

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 7, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Meeting called to order by Robert Kopisch, Chairperson at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call: Present – James Hintz, Paula Houdek, Robert Kopisch, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Also present – Nick Trimner, Lynn Neeck, Carrie Kyle, Leanna Samardich, Waldemar Madsen, Alan Barkstrom
Nick reviewed process for those attending electronically.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: Noah Wall, City of Phillips, in favor of Supervisor Madsen resolution.
2. Meeting minutes September 9, 2021: Motion Hintz/Palecek to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2021 meeting as presented.
3. Treasurer Report – Lynn Neeck
 - a. Monthly reports: Reviewed. Sales tax doing well. Interest on bank accounts remains low.
 - b. Delinquent Taxes and In Rem: Reviewed. 2017: 20 parcels. Last day of redemption is November 18th. 30 day waiting period with court date anticipated in December. 2018: Title search for 130 parcels will start in December. Assembly Bill that would allow the counties to pass a resolution to waive interest and penalties. Consensus of committee is to not participate. Lynn will send letter to Lionite to increase payments and get caught up on taxes due of \$330,000 in 2022.
4. County Clerk Report – None.
5. County Administrator – Nick Trimner.
 - a. Financial Reports
 - i. 2021 Actual vs Budget: Reviewed. Nothing unexpected to report.
 - ii. Health Insurance
 1. Renewal Rates: Came in at 19.7% increase. Broker is putting out RFPs for providers. Due October 15th. Considering self-funded option.
 2. Effects of New Rates: New rates not set yet. Don't recommend changing the budget to make up for the anticipated premium increase.
 - iii. 2022 Budget – Final
 1. Contingent Fund currently at \$52,334.
 2. Approve and Forward to County Board: Additional discussion on the Books-by-Mail program. Motion Wartgow/Palecek to leave the budget as is regarding library funding. Motion carried. Motion Palecek/Houdek to approve the 2022 budget as presented, with a tax levy of \$10,980,439, and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
 - b. Loan Quotes: Received quotes from four banks for the five 2022 loans. Nicolet Bank, 2.5%; Prevail Bank 1.25% - 1.5%, Community Financial, 1.45% - 1.75%; Forward Bank, 1.49% - 1.79%. Motion Houdek/Wartgow to accept the loan quote rates from Prevail Bank. Motion carried.
 - c. American Recovery Plan Act Update: Final guidelines to come soon. Will not be penalized if money was already spent and guidelines change. The County is using the lost revenue calculation to determine spending the majority of the ARPA funds.
 - d. Administrator Report: Nick was appointed to the WCA's Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity Team.
6. Resolution – Repair of Normal Building HVAC System Using ARPA Funds: Motion Houdek/Palecek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
7. Broadband Expansion Project Status: No updates.
8. Economic Development / Tourism Update: Park Falls Chamber of Commerce did not sign the MOU with the County. The Phillips Chamber will oversee the County's funds allocated for tourism.
9. Develop a Forest Carbon Offset Project for Price County Owned Land
 - a. Information Needed: Legal work addressing concerns has been done.
 - b. Next Step – Timeline: Legal consultant could participate in Board discussion and/or closed session if the Board requests. Alan had questions and responses from Nick available for

discussion and requested they get forwarded to all Board members. Discussed allocation of potential funds received. Will have discussion on the Board level to consider moving forward.

10. Monthly Vouchers: Motion Wartgow/Palecek to approve the accounts payable and payroll for the Month of September in the amount of \$2,094,539.39 and voucher in the amount of \$533,016.50. Motion carried.
11. Resolution submitted by Supervisor Madsen: Afghan Refugees in Price County: Discussion on content and merit of resolution. Motion Houdek/Wartgow to postpone indefinitely. Motion carried.
12. Did not go into closed session for the purpose of: Resolution – Afghan Refugees in Price County
13. Take Action, as needed, on closed session items: N/A
14. Date of Next Meeting: November 4th.
15. Meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk