

**PRICE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: April 14, 2022

Time: 9:00am

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

Call to Order and Roll Call. Meeting called to order by Robert Kopisch, Committee Chairperson at 9:00 a.m. Present: James Hintz (9:15 a.m.), Paula Houdek, Robert Kopisch, Dennis Wartgow. Excused: Larry Palecek. Also present: Nick Trimner, Carrie Kyle, Lynn Neeck, Joe Grapa

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Meeting minutes March 10, 2022: Motion Wartgow/Houdek to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
2. Public Comment and Communications: None.
3. Treasurer Report – Lynn Neeck
 - a. Monthly reports: Sales tax continues to do well.
 - b. Delinquent Taxes and In Rem: 2019 delinquent taxes sent for publication. 2018 petition should be filed in the Court mid-May. 65 parcels remaining.
4. Resolution: Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grant (Pine Line Trail Resurfacing II): Motion Houdek/Wartgow to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
5. Resolution: Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grant (Timms Hill Tower Access and Vaulted Toilet Replacement): Motion Wartgow/Houdek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
6. Resolution: Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grant (Big Falls County Park Power): Motion Hintz/Wartgow to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
7. Resolution: Employee Wage Adjustment for Cost of Living and Inflation: Administration Committee forwarded a 9% across-the-board increase for the employee wage schedule. Motion Wartgow/Hintz to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
8. Resolution: Funding for Courthouse Roof Repair Project: The materials for the project are ready to go. Motion Wartgow/Hintz to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
9. 2022 Payment to Friends of Fred Smith: The structure of the Board has been changed and communication has improved with the County. Motion Houdek/Wartgow to approve 2022 payment of \$5,000 2022 to the Friends of Fred Smith. Motion carried.
10. Solberg Lake County Park Pavilion – Budget Overage: Original budget was \$40,000. Anticipated costs are \$63,000. Overage source will need to be identified. Motion Houdek/Hintz to approve the project overage with use of existing budget protocol. Motion carried. If the overage would be in excess of current guidelines, the item will return to the Committee.
11. Resolution: 2021 Budget Amendments: Motion Wartgow/Hintz to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
12. County Administrator
 - a. Financial Reports:
 - i. 2021 Actual vs Budget: Report with budget amendments. Audit is next week.
 - ii. 2022 Actual vs Budget: Nothing stands out at this point. The healthcare provider for the jail has cancelled their contract. Replacement service is going to be higher cost.
 - b. American Recovery Plan Act Update: \$666,000 is unallocated. Forestry & Parks is going to request some for park improvements.
 - c. Administrator Report: Water pipe broke in the Fred Smith House causing excessive water damage. Restoration company has been contracted and is moving forward with mediation and repairs, with anticipated time of three months. Carbon credit project is moving forward. Allocation of funds will need to be determined. Purchase agreement has been signed for sale of the Fairgrounds property to Price County Productions, Inc. Eight contingencies yet to be met. The County will continue to manage the property for at least 90 days. The existing entities that have lease agreements with the County are guaranteed to continue with the new owner.

13. COVID Updates: Positive cases have leveled off. Remote access will continue for all County meetings.
 14. Monthly Vouchers: Motion Wartgow/Hintz to approve the accounts payable and payroll in the amount of \$2,192,139.17 for March and \$1,495,672.07 for Period 13 and voucher in the amount of \$1,093,834.26. Motion carried.
 15. Date of Next Meeting: May 12
Board Chair Comments: Mr. Kopisch expressed his appreciation for working with the Board members and staff, commented on the good financial condition the County is currently in and issues the future Board might be facing.
 16. Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.
- Respectfully Submitted by Jean Gottwald, County Clerk