

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, March 5, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.  
Pine County Courthouse  
Pine City, Minnesota**

Chair Josh Mohr called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Steve Chaffee and Matt Ludwig. Commissioner Steve Hallan was present via Interactive TV, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.02 and MN Department of Administration Advisory Opinions 08-034 and 13-009. Commissioner Hallan was seen and heard at the meeting via electronic means and participated from Fort Pickens National Park, 1400 Fort Pickens Road, Pensacola Beach, FL 32561, site E42, a location open and accessible to the public. Also present were County Administrator David Minke and County Attorney Reese Frederickson. Commissioner John Mikrot was absent (excused).

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chair Mohr called for public comment. There was no public comment.

Chair Mohr requested the following revisions to the Agenda:

1. Addition: Regular Agenda Item #7(A)/Other
  - A. Set a Special Meeting-Committee of the Whole for the purpose of a presentation by DNR NE Regional Manager Patty Thielen for Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Visitors Center at St. Croix State Park, 30065 St. Croix Park Road, Hinckley, Minnesota.
  - B. Set a Special Meeting-Committee of the Whole for the purpose of a Local Government Officials Meeting for Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. either at the Pine Government Center in Sandstone (if completed) or at the Courthouse.
2. Revision: Change in Date – Regular Agenda Item #8b (Facilities Committee Meeting)  
Cancellation of March 6, 2019 Facilities Committee meeting and reschedule to March 13, 2019, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room at the John Wright Building, 130 Oriole Avenue, Sandstone.
3. Addition to (G): Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence  
Pine County Zoning Board Minutes – January 24, 2019

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

Commissioner Ludwig moved to approve the Minutes of the February 19, 2019 Board Meeting and Summary for publication. Second by Commissioner Chaffee. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Chaffee moved to approve the Minutes of the February 26, 2019 Special Meeting-Committee of the Whole (Local Government Officials) meeting. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence

Pine County Historical Society - thank you letter

Pine County Land Surveyor Monthly Report – February 2019

Notice of Approval of the Sale of GO Bond Financed Property (John Wright Building) by the Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget  
Pine County Zoning Board Minutes – January 24, 2019  
Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to acknowledge the Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence. Second by Commissioner Hallan. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioners briefly discussed interested buyers and timeline of the sale of the John Wright Building.

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **February 2019 Disbursements**  
Approve Disbursements Journal Report, February 1, 2019 – February 28, 2019.
2. **2018 Gas Tax Distribution**  
Approve 2018 gas tax distribution to townships.
3. **Merit System Guidelines**  
Adopt Merit System guidelines.
4. **Resolution & JPA Children’s Internet Safety Task Force**  
Approve Resolution 2019-13 approving the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the County of Pine on Behalf of its Sheriff Regarding the Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and authorize the Board Chair and County Administrator to sign the Resolution and Joint Powers Agreement.
5. **2019 Waste Hauler Licenses**  
Approve the following 2019 waste hauler licenses and authorize Board Chair to sign: Donna Tourville, LePage and Sons Inc., SKB Environmental Cloquet Landfill, Inc., Vanderpoel Disposal, and Terry’s Disposal.
6. **Training**  
Approve County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) Mindy Sandell to attend NACVSO Accreditation Training, April 8-12, 2019, in Omaha, Nebraska. Registration: \$375, Accommodations: \$420, Airfare: \$364, Mileage to and from airport: \$98. Total cost: \$1,257.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **Transportation Committee Report**  
Commissioner Hallan provided an overview of the February 20, 2019 Transportation Committee meeting. Items of discussion included:

The request by Sandstone and Barry Townships to turn the Government Road over to the county. Commissioners will include the road on the spring 2019 road tour and then invite the jurisdictions to a meeting to discuss the townships’ request.

The request by the City of Pine City for the county to pay for fire calls responding to fires in the road rights-of-way on county roads. Consensus of the commissioners was to pay for fire calls at county property/facilities, but not in the road rights-of-way as the land is not owned by the county.

The request from the railroad to Mission Creek township to contribute to the cost of a railroad crossing in need of repair, and denial by FEMA of the county's reimbursement request from June and July 2018 storms.

## **2. Technology Committee Report**

Commissioner Ludwig provided an overview of the February 26, 2019 Technology Committee meeting.

### **A. Panic Buttons – North Pine Government Center:**

**Motion** by Commissioner Ludwig to approve the installation of duress buttons at the North Pine Government Center for an estimated cost of \$4,000. Second by Commissioner Chaffee. Motion carried 4-0.

### **B. Squad/Body Cameras:**

**Motion** by Commissioner Chaffee to set a Special Meeting-Committee of the Whole for April 23, 2019 at 10:30 a.m., Board Room, Courthouse, Pine City, for the purpose of discussing squad and body cameras for the sheriff's office. Second by Commissioner Hallan. Motion carried 4-0.

## **3. Pine County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors Appointment**

**Motion** by Commissioner Ludwig to approve the reappointment of Jan Oak to the Pine County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors, term October 5, 2018 through October 4, 2023. Second by Commissioner Hallan. Motion carried 4-0.

## **4. 2018 Juvenile Out-of-Home Placement**

Probation Director Terry Fawcett provided information regarding court-ordered juvenile placements in Pine County. Fawcett provided information regarding costs, budget busters, placements used, and trends.

## **5. Agency Agreement #1033036**

County Engineer Mark LeBrun reported to the board, and discussion was held, regarding the payment to MnDOT for the county's share of the costs of the roadway, sidewalk and storm sewer construction to be performed on trunk highway bridge #58826 and CSAH 7. The county's estimated cost of the contract construction and the eight percent construction engineering cost is \$828,303.67, but the cost is likely to be higher.

**Motion** by Commissioner Hallan to approve Resolution 2019-14 to allow Pine County to enter into MnDOT Cooperative Construction Agreement No. 1033036 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation. Second by Commissioner Chaffee. Authorize Board Chair and County Administrator to sign resolution. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion** by Commissioner Ludwig to approve Cooperative Construction Agreement #1033036 between Pine County and MnDOT for SAP 058-607-024, with a total county estimated cost of \$828,303.67. Authorize Board Chair and County Administrator to sign agreement. Second by Commissioner Hallan. Motion carried 4-0.

## **6. Commissioner Updates**

County Zoning working meeting: Commissioner Ludwig stated junk/salvage yards were discussed.

The draft county zoning ordinance is almost complete.

Arrowhead Counties Association: Cancelled

Extension Committee: Chair Mohr stated Chad Dipman, District 4's committee representative, was introduced to the committee. Other topics of discussion were the ag educator position, and nomination of the farm family of the year. The 2019 Extension budget was passed, which

included funding for an ag educator. An offer for employment for the summer 4-H intern has been made.

Pine County Joint Boards meeting: Administrator Minke stated Luke Greiner, Regional Analyst with the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) gave a presentation on workforce statistics and the labor force. The next Joint Boards meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2019.

State Community Health Services Advisory Committee (SCHSAC): No report.

Snake River Watershed: Chair Mohr stated Kanabec County gave a presentation on their water plan. BWSR will be hosting a meeting on March 25, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Kanabec County Courthouse with all stakeholders in the watershed. All Commissioners are invited to attend.

Lakes & Pines: Health & Human Services Director Becky Foss attended. No report.

Lower St. Croix 1W1P Policy Committee: Commissioner Hallan unable to attend, Chair Mohr attended as alternate. Well-structured meeting; Lower St. Croix 1W1P are currently in the planning process and have an outside company facilitating.

East Central Regional Development Commission: No report.

NLX: Commissioner Ludwig stated NLX is gaining traction at the state legislature. Amtrak VP Joe McHugh will be visiting Minnesota and will be attending meetings in St. Paul and Duluth.

HRA meeting: Commissioner Ludwig stated a presentation was given by Auditor-Treasurer Schroeder on the HRA Levy Process. Land and Resources Manager Caleb Anderson provided information on housing and housing needs in the county. Caleb will be coordinating MN Housing Partnership training in April.

Courthouse Security Committee: Commissioner Ludwig stated the security of the courthouse stairwell and the cost of installation of keycards in that stairwell were discussed. This will be discussed at a future Facility Committee meeting.

Nemadji 1W1P Policy Committee: Commissioner Ludwig stated Carlton County is the fiscal agent; Pine County is only a small participant in this process.

Special Meeting-Committee of the Whole (Local Government Officials) meeting: Chair Mohr stated Jim Accurso from the US Census Bureau presented information on the census and community committee process. HHS Director Becky Foss and Social Services Supervisor Barb Schmidt presented information on mental health resources available. Township fine allocation and special election funding was also discussed.

## **7. Other**

A & B. **Motion** by Commissioner Chaffee to set the following Committee of the Whole meetings:

- DNR Presentation – NE Regional Manager Patty Thielen
  - April 30, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – Visitors Center, St. Croix State Park, 30065 St. Croix State Park Road, Hinckley, Minnesota
- Local Government Officials meeting
  - May 28, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – Either at the North Pine Government Center in Sandstone (if completed) or at the Courthouse in Pine City.

Second by Commissioner Ludwig. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Chair Mohr will testify March 6, 2019 at the Minnesota Senate Tax Committee in Support of Senate File 1592 which will modify the split of sales taxes collected at Indian casinos and increase the share given to the counties where the casinos are located from 10% to 20%.

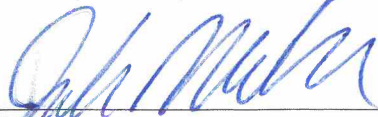
## **8. Upcoming Meetings**

Upcoming meetings were reviewed.

Facilities Committee Meeting: Rescheduled from March 6, 2019 to March 13, 2019, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room at the John Wright Building, 130 Oriole Avenue, Sandstone.

9. **Adjourn**

With no further business, Chair Mohr adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m. The next regular meeting of the county board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Pine County History Museum, 6333 H C Andersen Alle, Askov, Minnesota.



Joshua Mohr, Chair  
Board of Commissioners



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