

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NOVEMBER 13, 2018

County Board Room 101, 126 Cherry St, Phillips, WI 54555

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Robert Kopisch, County Board Chairperson. Invocation: Pastor Rick Haberland. Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance. Roll Call: Present (13): Larry Palecek, James Adolph, Sheryl Slaby, Jeffrey Hallstrand, James Hintz, Paula Houdek, Dennis Wartgow, Sue Bocock, Jordan Spacek, Robert Kopisch, John Vlach, Bruce Jilka, William Teeters. Also present: Nick Trimner.

Approve minutes of the October 16, 2018 meeting: Motion Hintz/Palecek to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: None.

Public Comments: Holly Virnig regarding 2019 budget and County Highway W culvert connecting Wilson and Long Lakes.

Public Hearing on Proposed 2019 Budget declared open at 9:07 a.m. No public comment. Hearing declared closed at 9:08 a.m.

Resolutions

Amend 30-18

2017 Transfer into Highway Facilities Fund

Motion Adolph/Jilka to approve the amended language: NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the amount of \$352,146 be transferred from the Highway Fund into the Highway ~~Equipment~~ **Facilities** Fund for the year 2017. Roll call: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 37-18

Implement County 2019 Capital Projects to be Financed with Short-term Debt (\$400,000)

WHEREAS, the following capital projects have been identified by the Price County Executive Committee:

Sheriff's Department: 911 system, radio console, phone system, voice recorder, two squad cars

Buildings & Grounds: Bobcat tool cat

Emergency Management VHF Repeater

Forestry & Parks: Solberg playground equipment

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has reviewed the financial impact of these projects and recommends short-term borrowing to finance these project; and

WHEREAS, the project components and estimated cost is approximately \$400,000; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Executive Committee to proceed with the implementation of the 2019 Capital Projects in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, to be financed with short-term debt and to include such debt payments to begin with the 2019 Price County budget.

Fiscal Impact: \$400,000 for 2019 (budgeted)

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee: s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Adolph; Bruce Jilka; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 16th day of October, 2018. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Teeters/Spacek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 38-18

2018 Property Tax Levy

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Price County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled in Annual Session, this 13th day of November 2018, that the budget prepared by the Executive Committee, which has been approved by action of the Price County Board of Supervisors, be and hereby levied against the tax districts in Price County, and that the County Clerk be and hereby is authorized and directed to appropriate the levy to each tax district as provided by law:

2018 Property Tax Levy, payable in 2019: \$9,107,893

Submitted by: s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair, Price County Board of Supervisors. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of November, 2018. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Hintz/Houdek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow,

Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 39-18

Authorize the Issuance of Tax Deed for 2015

WHEREAS, the Treasurer of Price County has issued 2015 tax certificates on properties for nonpayment of real estate taxes; and

WHEREAS, the owners or claimants of the parcels have not satisfied redemption of said tax certificates and that said parcels continue to remain unredeemed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Price County Board of Supervisors that the County Clerk be and is hereby ordered to issue tax deed against the properties listed as attached on the unredeemed tax certificates for 2015 and also those prior years pursuant to §75.14 Wisconsin Statutes, excepting that no tax deed will be taken for any property with visible evidence of contamination or determined to not be in the best interest of the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive/Finance Committee will have final authority in deciding if said tax deed properties are processed as tax deed pursuant to §75.14 Wisconsin Statutes or processed as in rem pursuant to §75.521 Wisconsin Statutes.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Adolph; Bruce Jilka; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of November, 2018. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Jilka/Teeters to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 40-18

2018 Safety Building Expansion and Renovation Project Borrowing

WHEREAS, Price County, Wisconsin (County) is presently in need of funds to a maximum aggregate amount of three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) for public purposes of financing the 2018 Safety Building Expansion and Renovation Project; and

WHEREAS, the Price County Board at its June 20, 2016 meeting approve the project and on May 16, 2017 approved funding the project with long-term debt with such debt payments to be included in the County's 2019 budget with interest and principal payments to be a combination of transfers from the Capital Improvement Fund and utilization of the Debt Service Fund; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors deems it necessary and in the best interest of the County that, pursuant to the provisions of Wisconsin State Statutes §67.04(1) and §67.12, the sum of \$3,500,000 be borrowed for such purpose upon the terms and conditions set forth.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that for the purposes herein above set forth, the County borrow from the lender as indicated below, a maximum aggregate amount of \$3,500,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to evidence such indebtedness, the County Clerk shall make, execute and deliver to the Lender (First National Bank of Park Falls) for and on behalf of the County the promissory note of the County, in said principal amount (\$3,500,000) with interest at the rate of 3.35% per annum with principal payments in each year's budget and interest payments transferring from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Adolph; Bruce Jilka; Larry Palecek. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of November, 2018. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Palecek/Adolph to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 41-18

Integrate the Aging Unit of Price County Health & Human Services with the Aging & Disability Resource Center of the North (ADRC-N) Price County Branch Office

WHEREAS, the Price County Aging Unit was integrated into the Price County (Health and) Human Services Department in November, 1990, and the Aging and Disability Resource Center of the North (ADRC-N) was created in 2008 and is located within the Health and Human Services Department; and

WHEREAS, both programs currently work closely together to serve people sixty years and older; and

WHEREAS, the continued goal of the State Department of Health Services, which has oversight of both programs, is to integrate County Aging Units and County ADRC's; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources and the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) will support and provide technical assistance to the integration process in Price County; and

WHEREAS, Price County will benefit fiscally from this integration due to receiving Federally Matching Medicaid Funds and allocating more time to the ADRC Grant; and
WHEREAS, the new organizational structure will be able to fulfill administrative and service obligations more efficiently and effectively by integrating the two programs which will better serve the elderly residents of Price County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County ADRC-N Branch Office does fully accept the responsibility of providing Older Americans Act Programs for Price County by integrating those programs and services into the Price County ADRC-N Branch Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Price County Health & Human Services Board approves this integration effective January 1, 2019 and requests approval by the Price County Board of Supervisors. Submitted by the Price County Health and Human Services Board: s/Bruce Jilka, Chair; James Adolph; Peter Dahlie; Sally Huml; Gerald Swenson; William Teeters; John Vlach; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of November, 2018. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Wartgow/Jilka to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 42-18

Requesting Increased Funding and Oversight Reforms for Wisconsin's Child Protective Services System

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin child welfare system is county-operated and state-supervised, except Milwaukee County, where the system is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF), Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services (DMCPS); and

WHEREAS, DCF provides insufficient funding to counties for the provision of child abuse and neglect services including prevention, investigation, treatment, and out-of-home placement costs, though the state has primary responsibility for compliance with federal requirements and shares liability for ensuring the system is meeting its obligations to children and families in all 72 counties; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the state of Wisconsin added numerous mandates and practice expectations which increased county child protective services (CPS) workload and costs; and

WHEREAS, the opioid and methamphetamine epidemics have brought Wisconsin's child welfare system to a point of crisis, with increasing concern about the system's ability to meet its obligations to children and families; and

WHEREAS, the capacity for counties to continue to bear the lion's share of financial responsibility to address this crisis has been exhausted, as rising county contributions to the CPS system have far outpaced increases to the DCF Children and Family Aids allocation and counties have used reserve funding to cover CPS expenses and increase staffing; and

WHEREAS, maintaining sufficient resources for Wisconsin's child welfare system is critical to secure the safety and future of our most vulnerable children; and

WHEREAS, without a proportional increase in the DCF Children and Family Services allocation, the CPS system has been stressed for over a decade, causing caseloads for CPS workers to grow to unreasonable levels, contributing to high levels of staff turnover in some counties and an overrun of out-of-home care costs above what counties can sustain within available resources; and

WHEREAS, Price County's Out-of-Home-Care Costs for children and youth have increased by 176% from 2015 through the third quarter of 2018 and caseloads for Children and Youth Social Workers have more than doubled creating highly stressful working conditions with a significant increase in overtime worked, as well as an alarming decrease in resources available to the families served; and

WHEREAS, the children within Wisconsin's CPS system are too important to allow the current level of under resourcing, oversight gaps and, disparity of attention, while shifting the burden to property taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors does hereby request that the state of Wisconsin increase the Children and Family Aids Allocation to counties in the 2019-21 state biennial budget by \$30 million annually in order to cover a greater share of out-of-home care costs and increase staffing levels based on the caseload standards developed by the Wisconsin County Human Services Association (WCHSA) so Wisconsin's CPS system can meet its obligations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Counties Association urges the state of Wisconsin to close critical oversight gaps by creating legislative mechanisms to review the CPS resource needs of all counties as part of the biennial budget process and ensure an appropriate committee provide ongoing policy guidance to respond to emerging CPS trends and ongoing system needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Scott Walker, Department of Children and Families Secretary Eloise Anderson, Department of Administration Secretary Ellen Nowak, area legislators, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Submitted by the Price County Health and Human Services Board: s/Bruce Jilka, Chair; James Adolph; Peter Dahlie; Sally Huml; Gerald Swenson; William Teeters; John Vlach; Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of November, 2018. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Teeters/Houdek to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Resolution 43-18

Funding for Next Generation 911 Upgrades

WHEREAS, modernizing Wisconsin's 911 system has been a priority for local governments, Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), law enforcement, and the telecommunications industry since the early 2000s; and

WHEREAS, the 2017-19 state biennial budget provided funding for creation of a statewide emergency services IP network (ESInet), which is the first step in the transition to a digital Next Generation 911 (NG911) system; and

WHEREAS, a NG911 system utilizes advancements in technology to improve communication with 911 operators and provides greater efficiency in assisting individuals in crisis; and

WHEREAS, once the ESInet is operational, local 911 centers (PSAPs) will require NG911 capable equipment to connect to the digital system; and

WHEREAS, currently very few PSAPs have the equipment necessary to utilize the ESInet and transition from analog to digital systems; and

WHEREAS, the average cost for the necessary equipment upgrades will exceed \$250,000 per county in addition to ongoing maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, while the state has provided grant funding for counties in the past to upgrade local PSAPs, state funding has not existed in over a decade; and

WHEREAS, the state currently has a fund (Police and Fire Protection Fee) whose original intent was to fund county PSAP upgrades; and

WHEREAS, revenue from the Police and Fire Protection Fee is deposited in the state's general fund and has never been utilized for its intended purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Price County does hereby urge the Governor and Wisconsin State Legislature to allocate \$7 million annually for counties to upgrade local 911 centers to begin the NG911 transition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the \$7 million for county PSAP upgrades should be funded through the existing Police and Fire Protection Fee.

Submitted by the Law Enforcement Committee: s/James Hintz, Chair; Marguerite Sue Bocock; Jeffrey Hallstrand; Larry Palecek; John Vlach. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of November, 2018. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0. Motion Houdek/Hallstrand to consider resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Palecek, Adolph, Slaby, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Wartgow, Bocock, Spacek, Kopisch, Vlach, Jilka, Teeters; No (0). Motion carried.

Elections and Appointments

1. Health & Human Services Board – three-year term to expire 12/31/2021 (Board reps: Dennis Wartgow, Bill Teeters. Citizen rep: Gerald Swenson). Motion Houdek/Bocock to approve the appointments as presented. Motion carried.
2. Veterans Services Commission – three-year term to expire 12/31/2021 (Gary Slagle). Motion Palecek/Adolph to approve the appointment as presented. Motion carried.

Reports on File

1. Forestry and Parks – 2017 Annual Report

Miscellaneous

1. Forestry and Parks – 2019 Annual Work Plan: Motion Hallstrand/Houdek to approve the plan as presented. Motion carried.

Convene to Committee of the Whole at 9:26 a.m.

1. 2019 Budget Approval: No change from October meeting. Motion Wartgow/Hintz to approve the 2019 Budget as presented. Motion carried.
2. 2018 Financial Summary Report as of 10/31/18: Discussion.


3. Board Chair Report
 - a. WCA County Ambassador Program: Not currently participating. If anyone is interested, contact the Board Chair.
 - b. Broadband Ad Hoc Committee: Bob will attend meeting with NW Regional Planning - Visions NW. May be a need for an Ad Hoc committee to spur the County's involvement.
 - c. Land Use / UW-Extension Committee: Considering structure change to separate the committee.
 - d. WCA Legislative Platform: Discussed WCA initiatives.
4. Committee Chair Reports
 - a. Administration – Wartgow: Committee has not met.
 - b. Executive – Kopisch: Nothing extra.
 - c. Forestry & Parks – Hintz: \$1,450,574 in stumpage. Good and long season for parks. Log-a-Load for Kids held.
 - d. Health and Human Services – Jilka: Public Health holding flu vaccine clinics. Recruiting for social workers. Approve Senior Services three-year plan. Caregiver Conference held. BART Bus continues to do well.
 - e. Highway & Transportation – Palecek: Into winter maintenance. November 29th is Highway Department Open House. Airport dealing with damage from lightning strike, particularly to the automated fuel system. Dams are at winter water levels.
 - f. Land Use & UW-Extension – Slaby: One land division. Zoning permits steady. USDA Wildlife Abatement program and crop prices approved. UW-Extension program updates.
 - g. Law Enforcement – Hintz: Reviewed District Attorney caseload.
5. County Administrator's Report – Trimner: Finished up work o 2019 budget. Working with area chambers to develop plans and MOU. Holding employee meetings covering health insurance, AED use and active shooter response. Recruiting jail staff and social workers.

Convene out of Committee of the Whole at 10:11 a.m.

Date of Next Meeting: February 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY OF PRICE. I, Jean Gottwald, County Clerk in and for Price County do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct record of all the proceedings held by and before the Price County Board of Supervisors at the meeting held on November 13, 2018 and the whole thereof. Dated this 14th day of November, 2018.



Jean Gottwald, County Clerk