

**MINUTES  
OF  
PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING  
SPECIAL MEETING  
and  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**September 14, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.  
Pine County Courthouse, Pine City Minnesota**

Chair Curt Rossow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Steve Hallan, Josh Mohr, Steve Chaffee, Curt Rossow and Matt Ludwig. Also present were Human Resources Manager Connie Mikrot, and County Administrator David Minke.

The pledge of allegiance was said.

**Motion** by Commissioner Hallan to approve the agenda. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. Motion passed 5-0.

The board discussed the gravel lease policy for tax forfeited land. Currently the county and other local units of government purchase the gravel from tax forfeited lands. After discussion, it was the consensus of the committee to consider a policy which would provide the gravel material at no charge to the county or to the jurisdiction where the gravel pit was located for use on public projects. The county or jurisdiction would still need to pay to crush the gravel. A policy will be presented at the next county board meeting.

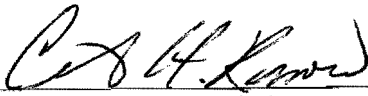
**Motion** by Commissioner Chaffee to approve Resolution 2016-56, a resolution identifying deficient bridges in the county. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. Motion passed 5-0.

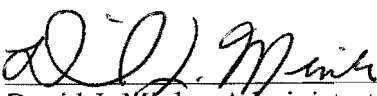
**Motion** by Commissioner Ludwig to approve Resolution 2016-57, a resolution authorizing the advance of funds to the town bridge account. Second by Commissioner Chaffee. Motion passed 5-0.

The preliminary budget is out of balance by approximately \$1.6 million. After discussion, it was the consensus of the committee to consider a property tax levy increase up to the same tax capacity rate (66.475%) as 2016. This tax capacity rate would result in a levy of \$16,982,878.

The county board will consider the preliminary levy at its regular meeting on September 20, 2016.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

  
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Curtis H. Rossow, Chair  
Board of Commissioners

  
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David J. Minke, Administrator  
Clerk to County Board