

**PRICE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: June 13, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Courthouse County Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI 54555

Call to Order and Roll Call. Meeting called to order by Alan Barkstrom, Committee Chairperson at 9:00 a.m. Present: Alan Barkstrom, Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek. Also present: Nick Trimner, Lynn Neeck, Carrie Kyle, Joe Grapa, Ginny Strobl.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: None.
2. Meeting minutes May 3, 2023: Motion Palecek/Houdek to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Private Use of Public Property – Joe Grapa
  - a. Price County Dam Property (21647): The neighbor of County property at the Solberg Lake Dam is brushing the County's property. Legal Counsel confirmed it is trespass and destruction of property. Motion Ernst/Houdek to direct follow-up of the illegal actions taking place. Motion carried.
  - b. Price County Forest Special Use Land Property (11174): There is a dock and boat storage on County land on Bass Lake in the Town of Hill. Motion Palecek to instruct the property owner to remove the dock and boat storage. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Motion Ernst/Houdek to postpone until the next meeting. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer Report – Lynn Neeck
  - a. Monthly reports: Interest rates continue to do well.
  - b. Delinquent Taxes and In Rem: Last date of redemption July 27<sup>th</sup> for 2019 delinquent taxes. 30-day answer period and then will set court date. 25 parcels. Anticipate a fall land sale. Phillips Lionite Wood Products, LLC property is on the list. The City of Phillips issued a raze order on the damaged property.
  - c. 5R Property Update: DNR committed to the cleanup project and funding. Veolia was hired by the DNR for the property cleanup, which is expected to take four months.
5. County Administrator – Nick Trimner: Child Support Agency was one of eight counties to meet their benchmarks in 2022. Hired a new Child Support Director.
  - a. 2023 Executive Financial Report: Review of status as of May 31<sup>st</sup>. Health & Human Services Department preventative programming is being successful in reducing high-cost placements. Excessive winter road maintenance. Sales tax doing well. Stumpage revenue on track.
  - b. American Recovery Plan Act Update: Nothing more to report.
  - c. 2024 Budget: Carrie working with departments at preliminary stage. Discussion with Cottingham & Butler for review of wage schedule. Reviewing self-funded health insurance status.
6. Resolution – Town of Worcester Bridge and Culvert Aid: Motion Hallstrand/Ernst to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
7. Resolution – Request the Wisconsin Legislature to Amend §59.52(29)(a) Public Works Publication Requirements: Motion Hallstrand/Houdek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
8. Resolution – Request Elimination of the 0% Levy Cap Imposed on Wisconsin Counties: Motion Ernst/Palecek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
9. NACo/ICMA Committees: WCA is reaching out for representation on National Association of Counties steering committees. There is also potential involvement with the International City/County Management Association. Motion Houdek/Palecek to authorize the County Administrator to pursue involvement in NACo and ICMA. Motion carried.
10. Consider Purchase of Fred Mueller Ford Property: There has been some interest, but no dealership will be available. The property is still the entire package. Consensus of committee to not pursue any purchase at this time.
11. Closed session not needed pursuant to the exemptions in Wis. State Statute 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other

specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. for the purpose of: a. Consider Purchase of Fred Mueller Ford Property. b. Return to Open Session

12. Take action, as needed, on closed session item: N/A.
13. Monthly Vouchers: Motion Houdek/Hallstrand to approve the accounts payable and payroll for May in the amount of \$2,080,658.60 and voucher in the amount of \$293,284.49. Motion carried.
14. Date of Next Meeting: July 11.
15. Announcement and motion Hallstrand/Houdek to adjourn to closed session at 10:33 a.m. pursuant to the exemption in Wis. State Statute 19.85 (1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and for the purpose of:
  - a. County Administrator Performance Review
  - b. Motion to Return to Open SessionMotion carried on voice vote.  
Motion Palecek/Houdek in closed session to return to Open Session at 11:09 a.m. Motion carried on voice vote.
16. Take Action, as needed, on closed session items: Motion Ernst/Houdek to approve the County Administrator review and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
17. Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Jean Gottwald, County Clerk