

**PRICE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: October 12, 2023 Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Courthouse County Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI 54555

Call to Order and Roll Call. Meeting called to order by Alan Barkstrom, Committee Chairperson at 9:00 a.m. Present: Alan Barkstrom, Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek. Also present: Nick Trimner, Carrie Kyle, Lynn Neeck, Ginny Strobl

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: Supervisor Kopisch (remote) regarding item #9, requesting clarification on obligation of future costs and the result if the project does not go forward. Chair Barkstrom attended Catkins Board meeting. Issues need to be addressed with their capacity.
2. Meeting minutes October 12, 2023: Motion Palecek/Houdek to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Bug Tussel Tower Presentation: Mitchel Olson presented information on project to get cellular coverage to Price County. Have partnered with several area counties. Two towers already funded and going up in Town of Catawba and Town of Prentice. Will extend supportable coverage for emergency services. Proposed \$2.62 million. They need county partners to reach required \$11 million, 30 year bond. County sponsorship allows for lower interest rates and longer term. \$920,000 revenue for the county. Will need other countries' participation to reach a marketable level.
4. Treasurer Report – Lynn Neeck: Personal Property tax is being eliminated as of January 1, 2024. Any current personal property will be converted to real estate. Will only pertain to improvements on properties. Assessors will determine the values.
 - a. Monthly reports: Interest rates are doing well, along with sales tax revenue.
 - b. Delinquent Taxes and In Rem: 2020 57 parcels. Title searches ordered.
 - c. Resolution – Authorize the Issuance of Tax Deed for 2020: Motion Hallstrand/Ernst to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
5. County Administrator – Nick Trimner
 - a. 2023 Executive Financial Report: Several high-cost placements. Court case involving cats issue has been pushed back to December 21st. Sales tax and stumpage revenues doing well. Camping revenue has done well, but down from COVID years.
6. Amend Resolution 36-23: 2024 Price County Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be Financed with Short-Term Debt: Highway Department requesting an additional \$1.1 million for additional construction projects. Motion Ernst/Houdek to approve the amended resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
7. Resolution – Approve Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Projects to be Funded with Money Transferred from the Capital Improvement Fund: Motion Ernst/Hallstrand to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
8. Resolution – Designating General Fund Money for Parcel Replanting (Tract 6-23): Motion Houdek/Hallstrand to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
9. Resolution – Price County Assuming Ownership and Associated Responsibilities of the Lower Steve Creek Flowage Dam: The Town of Kennan has agreed to maintain Wolf Creek Lane. Price County departments will not have the manpower to provide assistance with the project. The County will be responsible for required maintenance and inspections. Once the County takes ownership and if it is decided not to do the project, a dam abatement grant could be applied for. Motion Ernst/Hallstrand to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Roll call vote: Yes (5): Barkstrom, Ernst, Hallstrand, Houdek, Palecek. No: (0). Motion carried.
10. Monthly Vouchers: Motion Palecek/Ernst to approve the accounts payable and payroll for the month of October in the amount of \$3,927,822.39 and voucher in the amount of \$26,018.68. Motion carried.
11. Date of Next Meeting: January 9, 2024
12. Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Jean Gottwald, County