

MINUTES OF PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
Special Meeting – Strategic Planning

Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 9:00 a.m.
Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, Minnesota

Chair Ludwig called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Steve Hallan, Josh Mohr, Steve Chaffee, and John Mikrot, Jr. Also present were County Engineer Mark LeBrun, Land Services Director Kelly Schroeder, IT Supervisor Ryan Findell, Probation Director Terry Fawcett, County Sheriff Jeff Nelson, Human Resources Manager Connie Mikrot, University of Minnesota Extension Regional Director Susanne Hinrichs, County Attorney Reese Frederickson, and County Administrator David Minke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

1. 2017 Monthly Themes

County Administrator Minke provided an overview of the proposed monthly themes, stating these are a work in progress.

Commissioners discussed items they would like to see included. Hallan stated two recreational events which draw people to the county are the Pine County Fair in August and ice climbing at Robinson Park in Sandstone in the winter. He would like to see an economic impact statement on these events. Discussion was held as to promoting the county.

2. 2016 Plan

Department Heads and Lead Staff provided an update on the 2016 goals.

At 10:07 a.m. Chair Ludwig called a recess.

The board reconvened at 10:16 a.m.

3. Department Presentations

The following department representatives provided an overview of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats for their departments:

Economic Development.....	Robert Musgrove
County Attorney.....	Reese Frederickson
County Sheriff	Jeff Nelson
Health and Human Services.....	Becky Foss
Land Services.....	Kelly Schroeder
Highway.....	Mark LeBrun
University of Minnesota Extension...	Susanne Hinrichs

Chair Ludwig called a recess for lunch at 12:37 p.m.

The board reconvened at 1:14 p.m.

Overview of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats continued:

Information Technology.....	Ryan Findell
Human Resources.....	Connie Mikrot
Probation.....	Terry Fawcett

Chair Ludwig called a recess at 2:14 p.m.

The board reconvened at 2:19 p.m.

4. Commissioners' Assessment and Discussion

- a. The consensus of the commissioners of the three most significant accomplishments of 2016 were: the establishment of the stand-alone Public Health unit, the productive relationship with the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, and the establishment of the Household Hazardous Waste drop off facility.
- b. Commissioners stated the most important goal which was not met was the Legislative agenda with regard to funding for the out-of-home placements made under the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).
- c. Commissioners stated the most frustrating issues for 2016 were the length of time for implementation of projects, the budget (lack of funds for needed/mandated programs), and state funding.

Commissioner Chaffee left the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

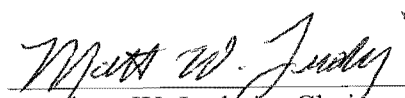
5. County Board Discussion/Direction

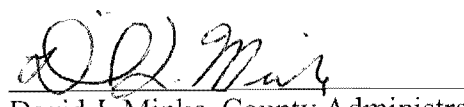
The following were identified as goals/priorities for further discussion.

- Staff/Staffing
- Legislative work
- Trails (Oberstar segment and comprehensive trail plan)
- Garbage (municipals solid waste), recycling, and household hazardous waste
- Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe relationships/partnerships
- Broadband
- Economic Development
- Sandstone Building Project
- Comprehensive Plan Implementation
- Prevention/Education
- Intergovernmental Relations (cities, townships, schools, others)

These goals/priorities will be further discussed and worked into a strategic plan.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.


Matthew W. Ludwig, Chair
Pine County Board of Commissioners


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