

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: August 16, 2018 Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Meeting called to order by Chair Robert Kopisch at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call: Present – James Adolph, Bruce Jilka, Robert Kopisch, Larry Palecek. Also present – Nick Trimner, Lynn Neeck, Jean Gottwald, Carrie Kyle, Kathy Reinhard, Art Lersch

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Communications and Correspondences: None.
2. Public Comment: None.
3. Meeting minutes – July 16, 2018: Motion Palecek/Adolph to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer - Lynn Neeck
 - a. Treasurer's monthly report: Reviewed. Collect all property taxes for Towns of Georgetown and Harmony and will add Town of Fifield in December. Charge \$1 per parcel. Construction loan will convert to regular loan in November. CDs will come due this fall.
 - b. In Rem / Tax Deed
 - i. 2013 Tax Deed: Land sale is set for September. Land Use / UW-Extension Committee needs to review minimum bid prices.
 - ii. 2014 Tax Deed: Title searches in process. Bruce Marshall's office is working on them as the searches are complete.
 - iii. 2015 Tax Deed: Yet to start.
5. County Clerk
 - a. Claims against the County
 - i. Brian R. Ernst (2017): In court system. County has moved to dismiss.
 - ii. Community Support Center of Price County, Pam Olson (2016): Nothing new.
6. County Administrator – Nick Trimner.
 - a. 2017 Budget – Audit. Received adjusting journal entries. Received first draft for review. Will be presented at October Board meeting. Findings: segregation of duties, needed to record a deed for a Land Conservation grant and credit card usage policy for meals on day trips and providing receipts.
 - b. 2018 Budget – Monthly Report: Review. Jail budget continues to be over due to staff coverage. Insurances came in \$60,000 higher. Stumpage revenue has been good. Sales tax is behind historical averages.
 - i. High Cost Placements Update: Reviewed.
 - c. 2019 Budget Assumptions: Approximately \$300,000 over – with no increase for high cost placements.
 - i. No update available on health insurance – using 5% increase (\$100,000).
 - ii. 2% wage increase (\$100,000). Wage step increases should be a wash due to turnover.
 - iii. UW-Extension \$18,000 decrease (due to 4-H position going to part-time).
 - iv. Tourism – options: \$30,000 (current budget), \$56,000 or \$76,000 (see item 7a)
 - v. New construction \$65,000.
 - vi. Equalized value went up 2%.
 - vii. Annual contributions \$70,000 in 2018 budget.
 - viii. Consider budgeting for retirement payouts.
 - ix. Inconsistency of Sheriff Department and Jail historical payroll budget vs actual
 - x. Insurances increase \$60,000
 - xi. Continue \$300,000 Highway Department debt.
 - xii. Continue \$375,000 debt service – \$75,000 two squad car purchases, \$100,000-\$150,000 Fairground structures, \$40,000 Solberg Park playground, \$100,000 possible highway projects.
 - xiii. Increase new debt?
 - xiv. High Cost Placements (\$100,000). May be able to restructure other unit budgets within the department and reclassify to high cost placements.
 - d. 2020 Budget Assumptions: Nothing at this time.
 - e. Update – Safety Building Expansion and Renovation Project: Detention grade windows will be installed next month. Open House September 10th, 3pm – 6pm.
 - f. Update – Opioid Litigation: There was a lot of information to gather.
 - g. Brown County Sales Tax Litigation: They are being challenged on the .5% county sales tax.

7. Tourism Report

a. Update from County Administrator: Kathy Reinhard, Ed Kane from Park Falls Chamber and Lori Hanson from Phillips Chamber present for discussion. Looking at various options for 2019 budget:

- i. Each chamber receives a set dollar amount for promotions (\$30,000 in 2018 budget) and Price County Tourism Department ceases.
- ii. Fund Price County Tourism Department three days a week (\$46,000) and \$30,000 to chambers for promotions (\$76,000).
- iii. Fund Price County Tourism Department three days a week (\$46,000) and \$10,000 to chambers for promotions (\$56,000).

Ed and Lori commented on the growth of businesses pursuing membership. They will, and already do, promote Price County as a whole but need to know the County's direction to identify their resources moving forward. Kathy commented on the lack of control the County will have if the department ceases. Nick and Bob attended the Price County Economic Development Corporation where there was discussion on the County's direction in supporting tourism.

b. ITBEC Activity Report 2017-2018: Reviewed.

8. Priority Issues with State Government: Need input from Board members on priorities for the County.

9. Resolution – Amend Resolution 9-14, Non-Lapsing Committed Highway Equipment Fund Policy: Motion Jilka/Adolph to approve the amendment to Resolution 9-14 and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.

10. Monthly Vouchers: Motion Jilka/Palecek to approve accounts payable and payroll for July in the amount of \$1,953,060.18 and voucher in the amount of \$252,678.59. Motion carried.

11. Date of Next Meeting: September 13, 2018

12. Meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk