

**Price County Law Enforcement Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Date: September 8, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Larry Palecek, Committee Chairperson. Roll Call - Present: Brian Ernst, Doug Erickson, Larry Palecek, Ginny Strobl, Lori Wakefield. Also present: Nick Trimner, Brian Schmidt.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: Kathy Lundborg, Town of Prentice in support of Laura Carlson LaNasa, Town of Catawba. Joe Fox, Town of Worcester regarding agenda item 8(a). Ginny Strobl, Town of Georgetown regarding communication from a stalker.
2. Meeting Minutes – August 12, 2022: Motion Strobl/Wakefield to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Coroner
 - a. Department Report: None.
 - b. Vouchers: None.
4. District Attorney
 - a. Department Report – Nick: The court system is working on caseload backlog. An employee is on the November 8th election ballot for Clerk of Circuit Courts. Cannot start recruitment until she submits her resignations and takes the elected position.
 - b. Vouchers: Motion Erickson/Ernst to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$651.16. Motion carried.
5. Clerk of Circuit Court
 - a. Department Report – Nick: Do not have a court reporter, which is supplied by the State. Using a digital court reporter system. Penny Huck's term ends January 2nd.
 - b. Vouchers: Motion Strobl/Wakefield to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$4,623.77. Motion carried.
6. Sheriff's Office – Brian Schmidt
 - a. Department Report: Active recruitment going well. Eight applicants for deputy positions. Two hired, one in training program.
 - i. Humane Officer / Animal Control: 1,938 calls for service, 227 for Humane Officer situations, including three calls to the Town of Georgetown resulting in one citation.
 - ii. K-9 Units: Fundraiser for K-9 Dixon and K-9 Kane. Dixon expected to retire in 3-4 years.
 - iii. Rec Officer: ATV and boat summer patrol and calls. Resulted in 15 citations and 35 warnings for boating violations and 15 citations and 11 warnings for ATV/UTV violations.
 - b. Vouchers: Motion Erickson/Strobl to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$95,086.51. Motion carried.
7. Ordinance Review
 - a. Possession of THC (tetrahydrocannabinol): Motion Ernst/Palecek to proceed with the process to draft a Possession of THC ordinance. Roll call vote: Yes (3): Ernst, Palecek, Wakefield. No (1): Erickson. Abstain (1): Strobl. Motion carried.
8. Date of Next Meeting: November 11th.
9. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk