

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 13, 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 – Jim Hintz, Paula Houdek, Robert Kopisch, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Also present – Nick Trimner, Carrie Kyle, Lynn Neeck, Joe Baratka, Leanna Samardich, Sarah Reese-Socha, Ginny Strobl

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Communications and Correspondences: None.
2. Meeting minutes July 11, 2020: Motion Palecek/Houdek to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer: Lynn Neeck
  - a. Treasurer's monthly report: Reviewed report. Property tax payment deadline was July 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. In Rem / Tax Deed
    - i. Land Sale Auction: All parcels were sold. Sale \$69,631 with a profit of \$36,255.
    - ii. Resolution - Ratifying 2020 Price County Spring Land Sale: Motion Wartgow/Palecek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
    - iii. 2016 Tax Deed: 33 parcels. Petition was filed on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Notice will be published. Eight week waiting period and then 30 days for answering any objections.
    - iv. 2017 Tax Deed: Title searches will start in November.
  - c. Delinquent Tax Status
    - i. Park Falls Development, LLC: Nothing new.
    - ii. Phillips Lionite Wood Products Company, LLC: Bob received a phone message and has not been able to reconnect.
4. County Administrator: Nicholas Trimner
  - a. Administrator Report: Working on budget. Following COVID protocol and meetings with partners.
  - b. COVID Funding Update: County government buildings continue to be closed with limited access by appointment only. Submitted first funding request and received \$31,000. Next round is September followed by November. Total \$230,000.
  - c. 2021 Budget – Preliminary: Preliminary budget indicates an overage of \$273,667. Motion Hintz/Palecek to recommend to the County Board the use of the new construction levy increase of \$53,922. Motion carried.
    - i. Debt Service: Motion Palecek/Hintz to include the \$150,000 one-time debt service from 2020 in the 2021 budget. Motion carried.
    - ii. Health Insurance: Assuming 8-10% increase. Have included 10% in preliminary budget. Increase would be \$200,000.
    - iii. Employee Wage Increase: 2% in preliminary budget.
    - iv. Library – Books-by-mail: Deb Hyde, Park Falls Public Library Director presented program information and report. One of only four programs remaining in the State. Contract will expire December 31<sup>st</sup>.
    - v. Payments to Nonprofits and Community Partners: Reviewed list.
5. COVID-19 Pandemic Resolutions:
  - a. Emergency Declaration
  - b. Administrative AuthorityMotion Palecek/Hintz to recommend to the County Board extending the resolutions to November 30, 2020. Motion carried.
6. RollCall Systems – Automated Meetings: Will discuss at the August County Board meeting.
7. Resolution – Price County Highway Department 2022-2026 Equipment Improvement Program and 2022-2024 Facilities Improvement Program: Motion Palecek/Hintz to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
8. Resolution – Encourage Price County Municipalities Adopt a Room Tax: Motion Wartgow/Palecek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.

9. Resolution – 2019 Transfer into Capital Improvement Fund: Motion Palecek/Houdek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
10. Resolution – 2019 Transfer into Highway Facilities Fund: Motion Hintz/Palecek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
11. Resolution – 2019 Transfer into Highway Equipment Fund: Motion Wartgow/Hintz to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
12. Resolution – Support the Commitment to Veterans Support and Outreach (CVSO) Act: Motion Palecek/Houdek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
13. Large Assembly Ordinance Update: Reviewed the application developed.
14. Ad Hoc Committee on Damage to Fairground Buildings: Last meeting was cancelled due to engineer's inability to do required soil borings. Planning an early September meeting. Nick continues to work with the insurance company regarding the claim filed.
15. Canadian National Railway
  - a. Line Divestiture: Discussion on CN plan to sell off some of their rail lines.
  - b. Northwoods Rail Transit Commission membership: Price County is not a current member.
16. Monthly Vouchers: Motion Wartgow/Palecek to approve the July accounts payable and payroll in the amount of \$2,502,908.99 and the vouchers in the amount of \$383,764.24. Motion carried.
17. Date of Next Meeting: September 10, October 8, November 5.
18. Meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk