

**PRICE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: June 16, 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 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: None.
2. Meeting minutes May 12, 2022: Motion Palecek/Houdek to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer Report – Lynn Neeck
  - a. Monthly reports: Sales tax doing well. Property tax payment notices went out. Holding off on investing to see where rates go.
  - b. Delinquent Taxes and In Rem: Finished secondary title search on 2018 properties. July 8<sup>th</sup> secondary petition will be filed. Publication set for July 21<sup>st</sup>. Last date of redemption September 15<sup>th</sup>. Final court date set after 30 days. No word from Phillips Lionite on their delinquent taxes.
  - c. Wisconsin Act 216 – Distribution of Proceeds from Sale of Tax Delinquent Property: New legislation requires if a parcel sells at a profit, the previous owner must be sent any proceeds to the last known address. If check is returned, payment must be held for five years. No liens or judgements need to be covered.
4. County Administrator – Nick Trimner
  - a. Financial Report: 2022 Executive Report as of May 31, 2022: Reviewed. Increased cost to provide required health care and mental health services to jail inmates.
  - b. American Recovery Plan Act Update: Second payment received. Discussion on Forestry & Parks request to earmark \$650,000 for campground improvements.
  - c. Administrator Report: 2023 budget letter has gone out to departments with a zero increase in operational expenses.
5. Financial Policies and Procedures Manual Amendments: Changes definition of micro purchases from \$3,000 to \$10,000 and small purchases from \$3,001 to \$10,001. Motion Ernst/Hallstrand to approve the amendments as presented. Motion carried.
6. BART – Funding for Share of New Bus: The Transportation Coordination Committee has been approached by BART with the need of a new bus. Motion Houdek/Palecek to approve up to \$37,500 for purchase of a replacement BART bus, supporting the electric model. Motion carried on voice vote.
7. Resolution – Establish a Special Assigned Revenue Fund for Carbon Credit Revenue and Expenses: Determined that the resolution that was approved previously is sufficient. Motion Ernst/Palecek to table. Motion carried.
8. Resolution – Allocation of Carbon Credit Revenues: Resolution not available. Need committee guidance to develop allocation.

Initial payment(s):  
\$1 million in reserve fund (to buy back and replace credits if need ever arises)  
Each additional payment:  
First: 2.5% into the reserve fund  
Second: Forestry Fund – initially \$250,000 (five-year plan for forest roads, trails, reforestation, equipment)  
Third: 10% stumpage to municipalities  
Fourth: \$750,000 one-time to campground expansion  
Any left-over: Capital Improvement Fund  
Additional suggestions: Economic development. Tourism.
9. Resolution – Expansion of Price County Parks Using ARPA Funds: Resolution was not forwarded from the Forestry & Parks Committee. Department will develop a plan for the campgrounds expansion and funding will be determined.

10. Resolution – 2022 Regular Non-benefit Eligible and Casual Employee Wage Schedule: Motion Hallstrand/Houdek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
  11. Monthly Vouchers: Motion Palecek/Hallstrand to approve the accounts payable and payroll for the month of May in the amount of \$2,237,981.04 and voucher in the amount of \$458,111.59. Motion carried.
  12. Date of Next Meeting: August 4
  13. Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.
- Respectfully Submitted by Jean Gottwald, County Clerk