

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

**May 28, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.
Henriette City Hall
119 Main St. So.
Henriette, Minnesota**

Commissioner Steve Hallan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners John Mikrot, Jr. and Matt Ludwig. Also present was County Administrator David Minke. Commissioners Josh Mohr and Steve Chaffee were absent (excused).

Others present: Giles Nelson, Henriette Mayor; Janice Koenig, Henriette Clerk; Cindi Barnes, Henriette Council Member; Kelly Schroeder, County Auditor-Treasurer.

University of Minnesota Extension:

Briana Michels, American Indian Resiliency Team Leader; Mary Jo Katras, Program Leader, Center for Family Development; Susanne Hinrichs, Regional Director, Northeast; Nathan Winter, Program Leader, Center for Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; Kim Metz, Master Gardener; Barb Fischer, Master Gardener; and Terry Salmela, Master Gardener Program Coordinator.

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Those present introduced themselves.

Commissioner Hallan requested the following revisions to Agenda Item #6: removal of Health & Human Services Director Becky Foss as a presenter.

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to approve the agenda. Second by Commissioner Mikrot. Motion carried 3-0.

Giles Nelson, Henriette Mayor, welcomed the group. Commissioner Hallan thanked the Henriette City Council for hosting the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Commissioner Hallan called for public comment. The city of Henriette will hold its annual clean up day this coming Saturday. The recycling sheds in Pine City and the pilot project canister transfer station at the Pine City Compost Site were discussed.

1. County Investments & Financial Management

County Auditor-Treasurer Kelly Schroeder presented information on the county's investments. Schroeder recommended the Investment Committee meet to review the county's Investment Policy which was adopted in 2011 and to set investment goals.

2. Community-Based Solutions for the Opioid Epidemic

Mary Jo Katras, U of M Extension Program Leader, Center for Family Development and Briana Michels, U of M Extension American Indian Resiliency Team Leader provided an update on grant activities through the USDA-NIFA Rural Health and Safety Education Grant and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Rural Opioid Technical Assistance Grant (SAMHSA ROTA) Grant.

Commissioner Hallan called a recess of 10:13 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

3. Master Gardeners

Terry Salmela, Master Gardener Coordinator and Kim Metz and Barb Fischer, Extension Master Gardeners provided an overview of the projects the Master Gardener program has been involved in throughout the county to reach new audiences.

4. Agriculture and Agricultural Education

U of M Extension Program Leader, Center for Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Nathan Winter and U of M Extension Regional Director Susanne Hinrichs provided an update on the efforts to fund an agricultural educator position in Pine County.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.



Joshua Mohr, Chair
Board of Commissioners



David J. Minke, Administrator
Clerk to County Board