

**Price County Law Enforcement Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Date: September 21, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Courthouse County Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI 54555

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Larry Palecek, Committee Chair. Roll Call - Present: Brian Ernst, Doug Erickson, Robert Kopisch, Larry Palecek, Ginny Strobl. Also present: Nick Trimner, Brian Schmidt, Robert Hawn, Al Barkstrom, Jim Dalbesio

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: Supervisor Strobl requested information on how much presence the police have in the local schools.
2. Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2023: Motion Strobl/Ernst to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Coroner – Department and Financial Reports – Jim Dalbesio: Report on August calls.
4. District Attorney – Department and Financial Reports – Matthew McElroy: New District Attorney officially effective October 16th. Former Assistant District Attorney from Wood County. Continue to recruiting for a Legal Secretary.
5. Clerk of Circuit Court – Department and Financial Reports: Office is fully staffed. The one part-time position is planned to transition to full-time as of January 1st. Judge's judicial assistant position was filled.
6. Sheriff's Office – Department and Financial Report: Investigators continue to be busy, several drug cases.
 - a. Staffing Update: Dakota Haberman new deputy on staff.
 - b. Humane Officer / Animal Control: Deputy Dabler busy with numerous complaints.
 - c. K-9 Units: Kane received scent training. Fundraiser went well. Both dogs did several assists.
 - d. Rec Officer: Joel Eder appointed as new officer.
7. County Ordinances for Drafting
 - a. Repeal – Chapter 218. Alarms: Motion Strobl/Ernst to approve ordinance and forward to public hearing. Motion carried.
 - b. Amend – Chapter 176. Peace and Good Order, Article VIII. Obstructing an Officer: Motion Strobl/Kopisch to postpone to next meeting. Motion carried.
 - c. Shop Lifting and Petty Theft: Possible incorporation into Peace and Good Order.
 - d. Criminal Damage to Property: Possible incorporation into Peace and Good Order.
 - e. Possession and Use of Marijuana: Motion Kopisch/Ernst to adopt the language from the City of Phillips ordinance and forward to public hearing. Motion carried.
 - f. Impound Lot Fee: Motion Kopisch/Erickson to postpone to next meeting. Motion carried.
8. Committee Vouchers: Motion Strobl/Erickson to approve the voucher in the amount of \$66,245.46. Motion carried.
9. Date of Next Meeting: October 31.
10. Meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk