

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 10, 2019 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 – Jim Hintz, Bruce Jilka, Robert Kopisch, Larry Palecek. Excused: Jim Adolph. Also present – Nick Trimner, Lynn Neeck, Paula Houdek, Carrie Kyle, Marilyn Schreuder

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Communications and Correspondences: Bob attended the Park Falls CDC meeting.
2. Public Comment: None.
3. Meeting minutes – September 12, 2019: Motion Hintz/Jilka to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer – Lynn Neeck
 - a. Treasurer's monthly report: Reviewed report. Also report of tax certificates taken.
 - b. In Rem / Tax Deed
 - i. 2014 Tax Deed: All properties taken have been sold.
 - ii. 2015 Tax Deed: Published this week. December 5th redemption date. 37 parcels remain.
 - iii. 2016 Tax Deed: In process.
5. Flambeau River Papers Receivership Status: Bruce Marshall gave an update on the receivership. If the mill would possibly be sold, taxes owed to the County will be covered. If it goes to liquidation, the County taxes could remain unpaid with the real estate left as surety for the County. The receivership court will not wipe out any debt, as it would in a bankruptcy process.
6. City of Phillips – Special Assessment for Sidewalk Replacement: City of Phillips is replacing the sidewalks along Lake Avenue. The County has been assessed \$12,244.52. Hearing is being held October 15th. Motion Palecek/Hintz to draft a letter in opposition of the assessment. Motion carried.
7. PACE Program: Communications need to be developed to get the word out about the program.
8. County Administrator – Nick Trimner
 - a. 2019 Budget: Doing well. Several Highway Department trucks are in grave disrepair. Opportunity has come up to purchase three used trucks. The amount approved for the Equipment Fund spending for 2019 is \$505,000. Seeking approval from the County Board to exceed the 2019 amount by \$300,000 to allow purchasing these three trucks.
 - b. 2020 Budget
 - i. Bridge and Culvert Aid – Town of Catawba: Project came in at \$13,458 – half to be paid by Town of Catawba and the other half by County. Motion Palecek/Jilka to approve the Bridge and Culvert aid of \$6,730 be added to the 2019 budget. Motion carried.
 - ii. Embrace – Lease and Contribution: Embrace will not renew their lease as of December 31, 2019. Their lease amount is \$5,000 and the County contributed \$5,000 to them. Motion Hintz/Jilka to discontinue the \$5,000 contribution to Embrace. Motion carried.
 - iii. Final Budget for Board Approval: Change in debt service and addition in Bridge and Culvert aid, Levy adjusted to \$9,343,479. Motion Palecek/Hintz to approve the 2020 budget with a tax levy of \$9,343,479 and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
 - c. Administrator Report: Humane Officer transition went well. 2020 Health insurance premiums set. Administration Committee will determine the plan structure. Deputy Sheriff union contract negotiations starting. Mandatory meetings to be held with County employees in November. Remodel of office space and conference room in Human Services Department. Remodel of Judge's office. Park Falls new TIF district plan being approved.
9. Hosting Northwest Regional Planning Commission Meeting – October 16th: Meeting at 10:00 a.m. at NTC. Presentation and tour of SRC building and new enterprise center building.
10. Amend – Resolution 40-18, 2018 Safety Building Expansion and Renovation Project Borrowing: Resolution language was clarified indicating that interest payments come out of the Capital Improvement fund and principal payments are included in the annual budget.
11. Resolution – Ratifying 2019 Price County Spring Land Sale (3): Motion Jilka/Palecek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.

12. Resolution – Approve Remodel Project for Leased Out Office Space to be Funded with Money Transferred from the Capital Improvement Fund: Project cost coming in at \$130,000. Will have payback with increased monthly rent. Motion Palecek/Hintz to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
 13. Resolution – Approve Increase in County Share of Dog License Tax: Motion Jilka/Hintz to increase the dog license tax from \$10/5 to \$20/15. Motion carried. Motion Jilka/Hintz to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
 14. Monthly Vouchers: Motion Hintz/Palecek to approve the accounts payroll and payroll for the month of September for the amount of \$2,123,978.41 and vouchers in the amount of \$168,879.43. Motion carried.
 15. Date of Next Meeting: October 15th and November 7th, January 16th and February 13th.
 16. Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.
- Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk