

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, June 5, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.  
Board Room, Courthouse, Pine City, Minnesota**

Chair Hallan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Josh Mohr, John Mikrot Jr. and Matt Ludwig. Also present were County Administrator David Minke and County Attorney Reese Frederickson were present. Commissioner Steve Chaffee was absent (excused).

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chair Hallan called for public comment. Gary Lindstrom commented regarding State Highway 70 and County Road 61 tree removal.

Chair Hallan requested the following revisions to the Agenda:

1. Consent Agenda
  - a. Item 4E – Resolution 2018-30 for Repurchase of Tax Forfeited Land in full, Natasha Maskoski fka Natasha Taylor, PID 19.0262.000 and authorize Board Chair and County Auditor to sign.
2. Regular Agenda
  - a. Additional information for Item 4, Probation 2018 Comprehensive Plan.
  - b. Additional information for Item 5, North Pine Government Center.

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

Commissioner Mikrot moved to approve the Minutes of May 15, 2018 County Board Meeting and Summary for publication. Second by Commissioner Mohr. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Ludwig moved to approve the Minutes of May 22, 2018 Special Meeting-Committee of the Whole. Second by Commissioner Mikrot. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Mikrot moved to approve the Minutes of the May 23, 2018 Special Meeting. Second by Commissioner Mohr. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Mohr moved to approve the Minutes of May 29, 2018 Special Meeting-Committee of the Whole (Local Government Officials). Second by Commissioner Mikrot. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence

East Central Regional Library Board Minutes – April 9, 2018

Pine County Land Surveyor Monthly Report – May 2018

Pine County Chemical Health Coalition – May 14, 2018

Motion by Commissioner Mohr to acknowledge the Boards, Reports and Correspondence. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Mikrot moved to approve the amended Consent Agenda. Second by Commissioner Mohr. Motion carried 4-0.

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. **May 2018 Disbursements**

Approve Disbursements Journal Report, May 1, 2018 – May 31, 2018.

2. **Application for Exempt Permit**

Approve Application for Exempt Permit from the Audubon Center of the North Woods to conduct Minnesota lawful gambling on October 13, 2018 at the Audubon Center of the North Woods, 54165 Audubon Drive, Sandstone, MN (Dell Grove Twp.).

3. **Approval of Licenses**

- A. Approve temporary liquor licenses for the Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce and Rock Creek Lion's Club.
- B. Approve temporary 3.2 licenses for Finlayson Giese Sportsmen Club and Minnesota Sokol Camp Association.
- C. Approve tobacco license for Midwest Investment DBA Mini Mart #1

4. **Repurchase of Tax Forfeited Land**

- A. Approve Resolution 2018-25 for Repurchase of Tax Forfeited Land on a 10-year contract, Christine Granger fka Christine Kupsch, PID 18.0203.000. Authorize Board Chair and County Auditor to sign.
- B. Approve Resolution 2018-26 for Repurchase of Tax Forfeited Land on a 10-year contract, Jesse M. Curry, PID 26.0113.006. Authorize Board Chair and County Auditor to sign.
- C. Approve Resolution 2018-28 for Repurchase of Tax Forfeited Land on a 10-year contract, Kenneth Maslowski, PID 21.0245.000. Authorize Board Chair and County Auditor to sign.
- D. Approve Resolution 2018-29 for Repurchase of Tax Forfeited Land in full, Randy & Barb Vaughn, PID 29.0043.003. Authorize Board Chair and County Auditor to sign.
- E. Approve Resolution 2018-30 for Repurchase of Tax Forfeited Land in full, Natasha Maskoski fka Natasha Taylor, PID 19.0262.000. Authorize Board Chair and County Auditor to sign.

5. **Joint Powers Agreement – Contract for Housing Department of Corrections Offenders**

Approve Joint Powers Agreement between the State of Minnesota, through its Commissioner of Corrections, Facilities Services Division, for the secure housing for offenders committed to the Commissioner of Corrections. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020. The State to pay \$55 per day, per state offender, not to exceed \$800,000 per two year contract. Authorize County Sheriff and Jail Administrator to sign the Joint Powers Agreement.

6. **2018 Timber Auction Results**

Acknowledge results of the May 16, 2018 timber auction - \$267,199.80, appraised value - \$201,630. Total sale price was 32.5% over appraised value.

7. **Personnel/New Hire**

- A. Approve the regular employment status for Financial Worker Janessa Berberich, effective May 7, 2018.
- B. Approve the regular employment status for Office Support Specialist Angela Boelman, effective May 28, 2018.
- C. Approve the hiring of Support Enforcement Aide Kari Dutcher, effective June 25, 2018, \$17.40 per hour. Grade 5, Step 1.
- D. Approve the hiring of part-time Court Security Officer Gary Frehse, effective June 6, 2018, \$18.46 per hour, pending satisfactory background check and physical. Non-Union Grade 6.
- E. Approve the hiring of part-time Corrections Officer Lance Martens, effective June 12, 2018, \$18.77

per hour, pending satisfactory background check and physical. Grade 6, Step 1.

F. Approve the hiring of part-time Corrections Officer Andrea Merrell, effective June 12, 2018, \$19.52 per hour, pending satisfactory background check and physical. Grade 6, Step 2.

8. **Training**

Approve Public Health Educator Lynette Forbes-Cardey, to attend the Montana Summer Institute, July 24-27, 2018, in Big Sky, Montana. Airfare, registration and accommodations: \$4,584. All costs are reimbursed by the Planning and Implementation Grant, as attendance at the Montana Institute is a requirement of receiving the grant.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **Preliminary Plat of Holler's Point on Cross Lake**

Land Services Director Kelly Schroeder reviewed the process of the preliminary plat approval of Holler's Point on Cross Lake and conditions that need to be completed prior to the final plat approval.

Commissioners reviewed the record including the application and minutes from the public hearing held on May 24, 2018.

**Motion** by Commissioner Ludwig to approve the Preliminary Plat of Holler's Point on Cross Lake contingent upon the following conditions are met:

- a. Remove the garage which is located between Lots 4 & 5
- b. Record the access easements across Lots 3 & 5
- c. Draft driveway maintenance agreements to be recorded with the final plat
- d. Record the sewer district easements which will be needed to service the lots
- e. Vacate the small portion of Old County Rd 2 which lies across lots 9, 10, & 11
- f. Finalize all Covenant and Restriction language to be recorded with the final plat

Second by Commissioner Mikrot. Motion carried 4-0.

2. **Law Day 2018 – Separation of Powers**

Pine County District Court Judge Heather Wynn gave an overview of the Pine County District Court. Judge Wynn stated three judges currently serve Pine County and reported on the duties and committees they serve.

3. **One Watershed, One Plan – Nemadji Watershed**

**Motion** by Commissioner Ludwig to approve Resolution 2018-27 supporting the request to separate the Nemadji Watershed from the St. Louis River Watershed for the One Watershed, One Plan and allow Carlton County's Soil & Water Consideration District to apply for a planning grant. Second by Commissioner Mohr. Motion carried 4-0.

4. **Probation 2018 Comprehensive Plan**

Probation Director Terry Fawcett presented the Probation 2018 Comprehensive Plan. Fawcett gave an overview of the opportunities, challenges, goals, and funding of the Probation Office.

Chair Hallan called a recess at 10:58 a.m.

The board reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

5. **North Pine Government Center**

County Engineer Mark LeBrun provided information on the bids received for the North Pine Government Center. The original bid was \$2.2 million, current construction estimate is approximately \$3.3 million. Discussion was held regarding the building project. LeBrun recommends the county move forward with the North Pine Government Center building project while exploring ways to reduce construction costs to approximately \$3 million.

Commissioner Mohr left the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

6. **Commissioner Updates**

Arrowhead Counties Association: Commissioner Mikrot attended and gave an update of projects neighboring counties are working on.

Lakes & Pines: Commissioner Hallan stated the audit was completed and turned out well.

Beyond the Basics of Planning & Zoning Training: Commissioners Hallan and Ludwig attended.

Arrowhead Transit: No report.

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe: The county continues to work with the band on various issues.

Commissioner Mohr returned to the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

NLX: Commissioner Ludwig stated Commissioner Chaffee attended this meeting who reported there is a reduced budget and a comp plan was presented.

AMC District 1 Spring Meeting: Commissioner Hallan attended and stated the meeting went well, he also commented that it was a good opportunity to connect with colleagues.

Rush Line Task Force: Commissioner Mikrot attended the meeting and stated they are currently in the environmental analyst phase.

Other: Commissioner Mohr stated there is a shooting range in the Chengwatana State Forest that is used by the public. Options are being explored to maintain and clean up this area.

7. **Upcoming Meetings**

Upcoming meetings were reviewed.

8. **Adjourn**

With no further business, Chair Hallan adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m. The next regular meeting of the county board is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Pine County Courthouse, 635 Northridge Drive NW, Pine City, Minnesota.

  
Stephen M. Hallan, Chair

  
David J. Minke, Administrator