

**MINUTES
OF
PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
SPECIAL MEETING
County Assessing
November 26, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
North Pine Government Center, Sandstone, Minnesota**

Chair Josh Mohr called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Steve Hallan, Steve Chaffee, John Mikrot, Jr, and Matt Ludwig. Also present were County Administrator David Minke, County Auditor-Treasurer Kelly Schroeder, and County Assessor-Recorder Lorri Houtsma.

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Chair Mohr welcomed those in attendance.

County Assessor-Recorder Lorri Houtsma and County Auditor-Treasurer Kelly Schroeder presented information on the property assessment process. Currently Pine County uses the local assessor system where each jurisdiction can hire its own assessor. Currently 30 jurisdictions contract with Pine County and 18 jurisdictions contract with private assessors.

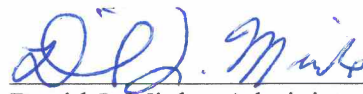
Some county concerns include the need to ensure accuracy and equity in values across all jurisdictions. Township concerns included loss of ability to hire their own assessor.

Various township officials addressed their concerns to the county board.

The county board would need to adopt a resolution by the end of the year for the switch to county assessing to become effective in October 2020.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.


Joshua Mohr, Chair
Board of Commissioners


David J. Minke, Administrator
Clerk to County Board