Chair Hallan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Josh Mohr, and Steve Chaffee. Commissioners Curt Rossow and Matt Ludwig were absent (excused). Also present were County Attorney Reese Frederickson, Chief Deputy Paul Widenstrom, Economic Development Coordinator Robert Musgrove and County Administrator David Minke.

Also present were elected representatives from the cities of Pine City, Rock Creek, Sturgeon Lake, Sandstone, and Rick Olseen from Congressman Nolan’s office.

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Those present introduced themselves.

Chief Deputy Nelson provided an overview of the Code Red Mass Notification System the county uses. The system will allow the county to notify residents of various situations such as emergencies, road closures, water main breaks, etc.

Robert Musgrove provided an update on the county’s economic development efforts.

Chair Hallan provided an update on the county’s desire to amend the Solid Waste Ordinance to allow collection of a solid waste fee of $6 per improved parcel per year. The fee will be used to fund a more convenient Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program. The intent is to work with the East Central Solid Waste Commission and collect HHW at the transfer station in Hinckley for Pine County residents.

A question was asked if the county will have a brush site. Currently there is no plan. Pine City has a site that non-residents can use for a fee.

Rick Olseen noted there is $350,000 of state funds appropriated for planning for the completion of the Oberstar segment of the Munger trail—about 37 miles from Hinckley to North Branch.

Topics for next meeting:
County Attorney update on blight enforcement
Comprehensive Plan update

The next meeting will be January 19, 2016 7:00 p.m. at the Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, Minnesota.

With no further business, Chair Hallan adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Stephen M. Hallan, Chair
Pine County Board of Commissioners

David J. Minke, County Administrator
Clerk to Pine County Board of Commissioners