

**PRICE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: August 4, 2022

Time: 9:00am

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. Excused: Larry Palecek. Also present: Nick Trimner, Carrie Kyle, Lynn Neeck, Ginny Strobl.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: Signed offer from Highway Commissioner candidate, which needs to be approved at the August 16th County Board meeting. Alan received a communication from Lynda Ludwig regarding the time of County Board meetings.
2. Meeting minutes June 16, 2022: Motion Houdek/Hallstrand to approve the minutes of the June 16 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer Report – Lynn Neeck
 - a. Monthly reports: Tax collections have been busy. Settlements will be processed. Ten county residents applied for the state program for relief of delinquent taxes, which are available through the State ARPA funds.
 - b. Delinquent Taxes and In Rem: 26 parcels. Received a call from Phillips Lionite representative to discuss last date of redemption of September 29th. They anticipate making payment of delinquent taxes.
4. County Administrator – Nick Trimner
 - a. 2022 Executive Financial Report: Reviewed and discussed any overages.
 - b. 2023 Budget: Presented preliminary budget. 3% wage increase. No health insurance increase. Mill rate decrease of .97%. Motion Ernst/Houdek to accept the net new construction of \$100,638. Motion carried. Anticipated levy of \$7,666,525.
 - c. American Recovery Plan Act Update: Next payment was received.
 - d. Topics for WCA Training at August 16th County Board Meeting: Roles and responsibilities. Open meetings. Walking quorum.
 - e. Administrator Report: WCA is asking for interest in the buyout option for the opioid settlement, which would be 40% of total. Price County Fair is moving forward. 60 day extension with property transition to allow for hydrology testing report. Antiques Association agreement being drafted. Conditional use permits received for allowing camping. Discussion with the Phillips Chamber regarding the trees in the Courthouse front lawn. Health insurance quarterly meeting with broker. Still moving toward self-funding. Veterans Service Office had a community outreach event on July 28th. Sheriff Deputies Union negotiations to begin.
5. Allocation of Carbon Credit Revenues: \$1,089,000 anticipated for first year.
 - a. \$1 million in Reserve Fund (first year)
 - b. 2.5% into Reserve Fund (subsequent years)
 - c. Forest Improvement Fund (up to \$300,000 balance)
 - d. County Park Improvement Fund (up to \$850,000 balance – or amount to be determined)
 - e. 10% stumpage payment to municipalities
 - f. Economic Development and Tourism Fund (to be determined)
 - g. Capital Improvement FundMotion Ernst/Houdek to approve the allocation discussed and draft a resolution for consideration. Motion carried.
6. Resolution – Appointment of Price County Audit Firm: Motion Ernst/Hallstrand to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
7. Resolution – 2021 Transfer into Highway Facilities Fund: Motion Houdek/Hallstrand to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
8. Resolution – 2021 Transfer into Highway Equipment Fund: Motion Houdek/Ernst to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
9. Amend – Resolution 9-14 Non-lapsing Committed Highway Equipment Fund Policy: Motion Houdek/Hallstrand to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.

10. Resolution – Ratifying 2022 Price County Spring Land Sale: Motion Houdek/Hallstrand to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
11. Resolution – Advisory Referendum Regarding Private Funding of Election Administration: Discussion on language of resolution as presented. Committee members offered edit suggestions. Motion Ernst/Houdek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
12. County Board Meeting Times: Alan received a request from a citizen to hold meetings in the evening. Topic was discussed.
13. Monthly Vouchers: Motion Hallstrand/Houdek to approve accounts payable and payroll for June in the amount of \$2,379,684.20 and July in the amount of \$1,923,609.17 and voucher in the amount of \$302,120.04. Motion carried.
14. Date of Next Meeting: September 6.
15. Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Jean Gottwald, County Clerk