

PRICE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 28, 2020

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 – Paula Houdek (alternate), Bruce Jilka, Robert Kopisch, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Excused: James Hintz. Also present – Nick Trimner, Waldemar Madsen, Michelle Edwards, Leanna Samardich, Roxanne Kahan.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Communications and Correspondences: None.
2. Minutes from the March 24, 2020 Meeting: Motion Palecek/Wartgow to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Ordinance – Local Health Officer's Duties and Authority During Public Health Emergency: With the Wisconsin Supreme Court overturning the Governor's extension of the Safer at Home Order, there has been confusion regarding who has the authority to implement measures in the case of a public health emergency. Motion Wartgow/Houdek to proceed with the ordinance process by approving the ordinance and forwarding to the public hearing at the June 16th County Board meeting for consideration for adoption. Motion carried.
4. Price County Declaration of Public Health Emergency
 - a. Update: Weekly meetings of the County Emergency Operation Center. Court system will resume the second week in June. Limited access to County buildings will extend to July 6th. Employees will continue to have the telecommuting option with department approval. Developing procedures for department operations. COVID-19 related expenses are being tracked for potential reimbursement.
 - b. Extension: Current declaration is set to expire June 24, 2020. Motion Wartgow/Palecek to forward recommendation of a 60-day extension to August 23, 2020 to the County Board meeting on June 16, 2020. Motion carried.
5. Next Meeting Date: None.
6. Meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk