

## Price County Law Enforcement Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: June 11, 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, James Dalbesio, Brian Roush. Deputies Joe Janak, Dixon and Dean Merlak

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment: None.
2. Communications: None.
3. Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2021: Motion Houdek/Strobl to approve the minute of May 14, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
4. Coroner's Report and Vouchers – Jim Dalbesio: Report. Motion Erickson/Palecek to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$117.45. Motion carried.
5. District Attorney's Report and Voucher: Jacqueline Adams, Legal Secretary, retired. Recruitment resulted in an offer made to candidate. Department went paperless. Continue to do virtual, which helps with public defender schedules. Several jury trials have either been settled or postponed. Motion Houdek/Strobl to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$1,689.45. Motion carried.
6. Clerk of Circuit Court's Report and Vouchers: Fully staffed. Readied for trials with COVID protocol. Motion Erickson/Palecek to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$8,562.55. Motion carried.
7. Sheriff's Office Report and Vouchers – Brian Roush: Several speed studies being conducted. Traffic Safety Commission report indicated accidents trending down. No fatalities for 2021. Three sexual assault investigations. Squad car purchases being pushed back due to availability. Ammunition availability is limited. Using drone for searches. Received donation of portable generator for charging. Scams continue to be an issue. Ongoing recruitment for one deputy position. Complaints regarding offensive signs on personal property. Motion Palecek/Strobl to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$49,516.77. Motion carried.
  - a. K-9 Unit – Deputies Joe Janak and Dixon: Dual purpose dog. Narcotic detection and tracking (ground disturbance and scent). Discussed Dixon's job, care and trainings. Donor is interested in providing a second K-9. Will need to fund start-up costs and provide a handler. June 24<sup>th</sup> fundraiser on the Courthouse lawn.
  - b. Humane Office – Dean Merlak: Review of position. Approximately 60% of his time is Humane Officer. Discussed various types of calls he gets and investigations he does. Contract with Catkins as animal shelter.
8. Date of Next Meeting: Pending.
9. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk