

**Price County Law Enforcement Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Date: October 31, 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, Jim Dalbesio, Matt McElroy

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: None.
2. Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2023: Motion Strobl/Erickson to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Coroner – Department and Financial Reports - Jim Dalbesio: Reviewed case load and explained when autopsies are ordered.
4. District Attorney – Department and Financial Reports – Matt McElroy: Office is fully staffed. Catching up on open cases.
5. Clerk of Circuit Court – Department and Financial Reports: One resignation. Held interviews with offer to a candidate.
6. Sheriff's Office – Department and Financial Reports – Brian Schmidt and Robert Hawn: Several issues with backlog for ordering squad cars and changes in the vehicle design.
 - a. Staffing Update: One female and two male corrections/dispatch openings. Deputy positions are full.
 - b. Humane Officer / Animal Control: Continue working with violators in Ogema and Village of Kennan. Court case scheduled for cats issue on November 22nd. Deputy Dabler has been working full-time as Humane Officer as opposed to 70/30 as intended.
 - c. K-9 Units: Trainings with community partners.
 - d. Rec Officer: Met with new area game warden.
7. County Ordinances
 - a. Repeal Chapter 218 – Alarms: Motion Strobl/Erickson to approve and forward to November 14th County Board public hearing. Motion carried.
 - b. Chapter 403 Peace and Good Order – Offenses against state laws subject to forfeiture: Motion Erickson/Strobl to approve and forward to November 14th County Board public hearing. Motion carried.
 - c. Chapter 403 Peace and Good Order – Possession and sale of hemp-derived cannabinoid substances: Motion Strobl/Ernst to approve and forward to November 14th County Board public hearing. Motion carried.
 - d. Repeal Chapter 469 Vehicles, Abandoned; Add Chapter 473 Vehicles and Traffic – Abandoned motor vehicles: Motion Kopisch/Ernst to approve and forward to November 14th County Board public hearing. Motion carried.
8. Committee Vouchers: Motion Ernst/Strobl to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$121,968.97. Motion carried.
9. Date of Next Meeting: TBD.
10. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk