

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 4, 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 – Paula Houdek, Robert Kopisch, Dennis Wartgow. Excused: James Hintz, Larry Palecek. Also present – Nick Trimner, Lynn Neeck, Carrie Kyle

Nick reviewed process for those attending electronically.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: Ed Rush from Taylor County and James Saidla spoke regarding 2017 In Rem property owned by Zion Square, Inc./ James Saidla
2. Meeting minutes October 7, 2021: Motion Houdek/Wartgow to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer Report – Lynn Neeck
 - a. Monthly reports: Reviewed. Sales tax continue to be good.
 - b. Delinquent Taxes and In Rem: Lynn reviewed process including the various notices that are sent to property owners. November 18th is last day of redemption for 2017 delinquents. The amount owed on the Zion Square, Inc. is \$16,237.31.
 - i. Request for Waiver of Tax Liability – Shopko Building in Park Falls: \$111,246.24 in back taxes. \$26,039.58 in interest and penalties. Discussion of property owner request. Consensus of the committee members was that interest and penalties would not be waived. There was no objection to the Treasurer denying the request. No further action taken.
 - c. Resolution – Authorize Issuance of Tax Deed for 2018: Motion Wartgow/Houdek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
4. County Clerk Report – Jean Gottwald: Website redesign team is progressing on project. Packets for the County Board Supervisor Spring Election being prepared. Waiting for Town of Hackett to decide what they're going to do for an electronic voting system. Review quarterly insurance claim reports.
5. County Administrator – Nick Trimner
 - a. Financial Reports
 - i. 2021 Actual vs Budget: Reviewed. Stumpage has come in well. Animal control revenue met budget.
 - ii. Health Insurance
 1. Renewal Rates: Administration Committee set the renewal with Security Health. Two plans being offered: a narrow network (Marshfield Clinic only) and a broad network (which has a higher premium). Effect on employee between plans is approximately \$1,000 a year.
 2. Effects of New Rates: 60% of employees will need to choose the narrow network to meet the budget that was set.
 - iii. 2022 Budget – Final: Moving forward getting bids on planned projects. \$330,000 budgeted for Normal Building window project. Only received one bid. Project will be discussed at the Buildings & Grounds meeting.
 - b. American Recovery Plan Act Update
 - i. Contribution Request: Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity: Bob received a request for \$225,000 and sent a response letter.
 - ii. Funding/Spending Status: Reviewed update of funds designated and funds remaining. Will draft a resolution approving the spending and projects. Update on status of major projects.
 - c. Administrator Report: Nothing additional.
6. Broadband Expansion Project Status: Norvado received the grant for the 339 project. The County has designated \$100,000. Have not heard on the Southern Price County project.
7. Economic Development / Tourism Update: Laurie Hansen will give an update on county tourism efforts after the first of the year.
 - a. Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation Status: Received a letter indicating they do not want the County contribution of ARPA funding and rejected the suggestion to

expand county-wide. The County will need to address a county-wide economic development option.

- b. Discover Mediaworks: A new initiative to promote Wisconsin. Looking for participation from counties.
 8. Develop a Forest Carbon Offset Project for Price County Owned Land: Discussion item at the November 9th County Board meeting.
 9. Monthly Vouchers: Motion Houdek/Wartgow to approve the accounts payable and payroll for the month of October in the amount of \$2,885,595.24 and voucher in the amount of \$327,898.63. Motion carried.
 10. Date of Next Meeting: December 9th and January 13th.
 11. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.
- Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk