

# Price County Law Enforcement Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 9, 2020

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 James Hintz, Committee Chairperson. Roll Call - Present: James Hintz, Mark Kyle, Larry Palecek. Attending remotely: Bruce Jilka. Excused: Waldemar Madsen. Also present: Nick Trimner, Brian Schmidt.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment: None.
2. Communications: None.
3. Meeting Minutes – August 14, 2020: Motion Kyle/Palecek to approve the minutes of the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented. Motion carried.
4. Coroner's Report and Vouchers: Motion Palecek/Kyle to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$2,570.36. Motion carried.
5. District Attorney's Report and Vouchers: Motion Palecek/Kyle to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$7,217.04. Motion carried. Staff have been working remotely, with at least one person keeping the office open. There was a positive COVID but did not affect any co-workers since they were not in contact.
  - a. Vacant District Attorney Position: The office space for the Assistant DA is being finished. Since there is no DA candidate on the ballot at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election, whoever gets the most write-in votes will be offered the position, if they are qualified. If winning candidate can not or does not take the position, it will remain vacant for appointment by the governor.
6. Clerk of Circuit Court's Report and Vouchers: Motion Jilka/Hintz to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$8,198.88. Motion carried. Court has been running under State procedures. Upgraded technology is being installed to further facilitate remote attendance.
7. Sheriff's Office Report and Vouchers – Brian Schmidt: Motion Palecek/Kyle to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$70,147.25. Motion carried. Office operations have been able to continue with appropriate distancing. Utilizing electronic monitoring and Huber to minimize jail population. Road deputy positions will be full with the most recent new hire. Recruitments for Jail/Dispatch going well with one position still vacant. New 2020 squad has been delivered.
  - a. K-9 Unit: Officers Janak and Dixon have been working with area agencies and continue training. There has been a donation offer to provide an additional K-9 unit.
  - b. Humane Office: Officer Merlak has been busy answering calls. He will implement online dog licensing starting January 1, 2021. Position is realizing very positive outcomes. Partnership with Catkins going well.
8. Date of Next Meeting: Pending.
9. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk