

**Minutes  
of  
Truth in Taxation Hearing  
Thursday, December 3, 2015, 7:00 p.m.,  
Board Room, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, Minnesota**

Chair Hallan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Josh Mohr, Steve Chaffee and Matt Ludwig. Also present were County Administrator David Minke, County Attorney Reese Frederickson and Land Services Director Kelly Schroeder. Chair Rossow was absent (excused).

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Commissioner Chaffee moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. Motion carried 4-0.

Administrator Minke gave a slide presentation discussing the 2016 Pine County budget and property tax levy; the slide presentation will be placed on the Pine County website for the public to view. Administrator Minke stated the total proposed tax levy is \$15,942,799, which is an increase of 4.89% over the 2015 property tax levy.

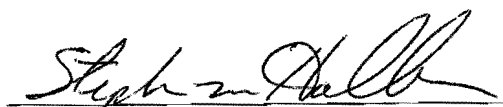
Chair Hallan called for public comment. Pine County residents Mark Nisley, Joseph Bonniwell Dawn Bohn and others commented on the continued increase in the property tax levy. Mr. Nisley requested the board to reduce the budget prior to finalization. Resident Richard Cobb and Mercury Technologies owner Kelly Gribauval-Hite inquired of the Household Hazardous Waste facility, SCORE Recycling and Solid Waste budget. Land Services Director Kelly Schroeder provided an explanation of the services provided and budget.

Commissioner Hallan left the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Suggestions were made by the public for future Truth in Taxation meetings to include more information relating to personnel costs (wages and benefits) as well to hold budget meetings in the evening such that it is more convenient for the public to attend.

The budget and levy will be presented at the December 15, 2015 county board meeting for approval.

With no further discussion, Vice Chair Chaffee adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.



Stephen M. Hallan, Chair  
Pine County Board of Commissioners



David J. Minke, County Administrator  
Clerk to County Board