

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 7, 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 Adolph, Bruce Jilka, Robert Kopisch, Larry Palecek. Excused: Jim Hintz. Also present – Nick Trimner, Lynn Neeck, Carrie Kyle, Paula Houdek, Art Lersch, Bruce Marshall

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Communications and Correspondences: Hosting Northwest Regional Planning Commission quarterly meeting and SRC America tour went well.
2. Public Comment: None.
3. Meeting minutes – October 10 and October 15, 2019: Motion Palecek/Adolph to approve the minutes of the October 10 and October 15, 2019 meetings as presented. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer – Lynn Neeck
  - a. Treasurer's monthly report: Reviewed monthly report.
  - b. In Rem / Tax Deed
    - i. CD Renewals: Reviewed bids from bank and the County's cash flow position. Motion Adolph/Palecek to defer action on CD investment and review in the spring. Motion carried. Funds will remain in the State Investment Pool.
    - ii. 2015 Tax Deed: 22 parcels. Several contacts from people intending to pay before December 5<sup>th</sup>. Court date should be in January or February.
    - iii. 2016 Tax Deed: Contacted by Village of Catawba regarding taking one of the 5R Processor property. Motion Adolph/Palecek to remove the 5R Processing parcels located on County Road I from the Tax Deed list until further information on DNR closure. Motion carried. Parcel at W9202 US Highway 8 will remain on the list.
    - iv. 168 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave S, Park Falls Property – Tax Delinquent Status: Brentt Michalek, City Administrator for Park Falls. The City is working on buying the block where the parcel is located with the intent of razing the buildings in order to sell the vacant lots to Forward Bank for construction of a new building. With the timing of the County's tax delinquent process, if the County did take the parcel, it would not be available to start the process until next spring. This would not work into the City's schedule. The City will continue its attempts to contact the land owner.
    - v. City of Park Falls Tax Incremental District 5 Boundary Map: Brentt discussed the TIF District 5 structure.
5. County Clerk – Jean Gottwald
  - a. 2020 Election Cycle: Five 2020 elections: February 18, April 7, May 12, August 11, November 3. Optical scan machines are being delivered December 10<sup>th</sup> with training provided.
  - b. Discontinuing DMV/DOT Services: Changes in the DMV program and decreased revenue make it no longer viable to continue the service in the County Clerk's Office.
6. County Administrator – Nick Trimner
  - a. 2019 Budget: The borrowing for some of the projects has not been processed yet, but the invoices have been received and paid. Carrie reviewed the reason for some of the overages. Some programs don't get their revenue until after they've incurred expenses.
  - b. 2020 Budget: Ready for public hearing at the November 12<sup>th</sup> County Board meeting.
  - c. Administrator Report: Nick attended meeting of area businesses discussing the shortage in the labor force, working together to bring qualified workers into the area and how to compete with companies that have increased their base wage. Humane Officer is working well. Received an anonymous donation to purchase an animal trailer.
7. Flambeau River Papers Receivership Status: Bruce Marshall gave update on court action and sale. Niagra Worldwide, the winning bidder, is scheduled to pay \$2.2 million with the initial representation of possibly some continued operation. Purchase includes real estate and equipment. Closing scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup>. Delinquent property taxes will be assumed. Bruce will look into the process for requesting a reassessment of the property's value.
8. City of Phillips – Special Assessment for Sidewalk Replacement: Nick attended October 15<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. There was a lot of opposition. The City dropped the project for now.
9. PACE Program: Will work on a communication campaign.

10. Amend Resolution 42-19 – Approve Increase in County Share of Dog License Tax: Motion Adolph/Jilka to approve the amended resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
  11. Resolution – Dissolving the Price County Economic Development Association and Endorsement of the Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation: Motion Adolph/Jilka to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
  12. Resolution – Consistent Parliamentary Authority Among County Board Committees, Boards, Commissions and Councils: Motion Adolph/Palecek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
  13. Resolution - Authorize the Issuance of Tax Deed for 2016: Motion Jilka/Adolph to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
  14. Monthly Vouchers: Motion Palecek/Adolph to approve the accounts payroll and payroll for the month of October for the amount of \$2,831,311.89 and vouchers in the amount of \$149,871.16. Motion carried.
  15. Date of Next Meeting: January 16<sup>th</sup> and February 13<sup>th</sup>
  16. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.
- Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk