

Chapter 290 of the Code of Price County is hereby amended:

D. Chapter 223 Animals.

(2) Article II, Animal Welfare and Control

(j) Section 223-30 ~~prohibited animals~~ exotic animals: \$50 to \$500

Chapter 290 of the Code of Price County is hereby amended to add a new section, to Article II, Forfeitures; § 290.2 Schedule of forfeitures; E. Chapter 223, Animals, to be known as Section (4) as follows:

(3) Article IV, Breeding Facilities:

a) Tier 1: \$0 to \$250

b) Tier 2: \$251 to \$500

c) Tier 3: \$501 to \$750

d) Tier 4: \$751 to \$1,000

Section 2. Chapter 290 of the Code of Price County is hereby amended to add a new section to Article III, Citations; §290.5 Ordinances affected.; E. Chapter 223, Animals, to be known as Section (4) as follows:

(3) Article IV, Breeding Facilities (Ordinance No. 2023-01).

Section 3. Effective date.

This ordinance shall become effective as of date of publication.

Submitted by the Price County Law Enforcement Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Doug Erickson; Brian Ernst; Ginny Strobl; Lorelei Wakefield. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner.

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of April 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Yes: 12, No: 0.

Motion Strobl/Wartgow to consider ordinance for adoption. Roll call vote on ordinance adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

#### Resolution 9-23

Request the State of Wisconsin to Use a Portion of the 2023 Budget Surplus  
for Maintenance of the County Trunk Highway System

Whereas, on January 25, 2023, the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau reported the State of Wisconsin has a budget surplus estimated at \$7.1 billion, which is the largest budget surplus in Wisconsin's history; and

Whereas, the Joint Committee on Finance established the Local Supplemental Transportation Program as a one-time use of State revenue surplus to support local projects, which evolved into the popular and successful Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) and LRIP-Supplemental (LRIP-S).

Whereas, even though Governor Evers and the Legislature have recently devoted additional funding to counties through General Transportation Aids (GTA) and LRIP-S, counties throughout Wisconsin are still not receiving appropriate financial support to make roads and bridges safe for the speeds and weight of vehicles traveling on the county trunk highway systems.

Now therefore be it resolved, by the Price County Board of Supervisors that in an effort to assist the Wisconsin Counties Highway Association and the Wisconsin Counties Association, a request of additional funding through budgetary surplus be allocated to the county GTA appropriation for the backlog of maintenance on the county trunk highway system, as well as LRIP-S; and

Be it further resolved, a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, Legislators representing Price County, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Counties Highway Association and all Wisconsin Counties.

Submitted by the Price County Highway and Transportation Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Doug Erickson; Brian Ernst; Mark Kyle; Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of April 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Yes: 12, No: 0.

Motion Spacek/Strobl to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield,

Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 10-23

Temporary Use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds  
to Continue the Solberg Lake County Park Expansion Project

WHEREAS, Price County Parks and Campgrounds are a much-used natural resource for county residents and those visiting the Price County area; and

WHEREAS, historically, expansions and improvements to the Price County park system has been well received and provided additional opportunity for the use and enjoyment of these county resources; and

WHEREAS, the Forestry and Parks Committee has recognized that improvement and expansion of the Solberg Lake County Park will provide a positive impact for tourism and recreational benefits in Price County; and

WHEREAS, the Solberg Lake County Park expansion project has been identified to be funded with Carbon Credit revenues, although the timing for these revenues has not been finalized; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue with the Solberg Lake County Park expansion project, it has been determined that temporary use of ARPA funds is a viable solution, with repayment to the ARPA fund to be made with Carbon Credit revenues when they do become available.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the appropriation of up to \$650,000 in qualified ARPA funds to be used for the expansion of the Solberg Lake County Park, with such fund to be repaid with Carbon Credit revenues when they do become available.

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: s/Jeff Hallstrand, Chair; Jason Hastings, Jordan Spacek; Patricia Stephan; Ginny Strobl. And Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee.

s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeff Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of April 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Yes:12, No: 0.

Motion Ernst/Spacek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 11-23

Authorizing Price County to Enter Into the Settlement Agreements with Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Allergan Finance, LLC, Walgreen Co., Walmart, Inc., CVS Health Corporation and CVS Pharmacy, Inc., Agree to the Terms of the Addendum to the MOU Allocating Settlement Proceeds, and Authorize Entry Into the MOU with the Attorney General

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors previously authorized the County to enter into an engagement agreement with von Briesen & Roper, s.c., Crueger Dickinson LLC and Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC (the "Law Firms") to pursue litigation against certain manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of opioid pharmaceuticals (the "Opioid Defendants") in an effort to hold the Opioid Defendants financially responsible for the County's expenditure of vast money and resources to combat the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, on behalf of the County, the Law Firms filed a lawsuit against the Opioid Defendants;

WHEREAS, the Law Firms filed similar lawsuits on behalf of 66 other Wisconsin counties and all Wisconsin cases were coordinated with thousands of other lawsuits filed against the same or substantially similar parties as the Opioid Defendants in the Northern District of Ohio, captioned *In re: Opioid Litigation*, MDL 2804 (the "Litigation");

WHEREAS, four (4) additional Wisconsin counties (Milwaukee, Dane, Waukesha, and Walworth) hired separate counsel and joined the Litigation;

WHEREAS, since the inception of the Litigation, the Law Firms have coordinated with counsel from around the country (including counsel for Milwaukee, Dane, Waukesha, and Walworth Counties) to prepare the County's case for trial and engage in extensive settlement discussions with the Opioid Defendants;

WHEREAS, the settlement discussions with Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Allergan Finance, LLC, Walgreen Co., Walmart, Inc., CVS Health Corporation and CVS Pharmacy, Inc. (the "Settling Defendants") resulted in a tentative agreement as to settlement terms pending agreement from the County and other plaintiffs involved in the Litigation;

WHEREAS, copies of the various settlement agreements relating to the Settling Defendants (collectively "Settlement Agreements") representing the terms of the tentative settlement agreements with the Settling Defendants have been provided with this Resolution;

WHEREAS, the Settlement Agreements provide, among other things, for the payment of certain sums to Participating Subdivisions (as defined in the Settlement Agreements) upon the occurrence of certain events detailed in the Settlement Agreements;

WHEREAS, the County is a Participating Subdivision in the Settlement Agreements and has the opportunity to participate in the benefits associated with the Settlement Agreement provided the County (a) approves the Settlement Agreements; (b) approves the Memorandum of Understanding allocating

proceeds from the Settlement Agreements among the various Wisconsin Participating Subdivisions, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution (the "Allocation MOU"); (c) approves the Memorandum of Understanding with the Wisconsin Attorney General regarding allocation of settlement proceeds, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution (the "AG MOU"); and (d) the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance approves the terms of the Settlement Agreements and the AG MOU;

WHEREAS, 2021 Wisconsin Act 57 created Section 165.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes relating to the settlement of all or part of the Litigation;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 165.12(2), the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance is required to approve the Settlement Agreements and the AG MOU;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 165.12(2), the proceeds from any settlement of all or part of the Litigation are distributed 70% to local governments in Wisconsin that are parties to the Litigation and 30% to the State;

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 165.12(4)(b)2. provides the proceeds from the Settlement Agreement must be deposited in a segregated account (the "Opioid Abatement Account") and may be expended only for approved uses for opioid abatement as provided in the Settlement Agreements;

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 165.12(7) bars claims from any Wisconsin local government against the Opioid Defendants filed after June 1, 2021;

WHEREAS, the definition of Participating Subdivisions in the Settlement Agreements recognizes a statutory bar on claims such as that set forth in Wis. Stat. § 165.12(7) and, as a result, the only Participating Subdivisions in Wisconsin are those counties and municipalities that were parties to the Litigation (or otherwise actively litigating a claim against one, some, or all of the Opioid Defendants) as of June 1, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance is not statutorily authorized or required to approve the allocation of proceeds of the Settlement Agreements among Wisconsin Participating Subdivisions;

WHEREAS, the Law Firms have engaged in extensive discussions with counsel for all other Wisconsin Participating Subdivisions resulting in the proposed Allocation MOU, which is an agreement between all of the entities identified in the Allocation MOU as to how the proceeds payable to those entities under the Settlement Agreements will be allocated;

WHEREAS, the proposed Addendum to the MOU ("Addendum") provided with this Resolution provides for allocation of settlement proceeds among the Wisconsin Participating Subdivisions according to the same percentages as that provided in the previously-approved MOU allocating the settlement proceeds of the settlements involving McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., AmerisourceBergen Corporation, Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc.;

WHEREAS, there is provided with this Resolution a summary of the essential terms of the Settlement Agreements, the deadlines related to the effective dates of the Settlement Agreements, the ramifications associated with the County's refusal to enter into the Settlement Agreements, the form of the Addendum, the form of the AG MOU, and an overview of the process for finalizing the Settlement Agreements;

WHEREAS, the County, by this Resolution, shall deposit the proceeds of the Settlement Agreements consistent with the terms of this Resolution and Wis. Stat. § 165.12(4)(b);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the County's engagement agreement with the Law Firms, the County shall pay up to an amount equal to 25% of the proceeds from successful resolution of all or part of the Litigation, whether through settlement or otherwise, plus the Law Firms' costs and disbursements, to the Law Firms as compensation for the Law Firms' efforts in the Litigation and any settlement;

WHEREAS, the Law Firms anticipate making application to the national fee fund established in the Settlement Agreements seeking payment, in whole or part, of the fees, costs, and disbursements owed the Law Firms pursuant to the engagement agreement with the County;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated the amount of any award from the fee fund established in the Settlement Agreements will be insufficient to satisfy the County's obligations under the engagement agreement with the Law Firms;

WHEREAS, the County, by this Resolution, and pursuant to the authority granted the County in the applicable Order emanating from the Litigation in relation to the Settlement Agreements and payment of attorney fees, shall authorize and direct the escrow agent responsible for the receipt and distribution of the proceeds from the Settlement Agreements to establish an account for the purpose of segregating funds to pay the fees, costs, and disbursements of the Law Firms owed by the County (the "Attorney Fees Account") in order to fund a local "backstop" for payment of the fees, costs, and disbursements of the Law Firms;

WHEREAS, in no event shall payments to the Law Firms out of the Attorney Fees Account and the fee fund established in the Settlement Agreements exceed an amount equal to 25% of the amounts allocated to the County in the Addendum;

WHEREAS, the intent of this Resolution is to authorize the County to enter into the Settlement Agreements, the Addendum, and the AG MOU, establish the County's Opioid Abatement Account, and establish the Attorney Fees Account; and

WHEREAS, the County, by this Resolution, shall authorize the County's corporation counsel to finalize and execute any escrow agreement and other document or agreement necessary to effectuate the Settlement Agreements and the other agreements referenced herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: the County Board of Supervisors hereby approves:

1. The execution of the Settlement Agreements and any and all documents ancillary thereto and authorizes the Board Chair or designee to execute same.
2. The final negotiation and execution of the Addendum in form substantially similar to that presented with this Resolution and any and all documents ancillary thereto and authorizes the Board Chair or designee to execute same upon finalization provided the percentage share identified as allocated to the County is substantially similar to that identified in the Addendum provided to the Board with this Resolution.
3. The final negotiation and execution of the AG MOU in form substantially similar to that presented with this Resolution and any and all documents ancillary thereto and authorizes the Board Chair to execute same.
4. The execution by the Board Chair or designee of any additional documents or agreements for the receipt and disbursement of the proceeds of the Settlement Agreements as referenced in the Addendum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: all proceeds from the Settlement Agreements not otherwise directed to the Attorney Fees Account shall be deposited in the County's Opioid Abatement Account. The Opioid Abatement Account shall be administered consistent with the terms of this Resolution, Wis. Stat. § 165.12(4), and the Settlement Agreements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the County hereby authorizes the establishment of an account separate and distinct from any account containing funds allocated or allocable to the County which shall be referred to by the County as the "Attorney Fees Account." An escrow agent shall deposit a sum equal to up to, but in no event exceeding, an amount equal to 20% of the County's proceeds from the Settlement Agreements into the Attorney Fees Account. If the payments to the County are not enough to fully fund the Attorney Fees Account as provided herein because such payments are made over time, the Attorney Fees Account shall be funded by placing up to, but in no event exceeding, an amount equal to 20% of the proceeds from the Settlement Agreements attributable to Local Governments (as that term is defined in the Allocation MOU) into the Attorney Fees Account for each payment. Funds in the Attorney Fees Account shall be utilized to pay the fees, costs, and disbursements owed to the Law Firms pursuant to the engagement agreement between the County and the Law Firms provided, however, the Law Firms shall receive no more than that to which they are entitled under their fee contract when considering the amounts paid the Law Firms from the fee fund established in the Settlement Agreements and allocable to the County. The Law Firms may make application for payment from the Attorney Fees Account at any time and the County shall cooperate with the Law Firms in executing any documents necessary for the escrow agent to make payments out of the Attorney Fees Account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all actions heretofore taken by the Board of Supervisors and other appropriate public officers and agents of the County with respect to the matters contemplated under this Resolution are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeff Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner.

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of April 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Yes: 10, No: 2.

Motion Houdek/Kyle to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (10): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (2): Hastings, Strobl. Motion carried.

Supervisor Hallstrand joined meeting at 9:27 a.m.

#### Resolution 12-23

#### Approval of Price County Species and Habitat Conservation Agreement

WHEREAS, Price County manages approximately 92,642 acres of County Forest Lands along with numerous recreational trails and facilities which are managed for multiple benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Long-eared Bat and Tri-colored Bat are expected to be listed as federally endangered in 2023 and the Little Brown Bat is under review for listing; and

WHEREAS, the states of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan have jointly developed the Lakes States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan in order to receive an incidental take permit for forest management activities issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and

WHEREAS, Price County plans to engage in activities that could result in the incidental take of the bats

and seeks to be included in under the Incidental Take Permit issued to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, Price County will comply with the terms of the Species and Habitat Conservation Agreement. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors in consideration of the needs to conserve the bat populations in Wisconsin while continuing multiple use management consistent with the Price County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan, hereby agree to enter into a Landowner Agreement and Certificate of Inclusion into the Lakes States Forest management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Forest Administrator be authorized to sign the agreement and submit this document to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: Jason Hastings, Jordan Spacek, Patricia Stephan, Ginny Strobl. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of April 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Yes: 12, No: 1.

Motion Palecek/Spacek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (1): Strobl. Motion carried.

#### Resolution 13-23

##### Acceptance of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) County Forest Sustainable Forestry Grant

WHEREAS, Price County maintains over 120 miles of woods roads and trails; and

WHEREAS, during severe weather conditions in the 2022-2023 winter season, Price County Forest lands sustained considerable damage to these roads and trails, making some of them impassable; and

WHEREAS, initial assessment found approximately one-third (1/3) of the roads need use of heavy equipment to repair these roads, making them passable, at an estimated cost of \$20,000; and

WHEREAS, the Forestry and Parks Department does not have the resources to tackle this project internally; and

WHEREAS, timber sale values will be reduced in areas where loggers would need to take on the task of opening roads to access their sale tracts; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to reopen these roads for timber sales, hunting, hiking and recreational activities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Price County accepts the WDNR County Forest Sustainable Forestry Grant award in the amount of \$20,000 and directs the Forestry and Park Department to move forward with the sustainable forest project as outlined.

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: Jason Hastings, Jordan Spacek, Patricia Stephan, Ginny Strobl. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of April 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Yes: 13, No: 0.

Motion Palecek/Spacek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

#### Resolution 14-23

##### Town of Lake Bridge and Culvert Aid Request

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake had requested aid for design and installation of new culverts on Timm Road over Beaver Creek; and

WHEREAS, the project was presented before and approved by the Highway and Transportation Committee on May 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, project cost was \$95,268; and

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

50% Price County; 50% Town of Lake; and

WHEREAS, the County portion will be recovered by a direct/special tax levy per § 82.08(2)(a), Wis. Stats., assessed to townships participating in the Bridge and Culvert Aid Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the Town of Town Bridge and Culvert Aid Request.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Jeff Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of April 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Yes: 13, No: 0.

Motion Wartgow/Houdek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

#### Resolution 15-23

Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2022

WHEREAS the Price County Board of Supervisors at their November 9, 2021 meeting, after public hearing, adopted the 2022 budget for Price County; and

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Price County Board of Supervisors on April 13, 2023 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 2022.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Price County Board of Supervisors at their April 18, 2023 meeting that the 2022 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.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Jeff Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of April 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Yes: 13, No: 0.

Motion Houdek/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT CODE	AMOUNT	2022 BUDGET	NEW BUDGET AMOUNT
TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	100-00-59000-788-000-00000	390,931.00	-	390,931.00
TRANS FROM GENL FUND (OPER IN)	105-04-49210-000-000-00000	(390,931.00)	-	(390,931.00)
MUNICIPAL FEES	100-15-46105-000-000-00000	(4,795.00)	(12,000.00)	(16,795.00)
PRINTING & DUPLICATIONS	100-15-51440-313-000-00000	4,795.00	27,000.00	31,795.00
TREASURER'S FEES	100-17-46120-000-000-00000	(8,000.00)	(3,500.00)	(11,500.00)
RELATED EMPLOYMENT PERKS	100-17-51520-193-001-00000	375.00	-	375.00
LEGAL SERVICES	100-17-51520-212-000-00000	225.00	-	225.00
PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE	100-17-51520-513-000-00000	260.00	820.00	1,080.00
SMALL ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT	100-17-51520-314-000-00000	3,250.00	-	3,250.00
WAGES - COUNTY TREASURER	100-17-51520-111-000-00000	3,400.00	57,230.00	60,630.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	100-17-51520-151-000-00000	265.00	4,380.00	4,645.00
WRS RETIREMENT	100-17-51520-152-000-00000	225.00	3,720.00	3,945.00
STATE AID - WLIP GRANT	100-22-43513-000-000-00000	(96,256.00)	(50,000.00)	(146,256.00)
CO RECORDING FEES RETAINED	100-22-41235-000-000-00000	(5,928.00)	(27,000.00)	(32,928.00)
PLAT BOOK REVENUE	100-22-46175-000-000-00000	(4,800.00)	(5,000.00)	(9,800.00)
CAP OUTLAY - WLIP DOLLAR	100-22-51709-837-000-00000	40,000.00	20,000.00	60,000.00
2022 GRANT AD229051	100-22-51709-759-018-00000	60,000.00	-	60,000.00
2021 GRANT 219108	100-22-51709-759-015-00000	6,984.00	-	6,984.00
TRANSFER FEES - CO'S PORTION	100-23-41230-000-000-00000	(33,000.00)	(35,000.00)	(68,000.00)
HOSPITAL & HEALTH INSURANCE	100-23-51710-154-000-00000	23,500.00	20,675.00	44,175.00

HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT	100-23-51710-155-000-00000	4,200.00	2,800.00	7,000.00
WAGES - REGISTER OF DEEDS	100-23-51710-111-000-00000	5,300.00	90,860.00	96,160.00
SURVEYORS FEES	100-25-46121-000-000-00000	(10,615.00)	(150.00)	(10,765.00)
WAGES - SURVEYOR	100-25-51720-111-000-00000	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	100-25-51720-151-000-00000	615.00	765.00	1,380.00
INSURANCE RECOVERIES	100-31-48400-000-000-00000	(86,000.00)	-	(86,000.00)
CAP OUTLAY - SPECIAL PROJ FOF	100-31-51600-834-000-00000	84,296.00	-	84,296.00
SMALL ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT	100-31-51600-314-000-00000	1,704.00	-	1,704.00
INSURANCE RECOVERIES	100-35-48400-000-000-00000	(6,750.00)	(4,000.00)	(10,750.00)
REPAIR & MAINT - VEHICLES	100-35-52110-241-000-00000	6,750.00	20,000.00	26,750.00
STATE AID-POLICE TRAINING	100-35-43523-000-000-00000	(8,200.00)	(3,400.00)	(11,600.00)
MILEAGE/MEALS/LODGING	100-35-52110-339-000-00000	8,200.00	12,500.00	20,700.00
ROUTES TO RECOVERY ARPA GRANT	100-35-43525-000-000-00000	(11,280.00)	-	(11,280.00)
GAS, OIL & ANTIFREEZE	100-35-52110-351-000-00000	11,280.00	49,000.00	60,280.00
SCHOOL AID - DARE	100-35-43700-000-00000000	(2,295.00)	-	(2,295.00)
DARE SUPPLIES	100-35-52165-309-000-00000	2,295.00	-	2,295.00
DONATION - RESCUE VEHICLES	100-35-48555-000-000-00000	(17,470.00)	-	(17,470.00)
OTHER OPERATING SUPPLIES - REC	100-35-52125-349-000-00000	17,470.00	-	17,470.00
DONATION K-9	100-35-48700-000-000-00000	(9,200.00)	-	(9,200.00)
K9 - FUNDRAISING EXPENSE	100-35-52180-390-000-00000	9,200.00	-	9,200.00
STATE AID-POLICE TRAINING	100-36-43523-000-000-00000	(6,182.00)	(1,200.00)	(7,382.00)
MILEAGE/MEALS/LODGING	100-36-52700-339-000-00000	6,182.00	8,500.00	14,682.00
BOARD OF PRISONERS	100-36-46240-000-000-00000	(1,760.00)	(2,400.00)	(4,160.00)
CONTRACT-BOARD OF PRISONERS	100-36-52700-294-000-00000	8,300.00	17,250.00	25,550.00
PAY TO STAY	100-36-46242-000-000-00000	(3,970.00)	(19,000.00)	(22,970.00)
ELECTRONIC MONITORING	100-36-46243-000-000-00000	(11,296.00)	(4,000.00)	(15,296.00)
FOOD CONTRACT	100-36-52700-289-000-00000	8,726.00	80,000.00	88,726.00
ST AID-DA VICTIM/WITNESS PROG	100-19-43512-000-000-00000	(6,830.00)	(16,500.00)	(23,330.00)
WITNESS FEE REIMBURSEMENT	100-19-46710-000-000-00000	(4,060.00)	(300.00)	(4,360.00)
WAGES - DISTRICT ATTORNEY	100-19-51310-111-000-00000	10,890.00	109,290.00	120,180.00
DNR GRANT CRANBERRY CRK RIFLE	100-79-43584-000-000-00000	(71,425.00)	-	(71,425.00)
DNR GRANT - CRANBERRY CR RIFLE	100-79-56110-720-001-00000	65,900.00	-	65,900.00
NRA GRANT CRANBERRY CR 21WI006	100-79-56110-720-000-00000	5,525.00	-	5,525.00

GRANT FUNDED-RUFFED GROUSE	100-79-43270-000-300-00000	(5,250.00)	-	(5,250.00)
GRANT EXPENSE-RUFFED GROUSE	100-79-56110-700-300-00000	5,250.00	-	5,250.00
DAMS GRANT - WEIMERS	100-83-43508-000-005-00000	(270,580.00)	-	(270,580.00)
CAP OUTLAY - WEIMER DAM	100-83-56210-834-005-00000	270,580.00	-	270,580.00
ST AID-SNOWMOBILE TRAILS	100-91-43573-000-000-00000	(128,000.00)	(250,000.00)	(378,000.00)
STATE AID - WILDLIFE ABATEMT	100-91-43585-000-000-00000	(17,000.00)	(31,000.00)	(48,000.00)
STATE AID - LAND CONSERV PROJE	100-91-43587-000-000-00000	(15,000.00)	(125,000.00)	(140,000.00)
PAYMENTS TO ORGANIZATIONS	100-91-55300-724-000-00000	128,000.00	250,000.00	378,000.00
WILDLIFE ABATEMENT-ADMIN	100-91-56220-389-000-00000	17,000.00	31,000.00	48,000.00
DATCP C/S GRANT	100-91-56230-751-000-00000	15,000.00	40,000.00	55,000.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY - AUTO	100-91-56230-811-000-00000	(13,000.00)	14,895.00	1,895.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY - AUTO	100-27-56400-811-000-00000	13,000.00	1,925.00	14,925.00
CONTINGENT FUND	100-00-51000-799-000-00000	(52,334.00)	52,334.00	-
LEGAL SERVICES	100-99-51480-212-000-00000	52,334.00	32,000.00	84,334.00
GRANT - ARPA	250-80-43240-000-000-00000	(928,585.00)	-	(928,585.00)
CLERK OF COURTS JURY SOC DIST	250-80-51260-800-000-00000	8,535.00	-	8,535.00
B&G NORMAL BUILDING CONTROLS	250-80-57140-800-007-00000	289,800.00	-	289,800.00
B&G COURTHOUSE CHILLER	250-80-57140-800-008-00000	243,750.00	-	243,750.00
B&G SAFETY BUILDING CHILLER	250-80-57140-800-009-00000	215,000.00	-	215,000.00
B&G COURTHOUSE CONTROLS	250-80-57140-800-010-00000	171,500.00	-	171,500.00
STATE GRT-OTHER TRANS	160-49-43537-000-000-00000	(45,000.00)	-	(45,000.00)
AVIATION FUEL	160-49-53510-352-001-00000	45,000.00	30,000.00	75,000.00
CAP IMPROVE - AIRPORT PROJECT	160-49-53510-821-000-00000	122,500.00	-	122,500.00
TRANS FROM GENL FUND (OPER IN)	160-49-49210-000-000-00000	(122,500.00)	-	(122,500.00)

Resolution 16-23

2023 Regular Non-benefit Eligible and Casual Employee Wage Schedule

WHEREAS, the Administration Committee has been charged by the Price County Board of Supervisors with the responsibility for all matters pertaining to salary and wages for all County employees and has also been charged with the responsibility to review wage/salary data and make appropriate recommendations; and

WHEREAS, after review of these wages, the Administration Committee recommends the Regular Non-benefit Eligible and Casual Employee Wage Schedule as attached.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors adopt the attached Regular Non-benefit Eligible and Casual Employee Wage Schedule, effective April 30, 2023.

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Jeff Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Mark Kyle; Jordan Spacek. And Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst; Jeff Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of April 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Yes: 13, No: 0.

Motion Spacek/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13):

Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

#### Resolution 17-23

##### Ratification of Price County Disaster Declaration

WHEREAS, per Resolution 36-13 the Price County Board of Supervisors gave the Board Chairperson the authority to declare a state of emergency to exist in any City, Village or Town in Price County; and WHEREAS, on April 10, 2023 a disaster, namely severe high water levels and flooding from melting snow caused by high temperatures and large snowpack from late spring snowstorms, has struck the County of Price in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, because of such emergency conditions, the Price County Board of Supervisors was unable to meet with promptness; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Board Chair signed said Price County Disaster Declaration on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby ratify the Price County Disaster Declaration signed on April 13, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution may be forwarded to Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) as an eligibility criteria for disaster assistance.

Submitted by the Price County Board Chair: s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Yes: 13, No: 0.

Motion Ernst/Houdek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hastings, Houdek, Kyle, Palecek, Spacek, Stephan, Strobl, Wakefield, Wartgow. No (0). Motion carried.

##### Appointments:

1. Phillips Library Board: Term to expire April 30, 2024 (Beth Tenut), Term to expire April 30, 2025 (Kristi Speer), Term to expire April 30, 2026 (Brian Ernst). Motion Hallstrand/Erickson to approve appointments as presented. Motion carried.
2. Price County Library Board: Terms to expire April 30, 2026 (Karen Tesmer, Bonnie Uhren, Paula Houdek). Motion Wartgow/Hallstrand to approve appointments as presented. Motion carried.
3. Nutrition Advisory Council: Terms to expire April 30, 2026 (Philip Youngs, Sharon Wade, Debra Werner). Motion Strobl/Wartgow to approve appointments as presented. Motion carried.
4. Transportation Coordinating Committee: Terms to expire April 30, 2025 (Jordyn Fink, Pam Snyder, Carissa Smith). Motion Houdek/Ernst to approve appointments as presented. Motion carried.
5. Health & Human Services Board: Terms to expire May 31, 2026 (Patricia Stephan; Suzanne Ocker, RN; Sally Huml). Motion Houdek/Strobl to approve appointments as presented. Motion carried.

##### Reports on File:

1. 2022 Annual Report of Wages

Committee of the Whole at 9:48 a.m.

1. Board Chair Report – Alan Barkstrom: Ten students from the School District of Prentice identified for the internet assistant program. 5R property cleanup process moving forward, but there may be issues with the funds allocated. Working with the legislators to extend deadlines and get additional funds. The collapse of the Phillips Lionite Wood Products building cleanup will be under the jurisdiction of the City of Phillips. County decision on ownership of the Lower Steve Creek Dam extended to May 18th.
2. County Administrator's Report – Nick Trimner
  - a. 2022 Financial Summary: Reviewed budget amendments and overages. Ended with a positive year in the general fund. Annual financial audit conducted last week.
  - b. 2023 Financial Summary: Repairs needed to radio towers. Housing of Special Prosecutor as interim District Attorney. Electrical issue in building project. Yamaha provides a free use ATV, but County needs to provide a trailer. Self-funded health insurance fund being monitored. Cash flow doing well.
  - c. Updates Joe Lillie will present on Active Shooter. Price County Productions applied for permit to repair the Fairgrounds Barn. Governor's Fishing Opener being planned in Price County. Will be good promotional for the area. 2024 budget planning to start. Met with area legislators last week. Discussed Lower Steve Creek dam maintenance, housing, childcare, looking at different calculations for general shared revenue.
3. Committee Chair Reports:
  - a. Administration – Wartgow: Reviewed employment status. Wage study review. Interim DA. Monitoring self-funded insurance.
  - b. Buildings & Grounds – Spacek: Have not met. A lot of snow removal. Finishing courthouse projects. Remodel of Airport terminal.

- c. Executive – Barkstrom: Resolution activity. Planning grant for study of fiber optic needs. IT will present training on issues with artificial intelligence. Fred Smith Park getting very active with the hiring of a new administrator.
- d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Working on grants for Solberg Park expansion project. Spring timber bids are out.
- e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Reviewed unit quarterly reports and programs. CDC COVID-19 emergency order ends May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Radio system upgrades. Old Highway H bridge sold and removed. County Highways E and D projects moving forward. Will switch from winter to summer maintenance. Received excellence in construction award for Airport project. Dams are being stressed with high water issues and debris. County Highway YY bridge dedication on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Work Zone Safety Week.
- g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Wartgow: Conditional use permits: three short-term rental, two storage units, 12-unit campground. Land divisions. Five parcels sold in recent land auction. Snowmobile bridge grants. Discussed UW-Extension roles and programming.
- h. Law Enforcement – Palecek: Tragic loss of life of two officers in Barron County. Four officers attended the services representing Price County.  
Price County Sheriff's Deputy Joseph Lillie presented Active Shooter information.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 11:21 a.m.

Date of Next Meeting: May 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk