

Price County Law Enforcement Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 14, 2021 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 James Hintz, Committee Chairperson. Roll Call - Present: Doug Erickson, James Hintz, Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Ginny Strobl. Also present: Nick Trimner, Brian Schmidt, Danielle Peterson

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment: None.
2. Communications: None.
3. Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2021: Motion Palecek/Hintz to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
4. Coroner's Report and Vouchers: Reviewed data report. Motion Palecek/Houdek to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$6,452.15. Motion carried.
5. District Attorney's Report and Voucher: Motion Houdek/Strobl to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$2,509.83. Motion carried. Reviewed report. Jacqueline Adams submitted resignation after 30 years. Will be posting the position. Going paperless June 1st.
6. Clerk of Circuit Court's Report and Vouchers: Motion Erickson/Strobl to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$20,429.04. Motion carried. Hired Deputy Clerk of Courts. Judicial Assistant position recruitment. Ready for jury trials. Needed to make courtroom and jury accommodations for COVID protocols.
7. Sheriff's Office Report and Vouchers: Motion Palecek/Strobl to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$147,665.66. Motion carried. Short one deputy and one male correction officer/dispatch. Recruitment continues to be difficult. Implementation of some recruitment and retention initiatives will be helpful. Lieutenant Gabe Lind transferred to patrol. Lieutenant Danielle Peterson transferred into the Jail Administrator position. Discussed drone usage and when outside resources are needed for response, investigation and inmate housing. The State Trooper who was doing weight inspections in Price County has retired. Uncertain about replacement. Looking into doing some recreational patrolling.
 - a. K-9 Unit: Doing some social media public relations. Being used for several drug investigations and school screens. Possibility of second K-9 Unit.
 - b. Humane Office: In-house licensing going well.
8. Date of Next Meeting: June 11.
9. Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk