

## MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

September 13, 2022

### Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair.

Invocation provided by Pastor Larry Tenut.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance.

Roll Call: Present (13): Alan Barkstrom, Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Jason Hastings, Paula Houdek, Mark Kyle, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, Patricia Stephan, Ginny Strobl, Lorelei Wakefield, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Nick Trimner.

Instructions were given to any members of the public attending electronically.

Approval of Minutes August 16, 2022: Motion Kyle/Strobl to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: Nick reviewed the rollout of the new design of the County website.

Public Comments: None.

Resolutions:

#### Resolution 36-22

##### County Highway YY Bridge Dedication to Ron Heikkinen

WHEREAS, Ron Heikkinen was a member of the Price County Board of Supervisors and the Highway and Transportation Committee; and

WHEREAS, he was an active advocate for the replacement of the County Highway YY bridge; and

WHEREAS, the County Highway YY bridge is a vital link from US Highway 8 to State Highway 86; and WHEREAS, many industries, citizens and the economic health of Price County were benefited by this bridge project; and

WHEREAS, if not for the involvement of Ron Heikkinen to bring both Price County and Lincoln County together to undertake this project as a joint effort, it is likely this project would have been delayed for a number of years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Price County Board of Supervisors that the County Highway YY bridge be dedicated to Ron Heikkinen.

Submitted by the Price County Highway and Transportation Committee: s/Larry Palecek, Chair; Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Mark Kyle, Jordan Spacek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner.

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of September 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Palecek/Houdek to consider resolution for adoption. Motion carried on voice vote.

#### Resolution 37-22

##### PSAP Grant Funding for One Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) per County

WHEREAS, every municipal and state agency that provides fire suppression, law enforcement, and emergency medical services may establish a 911 system. Most counties operate their own Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) to meet the needs of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the 2017-19 Wisconsin state budget required the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) to create an emergency services Internet Protocol (IP) network to be provided to all PSAPs. This digital network is essential in transitioning the State's 911 system from the old and outdated analog system to a current and advanced NextGeneration 911 system; and

WHEREAS, 2019 Wisconsin Act 26 created a much-needed PSAP grant program aimed to provide grant dollars for advanced training of telecommunicators, equipment or software expenses, and incentives to consolidate some or all of the functions of two or more PSAPs; and

WHEREAS, 2019 Wisconsin Act 26 requires that only one PSAP per county receive the grant funds; and

WHEREAS, DMA Chapter 2 requires the county board of supervisors determine the one PSAP per county via resolution, except for Milwaukee County where the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council will make the determination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Price County does hereby designate the Price County Public Safety Answering Point for the purposes of 2019 Wisconsin Act 26 grant dollars or federal grant opportunities.

Submitted by the Price County Law Enforcement Committee: s/Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Ginny Strobl, Lorelei Wakefield. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of September 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Strobl/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Motion carried on voice vote.

Resolution 38-22

Funding to Pave the County Portion of Omaha Road (Smith Lake County Park)

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake has planned for the paving of Omaha Road; and  
WHEREAS, Omaha Road is the route taken to Smith Lake County Park; and  
WHEREAS, Price County is interested in enhancing their county parks and campgrounds; and  
WHEREAS, it has been highly recommended by campground users that the County improve the quality of the road that leads to the campground; and  
WHEREAS, there are County ARPA funds available for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to provide \$35,000 funding to the Town of Lake paving project of Omaha Road to assist in the cost of the project for the portion that lies within County property, Section 33, Town 40N Range 1W; said funding to come from ARPA Funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Price County shall distribute the ARPA funds after the Town of Lake completes the paving of Omaha Road and submits a copy of the completed state grant paperwork to the County.

Fiscal Impact \$35,000

Submitted by: Price County Forestry and Parks Committee: s/Jeff Hallstrand, Chair; Jordan Spacek; Ginny Strobl. Reviewed and approved by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of September 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Hallstrand/Houdek to consider resolution for adoption. Motion carried on voice vote.

Supervisor Strobl left meeting 9:23 a.m.

Resolution 39-22

Price County 2023 Capital Projects and Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be Financed with Short-term Debt

WHEREAS, the following capital projects have been identified by the Price County Executive Committee:

Buildings & Grounds – Safety Building Chiller and Controls

Forestry & Parks – Pickup Truck

Sheriff's Office – Three Squad Cars

Highway Department – 2023 Road Maintenance Projects

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has reviewed the financial impact of these projects and recommends short-term borrowing to finance these projects; and

WHEREAS, the project components and estimated cost is approximately \$987,500 and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Executive Committee to proceed with the implementation of 2023 Highway and Capital Projects in an amount not to exceed \$987,500, to be financed with short-term debt and to include such debt payment to begin with the 2023 Price County budget.

Fiscal Impact: \$799,736 for 2023, \$107,080 for 2024, \$107,080 for 2025

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner.

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of September 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Spacek/Wakefield to consider resolution for adoption. Motion carried on voice vote.

Resolution 40-22

Price County Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be Financed with Short-Term Debt

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has identified the need for financing a portion of the 2023 Highway Department road construction projects to the potential extent of \$2,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has reviewed the financial impact of the proposed construction projects and recommends financing the projects through the use of short-term debt.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Executive Committee to proceed with the implementation of financing 2023 Highway Department road construction projects in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 to be financed through the issuance of short-term debt and to include such debt payment in the 2024 Price County budget.

Fiscal Impact: \$2,000,000 (2024 budget)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Alan Barkstrom, Chair; Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner.

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of September 2022. s/Alan Barkstrom, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Motion Palecek/Erickson to consider resolution for adoption. Motion carried on voice vote.

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

1. Board Chair Report – Alan Barkstrom. Attending the annual WCA Conference in Wisconsin Dells. Fall Legislative meeting. Friends of Fred Smith August 23<sup>rd</sup>, hired new director. K-9 Unit fundraiser.

2. County Administrator's Report – Nick Trimner

Supervisor Strobl returned to meeting at 9:31 a.m.

a. 2022 Financial Summary: Final 2021 audit tasks done in July. Reviewed 2022 data. Most departments are doing well. Cash on hand includes tax allocations and funding for several projects that are in process. Tax delinquencies are at 2.38%.

b. 2023 Preliminary Budget: Provided updated packet. Will be presented for approval at October meeting. Levy \$10,980,439.

c. Updates: Getting information on opioid settlement payments.

3. Committee Chair Reports:

a. Administration – Wartgow: Meeting scheduled for September 27. Deputy Union negotiations and health insurance options. Highway Operator positions full. Filled two of the four social worker vacancies.

b. Buildings & Grounds – Spacek: Courthouse roof project in process. Friends of Fred Smith house repairs coming to completion.

c. Executive – Barkstrom: Possibility of Phillips Lionite delinquent tax payment by final redemption of September 29<sup>th</sup>. 2023 budget work and finalizing debt service.

d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Cranberry Lake shooting range project finishing. Grants received: \$390,000 for Georgetown trail (100%), \$83,780 Timm's Hill toilets (80%), \$31,400 Pine Line Trail resurface. Ready for fall timber sales. Reviewing Carbon Credit parcels. Beaver damage issues. DNR has decided to abandon the Steve's Creek Flowage project. Four active timber sales. Fall park maintenance.

e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

f. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Shouldering, sign replacements, culvert replacements, spray patching, prepping for 2023 projects. WDOT State Highway 13 project through Phillips has been pushed out to 2026. Delays in equipment deliveries. Ready for winter maintenance. Airport improvement project concluding. Dam water levels remain low due to dry weather. Weimers Dam project has been completed.

g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Wartgow: Zoning conditional use permit and land division. Land Conservation boat landing project and well abatements. StrongBodies has been taken over by the County. 4-H busy with summer programs and fair projects. County Fair was well attended.

h. Law Enforcement – Palecek: 21 inmates in house. 6,137 dispatch calls. 1,955 road calls. Craig Calzavara and Kane completed K-9 training. One deputy and one jailer opening.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 10:17 a.m.

Date of Next Meeting: October 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk