

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MAY 15, 2018

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Robert Kopisch, County Board Chairperson. Invocation: Reverend Loretta Waughtal. Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance. Roll Call: Present (12): Larry Palecek, James Adolph, Sheryl Slaby, James Hintz, Ronald Heikkinen, Dennis Wartgow, Sue Bocock, Jordan Spacek, Robert Kopisch, John Vlach, Bruce Jilka, William Teeters. Also present: Nick Trimner. Approve minutes of the April 17, 2018 meeting: Motion Hintz/Adolph to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: Memo from Chair Kopisch regarding resignation of Supervisor Dean Kurth.

Public Comments: None.

Presentations:

1. Foster Care Appreciation Month (Health and Human Services): Presentation by Tammy Dahl, Foster Care Coordinator and Lindsey, former foster youth.
2. Kurt Berner – Samuels Group – Safety Building Remodel Update: Inspections end of month. June occupancy. Staff has been very cost conscious. Landscaping to be done. Still waiting for detention grade windows (August). Parking lot will be repaved.

Resolutions:

Resolution 12-18

Adopt the Price County Plan of Library Services 2018 – 2023 (Executive)

WHEREAS, the Price County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of access to quality public library service for all citizens of Price County for information, education, cultural enrichment and preservation of an informed electorate; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Board of Supervisors established the Price County Library Service in 1975 to facilitate open access to public libraries for all Price County residents and to improve the level of library service within Price County; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Library Service, Board of Trustees, acting as the Price County Library Planning Committee, following the statutory requirements and administrative rules of the State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Division of Libraries, Technology and Community Learning, has approved a revised Price County Plan for Library Services, 2018 – 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors adopt the Price County Plan for Library Services, 2018 – 2023.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Adolph; Ronald Heikkinen; Bruce Jilka. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Heikkinen/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hintz, Heikkinen, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 13-18

Oppose Continuation of Zero Levy Cap Imposed on Wisconsin Counties

WHEREAS, the zero levy cap limits have been imposed on Wisconsin Counties since 2012; and

WHEREAS, the costs of living for the years since then have been (as measured by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, CPI-U for Midwest Urban Class B/C):

- 3.3% for 2011
- 2.1% for 2012
- 1.2% for 2013
- 1.7% for 2014
- 0.3% for 2015
- 0.7% for 2016
- 1.4% for 2017; and

WHEREAS, Counties have been forced to absorb increased expenses of which they have no control (utilities, fuel, health insurance, road maintenance, high cost placements in the Human Services Department, etc.); and

WHEREAS, Price County has ~~historically~~ been very frugal with the use of taxpayer money; and

WHEREAS, Price County has ~~done their best to~~ curbed spending by cutting costs eliminating positions, limiting employee wage increases, reducing program offerings and postponing work on highway infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, it is becoming nearly impossible to maintain an adequate level of service to our citizens when the costs of services are increasing and our ability to increase revenues is limited to State funding, sales tax revenues and the local tax levy,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors opposes the continuation of the current zero tax levy cap imposed on Wisconsin Counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Walker, the Joint Finance Committee of the Wisconsin Legislature, the state legislators for Price County and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Adolph; Ronald Heikkinen; Bruce Jilka. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 11, Against: 1. Motion Hintz/Teeters to consider resolution for adoption. Motion Teeters/Bocock to amend resolution: remove "historically" from fourth paragraph, remove "done their best to curb" and replace with "curbed" in the fifth paragraph and remove "nearly" from the sixth paragraph. Roll call vote amendment: Yes (8): Adolph, Slaby, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Jilka, Teeters; No (4): Palecek, Hintz, Heikkinen, Vlach. Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (11): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Heikkinen, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (1): Hintz. Motion carried.

#### Resolution 14-18

#### Create Behavioral Health Services Unit Supervisor Position (for Comprehensive Community Services (CCS Program)

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Act 20, which became effective July 1, 2014, authorized the Department of Health Services (DHS) to increase funding for Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) programs which results in ForwardHealth providing both the federal and non-federal share of Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus program costs to counties and tribes that operate regional CCS programs; and

WHEREAS, Price County Health and Human Services is a member of the North Central CCS Program along with Taylor, Sawyer and Iron Counties with Taylor County being the lead agency for this Multi-County Regional model which was certified effective January 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, CCS programs provide and arrange for psychosocial rehabilitation services and supportive activities in the community that assist children, adults and elders with mental health and/or substance abuse conditions to achieve a level of daily functioning to facilitate recovery so they may remain in the community; and

WHEREAS, Price County Health and Human Services has experienced a significant increase over the last three years for the need to place children and adults in out-of-home placement facilities due to mental health and/or substance abuse issues which has resulted in out-of-home care costs to be over budget by several hundred thousands of dollars; and

WHEREAS, CCS will be a resource to assist with providing intensive psychosocial rehabilitation services within the community that can be billed to Medicaid and BadgerCare and reimbursed at the actual cost it takes to provide services which will generate revenue to offset expenses for Price County Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of CCS is complex and administratively has a significant amount of quality assurance and oversight with the billing procedures along with Mental Health and Substance Abuse professionals need for required clinical supervision; and

WHEREAS, current staffing within the Price County Health and Human Services Department is not sufficient to provide the level of oversight and supervision required for CCS; and

WHEREAS; the CCS program will recoup actual costs for providing billable services through a reconciliation process with ForwardHealth which will result in the ability to sustain the Behavioral Health Unit Supervisor position; and

WHEREAS, the Behavioral Health Services Unit Supervisor position will have closer oversight of mental health and alcohol and drug abuse contracted services along with the ability to enhance existing services and create new services through programming with CCS and other grant funding opportunities that will have an impact on the current drug epidemic issues which are resulting in the need for more out-of-home placements for children; increased crime; and increased costs for incarceration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors does approve of the creation of a Behavioral Health Services Unit Supervisor position, per attached job description, with the pay grade to be determined by a Carlson Dettmann wage review.

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee: s/Robert Kopisch, Sheryl Slaby, Jordan Spacek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean

Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Wartgow/Jilka to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hintz, Heikkinen, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 15-18

Add Children and Youth Social Worker and Eliminate Vacant Nurse Position

WHEREAS, workload for the Children and Youth Unit in the Price County Health and Human Services Department has steadily increased over the past three years due to out-of-home placements of children almost doubling, primarily related to the increased drug use among parents in Price County; and WHEREAS, out-of-home placement cases are complex and involve numerous state mandated rules, regulations and timelines that must be kept in compliance along with documentation, court reports, court appearances, coordination of services and visitations between parents and children; and WHEREAS, a Public Health Nurse resigned in March 2017 and the remaining three Public Health Nurse positions were increased to 40 hours per week to assist with covering the duties in the Public Health Unit; and

WHEREAS, the current staffing in the Public Health Unit is meeting the needs of program requirements and community needs with the increased work hours and the county levy for the Public Health Nurse position that was not filled remains in the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Children and Families increased Child Welfare Basic Allocations in every Wisconsin County for 2018 and every year after to assist counties with creating Children and Youth Social Worker positions to manage the statewide increase in workload and this will assist with maintaining the Social Worker position.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors approves the addition of one Children and Youth Social Worker position, per attached job description, and elimination of one Public Health Nurse position, with unit budgets offsetting each other. Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee: s/Robert Kopisch, Sheryl Slaby, Jordan Spacek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Wartgow/Hintz to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hintz, Heikkinen, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 16-18

Reclassifying One Economic Support Specialist Position to a Lead Economic Support Specialist Position WHEREAS, In 2012 the State of Wisconsin required the counties in Wisconsin to form a consortia to provide Economic Support Services (public assistance programs) rather than provide these services in individual counties; and

WHEREAS, Price County Health and Human Services became a member of the 12 county Northern Income Maintenance Consortium (NIMC) and began providing services via a call center model along with having limited lobby services, as in every county; and

WHEREAS, in October 2013 the Price County Economic Support Services Supervisor retired and the Consortium chose to not fill that position but to create another Economic Support Specialist position which left Price County without an on-site supervisor; and

WHEREAS, one of the Economic Support Specialist positions was designated as a Lead Worker for the unit but was not reclassified on the Price County wage scale; and

WHEREAS, this position provides technical and clinical support to the Economic Support Specialists and interpreting policies for implementation of public assistance programs along with other higher level duties as assigned by the Agency Director; and

WHEREAS, Carlson/Dettmann, consultants for the current Price County wage scale, have reviewed the Job Description Questionnaire for the Lead Economic Support Specialist position and have recommended a wage grade adjustment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price Board of Directors approves the position reclassification of one Economic Support Specialist position to a Lead Economic Support Specialist, per attached job description.

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Robert Kopisch, Sheryl Slaby, Jordan Spacek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 12, Against: 0. Motion Wartgow/Hintz to consider resolution for adoption.

Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (12): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hintz, Heikkinen, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

1. Certificate of Achievement – Arnold Stueber, Sr. (Price County Economic Development Association’s Lifetime Achievement Award 2018): Motion Teeters/Spacek to approve the Certificate of Achievement to Arnold Stueber, Sr. Motion carried.
2. County Board Supervisor Resignation/Vacancy – District 4
  - a. Term of County Board Supervisor – District 4 Appointee
  - b. Call for Special Election

Motion Palecek/Vlach to approve the appointment of Supervisory District 4 to a one-year term and call a special election in April 2019. Roll call vote: Yes (12): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hintz, Heikkinen, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Recess: 10:00 a.m. – 10:13 a.m.

Elections and Appointments:

1. Appointments: Nick Trimner presented recommended appointments.
  - a. ADRC-N Governing Board – three-year term ending May 31, 2021 (John Vlach, Kathryn Shimkets)
  - b. Council on Aging – three-year term expiring April 30, 2021 (John Vlach, Teri Wasti, Marilee Lealos)
  - c. Health and Human Services Board – fill remaining term to expire 12/31/18 (Bill Teeters)
  - d. Health and Human Services Board – three-year term ending December 31, 2020 (No candidate)
  - e. Indianhead Federated Library Board – fill remaining term to expire 12/31/20 (No candidate)
  - f. Land Information Council – two-year term (Judy Chizek, Eric Holm, Roxanne Kahan, Janet Krucky, Evan Lund, Amanda McMeekin, Lynn Neeck, Al Schneider, Adam Spear)
  - g. Land Information Council – County Board representative – two-year term (Sheryl Slaby)
  - h. Local Emergency Planning Commission (list provided)
  - i. Price County Library Committee – fill remaining term to expire 4/30/20 (John Vlach)
  - j. Price County Library Committee – three-year term ending April 30, 2021 (Kathy Parpart, Lucille Ross)
  - k. Land Use and UW-Extension Committee – two year term (Don Onchuck – FSA, Rick Morgan – School Administration)
  - l. NEWCOM (Jim Adolph)
  - m. NWITBEC Tourism Committee – two year term (Kathy Reinhard)
  - n. NW Wisconsin Community Services Agency (No candidate)
  - o. Woodland Enhanced Health Services Commission (Bruce Jilka)

Motion Heikkinen/Adolph to approve the appointments as presented. Motion carried.

Reports on File:

1. Price County Treasurer – 2017 Annual Report

Convene to Committee of the Whole at 10:17 a.m.

1. 2017 Financial Summary Report as of 12/31/17: Nick Trimner reviewed. There will be a few adjusting journal entries from the audit that is being done.
2. 2018 Financial Summary Report as of 4/30/18: Nick Trimner reviewed.
3. Tourism Department – Restructuring Plan: Nick Trimner reviewed. Discussion.
4. New Supervisor Required Training: Mr. Kopisch reminded supervisors about the Emergency Management training they are required to take. Recommended contacting Roxanne Kahan and getting instructions for the online training.
5. Committee Chair Reports – items of discussion:
  - a. Administration – Wartgow: Position resolutions for Health and Human Services Department. Recruitments for Sheriff’s Department Jailers, Highway Fleet and Facilities Superintendent, Office of Administration Accountant 1, Veterans Service Administrative Assistant.
  - b. Executive – Kopisch: Tax deed processing for delinquent tax properties for 2013, 2014 and 2015. Reviewed Highway Equipment Fund – possible exception for storm damage and bridge project overages. Reimbursement for storm damage coming to Highway Department. Tourism restructuring plan. High cost placements.
  - c. Forestry & Parks – Heikkinen: 2018 Spring Timber Sale brought in bids of \$1 million. Wood market is slowing down. Cranberry Creek dam failure. Rail Trail maintenance.
  - d. Health and Human Services – Jilka: Recruiting for at-large member on Board. Public Health Department received Level 2 Certification. BART Bus will start in Phillips on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Senior Expo is May 19<sup>th</sup>.

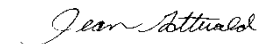
- e. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Highway - seasonal weight restrictions being lifted May 14<sup>th</sup>. Crack filling, shoulder turning and bridge washing. County Highway H Bridge project underway – this is a state/federal project and anticipated to be done mid-August. Work on State Highway 13 and State Highway 86 to begin. Dams - lake water levels are normal. No major projects in 2018. Airport- work has started on the old terminal roof replacement.
  - f. Land Use & UW-Extension – Kopisch: Several conditional use permits scheduled. Land Conservation beginning work on updating Land and Water Resource Plan. UW-Extension needs assessment update and planning programming going forward.
  - g. Law Enforcement – Hintz: ATV citation report. Safety Building remodel tour being planned.
6. County Administrator's Report – Nick Trimner: Planning all-employee trainings: sexual harassment, diversity, bullying.
7. WCA Fall Convention
- a. Attendance: Motion Palecek/Vlach to approve up to four supervisors attend the fall convention. Motion carried.
  - b. Resolutions for submission: Will submit the Zero Levy Cap resolution. Any other resolutions for consideration need to be submitted to WCA by June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 11:30 a.m.

Date of Next Meeting: June 19, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 11:31 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 May 15, 2018 and the whole thereof. Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.



Jean Gottwald, County Clerk