

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUGUST 20, 2019

County Board Room 101, 126 Cherry St, Phillips, WI 54555

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Robert Kopisch, County Board Chairperson. Invocation: Pastor Jason Thomas. Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance. Roll Call: Present (13): Larry Palecek, James Adolph, Sheryl Slaby, Jeffrey Hallstrand, James Hintz, Paula Houdek, Dennis Wartgow, Sue Bocock, Jordan Spacek, Robert Kopisch, John Vlach, Bruce Jilka, William Teeters. Also present: Nick Trimner.

Approve minutes of the June 18, 2019 meeting: Motion Hintz/Adolph to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: Spacek announced the City of Phillips splashpad opens today. Hintz commented on the passing of Rollie Janetski. Houdek and Vlach reminder about the Price County Fair this week.

Public Comments: Bill Bussey and George Bussey, both from Bayfield County, regarding Chequamegon Chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby and request of a County resolution supporting HR 763.

Presentation:

1. Community Health Needs Assessment and Health Improvement Plan: Presented by Michelle Edwards.

Resolutions:

Resolution 22-19

Ratifying 2019 Price County Spring Land Sale (2)

WHEREAS, Price County has exercised its right to conduct a sale of tax foreclosed properties; and WHEREAS, Price County has authorized the Land Use and UW-Extension Committee to set up and administer such land sale; and WHEREAS, the Price County Clerk has now exercised her statutory duty and has had deeds prepared and has signed such deeds to the successful purchaser upon their payment under the authorized process set out in the Price County Code, Chapter 511, Land Sales, all as itemized on the attached exhibit; and WHEREAS, it is in the benefit of the taxpayers of Price County for the Price County Clerk to have accepted the funds from such sale and to have concluded and recorded the deed for such sale. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Price County Clerk's preparation and execution of any documents necessary to conclude the real estate sale set forth on the attached exhibit and fully ratifies any such documents already prepared, executed and/or recorded.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; Bruce Jilka; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 20th day of August 2019. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Jilka/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 23-19

Establish a K-9 Unit Assigned Fund

WHEREAS, Price County has created a K-9 Unit for use in law enforcement, investigations and public relations; and WHEREAS, the initial costs of starting the unit were covered by donations; and WHEREAS, the unit continues to receive donations and will conduct fundraisers to supplement operational expenses incurred; and WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to establish a K-9 Unit Assigned Fund to track the donations intended for the unit and the coinciding expenses incurred by the unit, with such donations and expenses to be determined by the Office of Administration . NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby establish the K-9 Unit Assigned Fund to be assigned as 100-00-34266.

Fiscal Impact: Zero. Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; Bruce Jilka; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 20th day of August 2019. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Palecek/Adolph to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Amend Resolution 29-18

2017 Transfer into Highway Equipment Fund (Executive)

WHEREAS, the Price County Board of Supervisors approved resolution #9-14, Non-Lapsing Committed Highway Equipment Fund Policy (amended September 15, 2015; September 19, 2017 and August 21, 2018); and

WHEREAS, resolution #9-14 calls for providing a funding mechanism in development of a Non-Lapsing Committed Equipment Fund; and

WHEREAS, the gross receipts from sale of Highway equipment for 2017 were \$5,025 and the amount of depreciation recorded for 2017 was \$263,485 and the net amount of any profit from the annual equipment audit for 2017 was \$98,440 and the equipment purchases were \$33,713 resulting in a transfer amount of ~~\$366,950~~ \$333,237 to the Highway Equipment Fund.

WHEREAS, such transfer shall not reduce the general cash fund below \$600,000; and

WHEREAS, the designated transfer of ~~\$366,950~~ \$333,237 would bring the 2017 ending cash fund balance to \$46,789.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the amount of ~~\$366,950~~ \$333,237 be transferred from the Highway Fund into the Highway Equipment Fund for the year 2017.

Original resolution signatures on file.

Motion Teeters/Spacek to consider resolution amendment. Roll call vote on resolution amendment: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Amend Resolution 30-18

2017 Transfer into Highway Facilities Fund

Amended November 13, 2018

WHEREAS, the Price County Board of Supervisors approved resolution #20-15, Creating a Non-Lapsing Committed Fund for Highway Buildings and Grounds Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Board of Supervisors approved resolution #21-15, Non-Lapsing Committed Highway Facilities Fund for Buildings and Grounds Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, resolution #21-15 calls for providing a funding mechanism in development of a Non-Lapsing Committed Facilities Fund; and

WHEREAS, the calculation for transfer into Highway Facilities Fund had not been done in years 2015 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, the DOT storage reimbursements for 2015-2017 was \$271,442 and the amount of depreciation recorded for 2015 - 2017 was \$80,704 and the amount of expenditures for 2015 – 2017 was \$103,510 resulting in a transfer amount of ~~\$352,146~~ \$248,636 to the Highway Facilities Fund.

WHEREAS, such transfer shall not create the fund balance to exceed \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, the designated transfer of ~~\$352,146~~ \$248,636 would bring the 2017 ending fund balance to \$248,636.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the amount of ~~\$352,146~~ \$248,636 be transferred from the Highway Fund into the Highway ~~Equipment~~ Facilities Fund for the year 2017.

Original resolution signatures on file.

Motion Adolph/Hintz to consider resolution amendment. Roll call vote on resolution amendment: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 24-19

Telecommuter Forward! Community Certification

WHEREAS, in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute §196.5045, Price County wishes to apply to the Public Service Commissioner for certification as a Telecommuter Forward! Community; and,

WHEREAS, Price County supports and commits to promoting the availability of telecommuting options; and,

WHEREAS, Telecommuter Forward! Certification will encourage municipalities and broadband providers to partner together to further job opportunities in the teleworking field; and,

WHEREAS, more Telecommuting opportunities can keep the younger population here, encourage middle aged to stay or move back, and is a vibrant option for the 65+ age group.

WHEREAS, the County's single point of contact for coordinating telecommuting opportunities includes the following responsibilities:

- Coordinate and partner with broadband providers, realtors, economic development professionals, employers, employees, and other telecommuting stakeholders.
- Collaborate with broadband providers and employers to identify, develop, and market telecommuter-capable broadband packages.

- Communicate and partner with broadband providers and economic development professionals to develop common goals.
- Promote telecommuter-friendly workspaces, such as business incubators with telecommuting spaces,
- Be familiar with broadband mapping tools and other state-level resources.
- Maintain regular communication with the state broadband office.
- Make regular reports to the governing body of the political subdivision.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors designates the County Administrator as the single point of contact for coordinating telecommuting opportunities; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors supports telecommuting opportunities for Price County in its application for Telecommuter Forward! Community certification. Submitted by the Price County Ad Hoc Committee on Broadband. s/William Teeters, Chair; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Paula Houdek; Evan Lund; T.J. Podmolik. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 20th day of August 2019. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Teeters/Adolph to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Convene to Committee of the Whole at 9:26 a.m.

1. 2018 Financial Summary Report as of 12/31/18 – Trimner: Reviewed. Overages will be presented for approval at next month's meeting.
2. 2019 Financial Summary Report as of 7/31/19 – Trimner: Review of current status.
3. 2020 Budget – Trimner: Preliminary 2020 budget will be presented at next Executive Committee meeting. Adding Sheriff's Deputy and changes to citizen jailer/dispatcher to reduce overtime and comp time. Reviewing projects to maintain debt service. Request for Bridge and Culvert Aid. Highway Department developing an infrastructure maintenance plan. Children and Youth and Child Support will receive some additional State funding. Administration Committee is reviewing options to cover an anticipated 5% health insurance premium increase. Initial 2% wage increase.
4. Board Chair Report – Kopisch: Attended WCA Directors meeting. WCA audit and legislative updates were presented. Discussed avoiding partisan politics in County government. Received estimated municipal and county populations.
5. Committee Chair Reports
 - a. Ad Hoc Committee on Broadband – Teeters: Worked on development of the Community Certification resolution and ordinance. Tasks assigned to committee completed at this time.
 - b. Administration – Wartgow: Several recruitments in process. Reviewing Employee Handbook. Sheriff Deputies' Union negotiations to begin.
 - c. Executive – Kopisch: Nothing more than already discussed.
 - d. Forestry & Parks – Hintz: Stumpage sales going well. Reviewed report of County Parks revenue and expenses.
 - e. Health and Human Services – Jilka: Bids for Animal Control were rejected. Will transition to Humane Officer. Children and Youth cases remain level. BART Bus continues to do well and is adding a Tuesday Ashland to Prentice route. Amber Vander Ark resigned. Public hearing session held for comments on department programming.
 - f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Summer maintenance and repairs. Dams at normal summer water levels. Musser and Solberg Dams monitoring systems being installed. Airport summer traffic is up. Fly-in went well.
 - g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Slaby: Nothing to report.
 - h. Law Enforcement – Hintz: Sheriff Schmidt gave an update on recent events. K9 Dixon has been active in the community and assisted in a drug bust. K9 and drone demonstrations at Flambeau Rama. 911 upgrade project is on schedule with rollout in October or November. Report logging system needs updating.
6. County Administrator's Report – Trimner: County Humane Office position being developed within the Sheriff's Department as of October 1st. Will contract with Catkins for animal sheltering. Will have resolution and ordinance for next meeting. Several recruitments. Possible restructure of wage schedule and benefits. Attended benefit conference and meet-n-greet with Park Falls City Administrator candidates. Seven of nine roof replacements have been completed at the

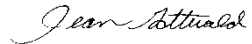
Fairgrounds. Courtroom safety will require bullet resistant barriers for judge and staff. K-9 unit has been well received.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 10:45 a.m.

Date of Next Meeting: September 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY OF PRICE. I, Jean Gottwald, County Clerk in and for Price County do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct record of all the proceedings held by and before the Price County Board of Supervisors at the meeting held on August 20, 2019 and the whole thereof. Dated this 23rd day of August 2019.



Jean Gottwald, County Clerk