

**Price County Law Enforcement Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

Date: November 11, 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 Brian Ernst, Committee Vice-chair. Roll Call - Present: Brian Ernst, Doug Erickson, Ginny Strobl. Excused: Larry Palecek, Lorelei Wakefield. Also present: Nick Trimner, Brian Schmidt, Brian Roush, Robert Hawn, Alan Barkstrom.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: None.
2. Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2022: Motion Erickson/Strobl to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Coroner – Jim Dalbesio
  - a. Department Report: Report on activity
  - b. Financial Reports and Vouchers: No vouchers.
4. District Attorney
  - a. Department Report: Nicole Funk will transfer from Clerk of Courts to DA Office. Working with the two office for a smooth transition.
  - b. Resolution – Requesting the State of Wisconsin Review and Revise the Entry-level Compensation Rate for Assistant District Attorneys: Motion Erickson/Ernst to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
  - c. Financial Reports and Vouchers: Reviewed report.
5. Clerk of Circuit Court
  - a. Department Report: Lisa Walcisak did win the election for Clerk of Circuit Court and has submitted her resignation. HR is working with the department to fill the vacant position. Currently using off-site court reporter services.
  - b. Financial Reports and Vouchers: Reviewed report.
6. Sheriff's Office – Brian Schmidt
  - a. DARE Program: Deputy Aaron Hickerson is setting up class time with Phillips and Prentice School Districts. Chequamegon School District does their program through the Park Falls Police Department.
  - b. Department Report: Robert Hawn has been selected as the new Chief Deputy with the retirement of Brian Roush. Will be posting internally for the vacant Drug Investigator position. New State Trooper has been assigned to Price County. DNR wardens are covering multiple counties. Assisting with poaching issues in southern area of the county. Negotiations starting with the Deputy's Union.
    - i. Humane Officer / Animal Control: Reviewed the warning, abatement and citation process. Have issued 20 citations in 2022.
      1. Appointment of Humane Officer: County Administrator will recommend Deputy Mindy Dabler's appointment at the County Board meeting.
    - ii. K-9 Units: Kane is in service with Deputy Craig Calzavara.
    - iii. Rec Officer: Provided data on fatalities and citations. A snowmobile has been donated and is being rigged with lights. Assisting the Forestry Department with permit and off-road violations and prepping for winter patrol.
  - c. Financial Reports and Vouchers: Reviewed report.  
Motion Strobl/Erickson to approve the vouchers: District Attorney \$1,165.36, Clerk of Circuit Court \$25,128.31, Sheriff's Office \$264,916.07. Motion carried.
7. Date of Next Meeting: January 13<sup>th</sup>.
8. Meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk