

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUGUST 21, 2018

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: Father Shaji Pazhuklathara. Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance. Roll Call: Present (12): Larry Palecek, James Adolph, Sheryl Slaby, Jeffrey Hallstrand, James Hintz, Dennis Wartgow, Sue Bocock, Jordan Spacek, Robert Kopisch, John Vlach, Bruce Jilka, William Teeters. Also present: Nick Trimner. Remembrance: Ron Heikkinen – moment of silence.

County Board Supervisor District #6

1. Appointment: Mr. Kopisch presented Paula Houdek for appointment. Motion Hintz/Teeters to approve the appointment of Paula Houdek as County Board Supervisor District #6 (term to end third Tuesday in April 2019). Motion carried.
2. Oath of Office administered to Paula Houdek by Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Ms. Houdek took seat.

Presentations

1. Price County Fair Association – 2017 Annual Report by Peter Dahlie.

Approve minutes of the June 19, 2018 meeting: Motion Palecek/Adolph to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: None.

Public Comments: Jeffrey Fahl introduced himself as a candidate for Representative to the Assembly District 74. Lori Hanson from the Phillips Chamber of Commerce spoke on funding for the two chambers and how the chamber intends to move forward. Email from Ed Kane from the Park Falls Chamber stating the chamber is ready to work together to promote Price County.

Resolutions

Resolution 20-18

Amend Chapter 530 Article VI (Dahlgren Rezone)

WHEREAS, Chapter 59, Wisconsin State Statutes require that the Price County Land Use & UW-Extension Committee hold a public hearing and report to the Price County Board of Supervisors on all petitions to amend Zoning Ordinances or Zoning District Maps; and
WHEREAS, the Price County Board of Supervisors must then act upon the recommendation of the Price County Land Use and UW-Extension Committee, either approving or disapproving or returning the petition with changes recommended by the Price County Board of Supervisors, and
WHEREAS, the Price County Land Use and UW-Extension Committee has held a public hearing and hereby recommends that the Price County Board of Supervisors approve the rezoning of the following described parcel:

Four (4) parcels of land located within part of Section 23, Township 40N, Range 1W, Town of Lake, Lots 2-3-4, 5, 6, & 7 of the First Addition to Lake (W7915 & W7921 Division Street) to be rezoned from RR-1 (Recreational Residential District) to CI-C (Commercial District)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors approve the rezoning petition for Jacob Dahlgren.

Submitted by the Land Use and UW-Extension Committee: s/James Hintz, Chair; James Adolph; Bruce Jilka; Sheryl Slaby; William Teeters. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of August, 2018. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Teeters/Wartgow 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 21-18

Support Legislation to Close Dark Store Tax Loopholes

WHEREAS, the Dark Store tax loopholes allow large commercial properties to be valued based on former retail properties that are vacant or unoccupied in the same real estate market; and
WHEREAS, the Dark Store strategy will result in a huge shift of the tax burden from commercial property owners to homeowners, small businesses and other property owner; and
WHEREAS, over the past several months, municipal, county, city and town officials have been in contact with state legislators testifying against the Dark Store tax loophole in order to avoid a property tax burden shifting to other tax paying entities such as residential homeowners and other businesses and/or cuts in essential services provided by an affected municipality; and
WHEREAS, unless the Dark Store loopholes are closed, residents will realize the impact when they receive their next property tax bill; and

WHEREAS, AB386 and SB292 were introduced to address the assessment value of property using defined generally accepted appraisal methods; and

WHEREAS, AB386 and SB292 were adversely disposed of at the end of the last legislative general business floor period.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors does support legislation directed at closing the Dark Store loopholes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Walker, the Joint Finance Committee of the Wisconsin Legislature, the state legislators for Price County and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee: s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Adolph; Bruce Jilka; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of August, 2018. Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Palecek/Hintz to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocoek, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Amend Resolution 9-14

Non-Lapsing Committed Highway Equipment Fund Policy

WHEREAS, A non-lapsing committed equipment fund has been established effective for fiscal year 2014 for the purchase of Highway Department equipment per Price County Resolution, and

WHEREAS, the funding mechanism for this fund and the expenditures from this fund shall be by Price County policy,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the policy for the management of the non-lapsing committed equipment fund be established as follows:

- The Highway Department shall produce a five-year equipment plan to be updated and submitted to the County Board each year during the annual budget process
- The only purchases specifically approved are those included in a County operating budget and tax levy approved by Board resolution. Once the annual budget is approved by the County Board, the Highway ~~& Transportation Committee~~ Department can change the equipment purchased based on need, but may not exceed the total amount budgeted or purchase equipment not included in the five-year equipment plan without County Board approval
- Equipment shall be defined as any implement, attachment, self-propelled or otherwise, as defined and classified by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) Machinery Management Committee
- The Highway Department shall use the approved five-year equipment plan as a fiscal guideline for the yearly equipment purchases and equipment expenditure projections
- The source(s) of funding for the equipment fund shall be:
 - The ~~net~~ gross proceeds from the sale of Highway equipment
 - The amount of depreciation recorded for equipment per the State of Wisconsin DOT equipment depreciation schedule and included in the annual audit of the Highway Department financial statements
 - The total net amount of any profit from the annual equipment audit shall be transferred into the equipment fund annually (not to exceed net operating income per the audit report as adjusted per General Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for matching revenues (cash in) with expenditures (cash out)) but shall not reduce the general cash fund below the \$600,000 level
 - Future allocations from the Highway general cash fund, if necessary, and only if any such allocation does not reduce the general cash fund below the \$600,000 level
 - Transfer from tax levy for capitalization of repair and maintenance expenses per DOT requirements.
- Highway Department equipment shall be evaluated annually for recapitalization if the current value increases or decreases by 15% or more for the purpose of the depreciation schedule and budgeting
- The Highway & Transportation Committee shall evaluate the results of the annual equipment audit on receipt of the annual audit. If any single piece of equipment has a loss of greater than 25% of its total expenses or has a net loss for three consecutive years, the piece of equipment shall be considered for removal from active service and sold.

Submitted jointly by the Price County Highway & Transportation Committee and Executive Committee.

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of August, 2018. s/Robert Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Hintz/Adolph to consider resolution for amendment. 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 22-18

Authorize Support of Increased Public Defender Access and Pay

WHEREAS, criminal cases continue to rise due to a variety of factors including increased drug crimes; and

WHEREAS, both the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin provide that persons accused have the right to counsel; and

WHEREAS, in Wisconsin, the Office of the Public Defender provides counsel to those persons meeting income eligibility guidelines for services; and

WHEREAS, judges are being forced to appoint counsel at county expense for persons for whom the public defender cannot find representation due to a lack of available counsel as a result of the low compensation rate; and

WHEREAS, this results in costs to counties to appoint counsel, increased costs to jail persons held before trial pending appointment of counsel and a delay in obtaining justice for victims; and

WHEREAS, the rate of compensation for private bar attorneys has not been increased since 1995 and currently is the lowest hourly rate in the nation; and

WHEREAS, this has created a burden on the courts and Wisconsin counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the State of Wisconsin to provide sufficient resources to the Office of the Public Defender to ensure that the criminal justice system operates effectively and efficiently.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby support increasing the rate of reimbursement for assigned counsel attorneys to a market rate that will ensure the prompt appointment of counsel and will ensure that cases are handled in a timely and efficient manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby direct the Price County Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Office of Governor Scott Walker, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all state senators and assembly members representing Price County constituents.

Submitted by the Law Enforcement Committee: s/James Hintz, Chair; Marguerite Sue Bocock; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Larry Palecek; John Vlach. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of August, 2018. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Hallstrand/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 23-18

Amend 2018 Employee Wage Schedule (Administration)

WHEREAS, the Administration Committee has been charged by the Price County Board of Supervisors with the responsibility for all matters pertaining to salary and wages for all County employees and has also been charged with the responsibility to review wage/salary data and make appropriate recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 1-18, approving the 2018 Employee Wage Schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Board of Supervisors also adopted Resolution 14-18 to create a Behavioral Health Services Unit Supervisor position and Resolution 16-18 to create a Lead Economic Support Specialist position; and

WHEREAS, per Price County policy, a Carlson Dettmann wage review was conducted on these two positions; and

WHEREAS, as such, the Administration Committee recommends the wage schedule adjustments as attached.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors adopt the amended 2018 Employee Wage Schedule, effective August 26, 2018.

Submitted by the Price County Administration Committee. s/Dennis Wartgow, Chair; Jeff Hallstrand; Robert Kopisch; Sheryl Slaby. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of August, 2018. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Wartgow/Slaby 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.

Elections and Appointments

1. Executive Committee - one member: Palecek nominated James Hintz. Vlach nominated Sheryl Slaby. Signed ballot results: Hintz 8, Slaby 5. James Hintz declared winner of the seat on the Executive Committee.
2. Highway and Transportation Committee member – South (Dist. 2, 4, 6 and 12): Slaby nominated Bruce Jilka. Wartgow nominated James Adolph. Signed ballot results: Jilka 7, Adolph 6. Bruce Jilka declared winner of the South seat on the Highway and Transportation Committee.
3. Indianhead Federated Library Board – Fill remainder of term ending 12/31/20: Motion Spacek/Wartgow to approve the appointment of Susan Marshall to the Indianhead Federated Library Board. Motion carried.
4. Health and Human Services Board – Fill remainder of term ending 12/31/20: Will have a recommendation at the next meeting.

Reports on File

1. Price County Fair Association – 2017 Annual Report

Convene to Committee of the Whole at 10:00 a.m.

1. 2017 Financial Summary Report as of 12/31/17: Trimner gave update. Audit is completed. Adjusting journal entries are being done. Departments that will need approval for expense coverage: Buildings & Grounds, Jail, Forestry & Parks, Dams.
2. 2018 Financial Summary Report as of 7/31/18: Trimner reviewed. High cost placements vary. Stumpage revenue is doing well.
3. 2019 Budget Assumptions: Preliminary budget will be presented at September meeting.
 - a. 5% health insurance increase (\$100,000)
 - b. 2% employee wage increase (\$100,000), employee step movement will be a wash due to turnovers
 - c. UW-Extension saving of \$18,000 due to 4-H Educator position going to part-time status
 - d. High cost placements may be an increase of \$200,000
 - e. New construction came in at .68% (\$60,000)
 - f. Equalized value increased 2%
 - g. Contributions to outside organizations (currently \$70,000)
 - h. Sheriff's Department – hard to plan ahead due to unknown events that happen
 - i. Insurances increase (\$60,000)
 - j. There is another day added to the payroll calendar for 2019 (2,088 hours vs. 2,080)
 - k. Tourism options:
 - i. \$30,000 to area chambers to promote Price County (option chosen by consensus of the Board members)
 - ii. \$45,000 to keep Price County Tourism Department staffed
 - l. Debt Service
 - i. Continue \$300,000 for Highway projects
 - ii. Continue \$375,000 for Highway projects
 - iii. Additional \$250,000 each year for Highway projects
4. Board Chair Report – Kopisch.
 - a. Reconfiguring Committee Membership: Chair will make new committee assignments for September 1st.
 - b. Emergency Management Training: Chair stressed need to get the required training done.
 - c. Report on County Board Chair's Forum of 7/30 – 7/31/18: Chair discussed topics covered: Board Roles and Responsibilities, Effective Meetings, Open Meeting Law, Public Record Law, Ethics and Conflict of Interest, Media Relations

Spacek excused at 11:05 a.m.

- d. Priority Issues with State Government: Looking for input from Board members.
- e. Foxconn Update: Chair provided information for following project updates.
5. Committee Chair Reports.
 - a. Administration – Wartgow: Working on updates to employee manual.
 - b. Executive – Kopisch: No additional information.
 - c. Forestry & Parks – Hintz: Stumpage revenue \$1,198,742 with five active sales. DNR trapping ruffed grouse and transferring them to Missouri. Parks have been busy. Trail maintenance. Fall timber sales.


- d. Health and Human Services – Jilka: New Shingles Vaccine. Dead crow found in Price County tested positive for West Nile Virus. Out-of-home placements continue to rise. Need to form a Nutrition Advisory Council. Recruiting for Fiscal and Administration Supervisor.
 - e. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Summer maintenance. County Highway H bridge was open ahead of schedule. County Highway I and US Highway 8 projects to begin. State Highway 13 project in process. Dams are maintaining stable summer water levels. Airport traffic has remained steady.
 - f. Land Use & UW-Extension – Hintz: Zoning busy with permits. Land Conservation working on several summer projects. UW-Extension hired new 4-H Educator to start September 4th – changed to a half-time shared position with Oneida County.
 - g. Law Enforcement – Hintz: Open House for Safety Building project September 10th from 3pm – 6pm. Music fest in Ashland County resulted in additional coverage for enforcement.
6. County Administrator's Report – Trimner: Forestry and Parks is working with Rail Trail Commission on the Pine Line Trail. Clean Sweep held August 18th. Recruiting for male and female jailers, HHSD Finance and Administrative Supervisor and two social workers. Parking lot project almost complete. Detention grade windows delivered for early September installation. Converting construction loan. Departments worked on information for Opioid Litigation. Photo competition for visitors guide.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 11:42 a.m.

Date of Next Meeting: September 18, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 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 21, 2018 and the whole thereof. Dated this 24th day of August, 2018.



Jean Gottwald, County Clerk