

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 18, 2021

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 Dean Arbs.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance.

Roll Call: Present (13): Alan Barkstrom, Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, James Hintz, Paula Houdek, Robert Kopisch, Mark Kyle, Waldemar Madsen, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, Ginny Strobl, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Nick Trimner.

Instructions were given to any members of the public attending electronically.

Presentation

1. May is Foster Care Month: Tammy Dahl, Foster Care Coordinator and Diana Lind, Foster Parent.
2. Wisconsin Counties Association – Supervisor Roles and Responsibilities: Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf.

Approval of Minutes – April 20, 2021: Motion Hintz/Madsen to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Communications and Announcements: None.

Public Comments: Supervisor Strobl questioned why there is so much turnover and expressed the need for civil rights training. Also indicated the Second Amendment issue should go to the Law Enforcement Committee.

Resolutions:

Resolution 17-21

Designating Public Depositories

WHEREAS, Associated Bank, Community Financial Bank, Forward Bank, Heritage Credit Union, Nicolet National Bank, Northwoods Community Credit Union, Prevail Bank and the State of Wisconsin Local Government Investment Pool all qualify as public depositories under Wis. Stats. §34.05 and §59.61; and WHEREAS, these institutions are designated as depositories in which the funds of Price County may from time to time be deposited; that any account under the Federal ID #39-6005733 be opened and maintained in the name of Price County; that the persons listed below are hereby authorized for and on behalf of Price County to sign order checks, as provided in Wis. Stat. §66.0607, for payment or withdrawal of checks, drafts, notes, bills, certificates of deposit or other instruments or orders for the payment of money owned or held by Price County; and WHEREAS, the endorsement for deposit be in writing, by stamp or otherwise, with or without designation of signature of the person so endorsing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following officers and officials be designated as the "Authorized Persons" to deposit or withdraw money from said accounts:

Price County Board Chair
Price County Clerk
Price County Treasurer
Price County Administrator

All account withdrawals shall be effective only if countersigned by two (2) of the Authorized Persons listed herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Price County Board of Supervisors, that it hereby designates all of the above-named banks and credit unions chartered under state and U.S. laws and located in the State of Wisconsin and the Local Government Investment Pool as County depositories under Wis. Stats. §34.05 and §59.61. For purposes of enumeration, the financial institutions named above have made requests to be named a Price County depository and are so approved this 18th day of May 2021.

Motion Strobl/Madsen to adopt resolution. Motion carried on voice vote.

Resolution 18-21

In Support of Adding a Specific Reference in Wis. Stat. § 70.11(2)

to Property Owned by Regional Planning Commissions as Exempt from Real Property Taxes

WHEREAS, Regional Planning Commissions are created pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0309 by the Governor upon petition of local units of government and are comprised of Counties and Municipalities located within their defined geographical area; and

WHEREAS, Regional Planning Commissions are granted broad powers in order to address the "physical, social and economic development of the region", which may include holding title to real property for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, Member Counties provide funds annually to Regional Planning Commissions for the purpose of meeting operational expenses pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0309(14); and
WHEREAS, Dissolution of a Regional Planning Commission would require that "all outstanding indebtedness of the commission has been paid and all unexpended funds returned to the local unit which supplied them" pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0309(15); and
WHEREAS, Regional Planning Commissions are therefore a direct instrument of and created for the benefit of the counties and municipalities that fund them; and
WHEREAS, all Real Property, Including Real Property owned by Wisconsin Regional Planning Commissions, is subject to the application of Wis. Stat. § 70.11 for the purpose of obtaining property tax exempt status; and
WHEREAS, because Wis. Stat. § 70.11(2) specifically references other joint "districts" of communities, such as joint water authorities created under § 66.0823, but not specifically planning commissions created under § 66.0309, ambiguity exists as to whether or not planning commissions qualify for exemption under § 70.11(2); and
WHEREAS, Regional Planning Commissions are created by local units of government and its assets are constructively assets of those local units of government.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that to rectify the existing ambiguity in Wis. Stat. § 70.11(2) the following language be added to specifically include Regional Planning Commissions as an additional exemption under this statute: "regional planning commissions created under Wis. Stat. § 66.0309"; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC) strongly encourages and supports the State Legislature in amending Wis. Stat. § 70.11(2) to include a specific reference of Regional Planning Commissions as exempt entities for the purpose of real property taxation, and
BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Wisconsin Counties Association, members of the Wisconsin Assembly and Senate representing the NWRPC region, and the member counties of the Northwest Regional Planning Commission.
Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner.
Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of April 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0.
Motion Wartgow/Hintz to recommend resolution for adoption. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0).

Resolution 19-21

Adopting the Price County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

WHEREAS, hazard mitigation planning is the process of developing a set of actions designed to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards and their effects; and
WHEREAS, Price County has worked through its Local Emergency Planning Committee and in cooperation with the Northwest Regional Planning Commission to develop the Price County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, to assess the magnitude of hazard risks, and to develop strategies for minimizing or reducing these risks; and
WHEREAS, Price County Emergency Management provides emergency management planning, coordination, response, and recovery support on behalf of all communities of Price County; and
WHEREAS, the planning included a properly noticed special Public Open House held on August 27, 2020; and
WHEREAS, the Plan was reviewed and approved by Wisconsin Emergency Management and FEMA as meeting the required criteria for a multi-jurisdiction hazard mitigation plan outlined in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Chapter 1, Part 201; and
WHEREAS, adoption of the Plan by the Price County Board will make all unincorporated jurisdictions within Price County eligible to apply for federal grant dollars for hazard mitigation projects.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors adopts the Price County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the County with the intent of implementing the plan recommendations as funding and resources allow.
Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner.

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of April 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0.

Motion Kyle/Madsen to consider resolution for adoption. Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0).

Resolution 20-21

Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021 (1)

WHEREAS the Price County Board of Supervisors at their November 10, 2020 meeting, after public hearing, adopted the 2021 budget for Price County; and

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Price County Board of Supervisors on May 13, 2021 were advised to make various adjustments to department budgets; and

WHEREAS the Wisconsin Statutes §65.90(5)(a)(1) states "A budget...may not be changed unless authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the membership of the governing body of the municipality"; and

WHEREAS the proposed amendments recommended by the Price County Executive Committee does not change the amount of tax levied and the proposed amendments will more accurately record the financial activities of Price County departments during 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Price County Board of Supervisors at their May 18, 2021 meeting that the 2021 budget as adopted be amended to include the amendments as attached; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be instructed to publish a Class 1 notice within 10 days of these amendments informing the public of these particular changes.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner.

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of April 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0.

Houdek/Palecek to consider resolution for adoption. Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0).

2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT #1

Reorganizing between Disability & Protective and Behavioral Health

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ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT CODE	Amount	2021 BUDGET	New budget
CHILDRENS COP REVENUE 377	220-60-43561-000-377-00000	8,000.00	(8,000.00)	-
CHILDRENS COP REVENUE 377	220-61-43561-000-377-00000	(8,000.00)	-	(8,000.00)
CLTS DD AUTISM FED	220-60-43561-000-427-00000	27,000.00	(27,000.00)	-
CLTS DD AUTISM FED	220-61-43561-000-427-00000	(27,000.00)	-	(27,000.00)
BIRTH TO THREE	220-60-43561-000-550-00000	20,789.00	(20,789.00)	-
BIRTH TO THREE	220-61-43561-000-550-00000	(20,789.00)	-	(20,789.00)
CLTS STATE MATCHED PARENTAL FE	220-60-43561-000-882-00000	200.00	(200.00)	-
CLTS STATE MATCHED PARENTAL FE	220-61-43561-000-882-00000	(200.00)	-	(200.00)
CHILDRENS COP REFUND	220-60-46610-000-377-37700	600.00	(600.00)	-
CHILDRENS COP REFUND	220-61-46610-000-377-37700	(600.00)	-	(600.00)
BIRTH TO THREE	220-60-46610-000-550-00550	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	-
BIRTH TO THREE	220-61-46610-000-550-00550	(25,000.00)	-	(25,000.00)
CLTS STATE MATCHED PARENTAL FE	220-60-46610-000-882-00882	200.00	(200.00)	-
CLTS STATE MATCHED PARENTAL FE	220-61-46610-000-882-00882	(200.00)	-	(200.00)

INTEREST - COP	220-60-48190-000-000-00999	15.00	(15.00)	-
INTEREST - COP	220-61-48190-000-000-00999	(15.00)	-	(15.00)
SALARIES	220-60-54420-111-000-00550	(23,659.00)	23,659.00	-
SALARIES	220-61-54420-111-000-00550	23,659.00	-	23,659.00
COMP TIME	220-60-54420-125-000-00550	(500.00)	500.00	-
COMP TIME	220-61-54420-125-000-00550	500.00	-	500.00
VACATION	220-60-54420-135-000-00550	(2,160.00)	2,160.00	-
VACATION	220-61-54420-135-000-00550	2,160.00	-	2,160.00
SICK LEAVE	220-60-54420-136-000-00550	(1,000.00)	1,000.00	-
SICK LEAVE	220-61-54420-136-000-00550	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	220-60-54420-151-000-00550	(2,205.00)	2,205.00	-
SOCIAL SECURITY	220-61-54420-151-000-00550	2,205.00	-	2,205.00
RETIREMENT	220-60-54420-152-000-00550	(1,945.00)	1,945.00	-
RETIREMENT	220-61-54420-152-000-00550	1,945.00	-	1,945.00
HEALTH INSURANCE	220-60-54420-154-000-00550	(762.00)	762.00	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	220-61-54420-154-000-00550	762.00	-	762.00
HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT	220-60-54420-155-000-00550	(75.00)	75.00	-
HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT	220-61-54420-155-000-00550	75.00	-	75.00
MILEAGE - BIRTH TO THREE	220-60-54420-160-550-00550	(1,000.00)	1,000.00	-
MILEAGE - BIRTH TO THREE	220-61-54420-160-550-00550	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
POSTAGE	220-60-54420-311-300-00550	(250.00)	250.00	-
POSTAGE	220-61-54420-311-300-00550	250.00	-	250.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	220-60-54420-312-300-00550	(250.00)	250.00	-
OFFICE SUPPLIES	220-61-54420-312-300-00550	250.00	-	250.00
CHILDRENS COP	220-60-54420-919-377-37700	(8,000.00)	8,000.00	-
CHILDRENS COP	220-61-54420-919-377-37700	8,000.00	-	8,000.00
PREPARED BY:	Carrie Kyle			
DEPARTMENT:	Office of Administration			
			(39,998.00)	(39,998.00)

Resolution 21-21

Expanding Broadband Services in Price County

WHEREAS, Price County has established itself as a Broadband Forward! Community per Ordinance #2019-02, Chapter 492 and a Telecommuter Forward! Community per Resolution #24-19, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Price County citizens to expand broadband services within the County, especially to its underserved areas, and

WHEREAS, the ability to receive grant funding to expand broadband services is enhanced when there are local partners participating financially in the grant application, and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocates funding directly to the State of Wisconsin and separately to Wisconsin counties for broadband infrastructure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Price County Board of Supervisors hereby gives express authority to the Price County Executive Committee to allocate up to \$100,000 from the above funding sources, directly from ARPA or State of Wisconsin funding, as a partner in any such application for funding to expand broadband services within Price County; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the underserved areas of Price County shall be a priority for any such grant applications.

Fiscal Impact: \$100,000

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee. s/Robert D. Kopisch, Chair; James Hintz; Paula Houdek, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Reviewed by County Administrator: s/Nicholas Trimner. Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of April 2021. s/Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. For: 13, Against: 0.

Motion Spacek/Madsen to consider resolution for adoption. Motion carried. Roll call vote on resolution adoption: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0).

Appointments

- A. Health and Human Services Board – County Board Representatives: terms to expire:
 - 1) December 31, 2021: Mark Kyle; 2) December 31, 2022: Jeff Hallstrand and 3) December 31, 2023: Brian Ernst. Motion Houdek/Erickson to approve the appointments. Motion carried.
- B. Transportation Coordinating Committee – two-year terms to expire 4/30/23: Kathryn Stough, Pam Snyder
- C. Council on Aging Advisory Committee – three-year terms to expire 4/30/24: Merilee Lealos, Paula Houdek
- D. Nutrition Advisory Council – two-year terms to expire 4/30/23: Jean Conrad, Dani Hoffman, Philip Youngs
- E. ADRC-N Governing Board – three-year term to expire 5/31/24: Kathryn Shimkets

Reports on File

1. Price County Forestry & Parks Department – 2020 Annual Report

Convene to Committee of the Whole at 11:17 a.m.

1. County Administrator Report – Nick Trimner
 - a. 2020 Financial Summary Report as of 12/31/20: No update. Audit in process.
 - b. 2021 Financial Summary Report as of 4/30/21: Reviewed new report format.
 - c. COVID-19 Pandemic Update: New CDC guidelines. Restrictions lifted for fully vaccinated individuals. May 28th is end of emergency leave. Employee travel reinstated. May continue work-from-home for some positions.
 - d. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) update: Received first payment of \$1.29 million. Information and guidelines still being interpreted. Must designate spending by December 2024 and spend by December 2026.
2. Board Chair Report – Bob Kopisch
 - a. Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation (PFACDC) restructuring status: They are not getting the financial support they need.
 - b. Parliamentary Procedure
 - i. Public Comment vs Communications: Public comment is time to hear concerns from the public. Has time limits. Communications is time for Board members to present comments to the Board.
 - ii. Rules of Decorum: Following Robert's Rules of Order. Pertains to members and public.
 - iii. Abstentions from Voting: Member should state any conflict and abstain from discussion and voting. Board member may question if another member should abstain.
 - c. Wisconsin Counties Association
 - i. Fall Conference Attendance: September 26 – 28. Open to three supervisors. Turn in registrations by June 15th.
 - ii. Conference Resolutions: Deadline to submit is June 28th.
3. Committee Chair Reports: (items discussed)
 - a. Administration – Wartgow: Recruitment and retention initiative.
 - b. Buildings & Grounds – Spacek: First meeting of new committee. Office updates with LED lighting and carpet. Spring cleanup. New electric service at Fairgrounds.
 - c. Executive – Kopisch: PFACDC, economic development and tourism discussions. Resolution addressing Second Amendment support postponed indefinitely. Park Falls Paper Mill back in receivership. ARPA funds. Forest carbon credits.

- d. Forestry & Parks – Hallstrand: Spring timber sale bids. Tom Ernst hired as new Forester. Parks readied for summer use. Forest carbon credits.
- e. Health and Human Services – Houdek: Bylaws updated. Committee appointments. Wi Wins tobacco coalition. Health assessment survey.
- f. Highway & Transportation: Spring maintenance and readying for summer projects. Adopted fee schedule. Normal spring water levels at dams. Weimers Dam project scheduled. Airport traffic is up. Upcoming tree clearing project.
- g. Land Use & UW-Extension – Barkstrom: Set land auction prices. Conditional Use Permits for short-term rentals. Several land divisions. Zoning permits increasing. Two snowmobile bridge projects. DATC crop damage program transferring from County to State level. UW-Extension hired 4-H Summer Intern. Department staff will return to in-person. Tracking time spent.
- h. Law Enforcement – Hintz: Second drone to be used for investigations. State Patrol trooper who conducts weight inspections is retiring. Replacement uncertain.

Convened out of Committee of the Whole at 12:03 p.m.

Closed Session: Announcement and motion Spacek/Hallstrand to adjourn to closed session at 12:03 p.m. pursuant to the exemption in Wis. State Statute 19.85 (1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility for the purpose of:

1. County Administrator Employment Agreement
2. Motion to Return to Open Session

Roll call vote: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0).

Motion in closed session to return to open session at 12:34 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0).

Take Action, as needed, on closed session items: Motion Wartgow/Madsen to approve the County Administrator Employment Agreement. Roll call vote: Yes (13): Barkstrom, Erickson, Ernst, Hallstrand, Hintz, Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Madsen, Palecek, Spacek, Strobl, Wartgow. No (0).

Date of Next Meeting: June 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.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 May 18, 2021 and the whole thereof.



Jean Gottwald, County Clerk