



## AGENDA

### ***PINE COUNTY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING***

District 1	Commissioner Hallan
District 2	Commissioner Mohr
District 3	Commissioner Chaffee
District 4	Commissioner Mikrot
District 5	Commissioner Ludwig

**SPECIAL MEETING and  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
Strategic Planning  
Thursday, January 30, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.  
Board Room, Pine County Courthouse  
Pine City, Minnesota**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Review/Approve Agenda
4. Review Progress on 2019 Goals
5. Brainstorm Strategic Issues for 2020
6. Rank Strategic Issues/Develop Goal Statements
7. Lunch Ordered In (break for lunch at the discretion of the chair)
8. Identify and Discuss Strategic Issues or Goals
  - A. Parks, Trails, and Outdoor Recreation
  - B. Minnesota Merit System
  - C. Other—Identified by County Board
9. Identify 2020 Special Meeting/COW Meeting Topics, Dates and Locations
10. Other
11. Adjourn



# PINE COUNTY

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Matt Ludwig – Dist. 5

### County Administrator

David J. Minke

TO: Pine County Commissioners  
FROM: David Minke, County Administrator  
DATE: January 30, 2020  
SUBJECT: 2020 Board Strategic Planning Meeting

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The strategic planning meeting is formatted similarly to previous years. In the morning, we will review the progress on the 2019 goals. Please review the attached progress update and consider:

1. Was there progress on the goals that is not listed on the update?
2. What were the county's greatest successes? Was there significant success on items not on the list? Why were we successful?
3. For areas of little or no progress, what were the reasons?
4. Were there any other disappointments during the year that should be noted?

Next we will brainstorm strategic issues you see for 2020 and beyond. The purpose of the brainstorming is to create a list of items that you think are important.

Once the brainstorming is completed, we will review and organize the list. The discussion during this stage is intended to clarify the item and then assign it a next step. Some of the items may become 2020 goals, others may be identified for a future COW meeting, some may be assigned to a department for further development, and some may be carried to the afternoon for further discussion.

Lunch will be ordered in.

After lunch we will have time to discuss a few items for about 15-30 minutes each. The purpose of the short discussions is to further develop the item. These can be items that are identified in the morning discussion. In preparing for the meeting, two items I suggest are (1) parks, trails, and outdoor recreation and (2) Minnesota Merit System.

## **Pine County Board of Commissioner 2019 Goals Adopted January 22, 2019**

### **Pine County Mission Statement**

To provide quality services to the citizens of Pine County in a cost-effective, courteous and efficient manner.

- Fund agricultural educator through U of M Extension
  - ✓ .5FTE was funded and position is currently being recruited
- Marketing the county / economic development “sell the county” as a great place to live, work, and play
- Consider the establishment of a wetland bank
  - ✓ The Army Corp of Engineers provided negative feedback on the quality of the wetlands. Caleb is researching the cost to hire an engineer to determine the quality of the wetlands.
- Recognize achievements of Pine County/Pine County employees
- Improve recycling
  - ✓ Unattended recycle sites have been eliminated.
  - ✓ The permanent North Pine Transfer Station opened July 2019. It has been very successful and is an asset to that community.
  - ✓ A pilot project transfer station was opened in Pine City.
- Improve communication to the public
- Continue to develop the relationship with Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
  - ✓ Probation continues to partner with the Mille Lacs Band with the Cultural Community Coach position. The Mille Lacs Band continues to be involved with the juvenile Project RISE initiative.
- Housing—work with the HRA to increase the role of the HRA
  - ✓ Several trainings were held with the Pine County HRA and MN Housing. The HRA is making plans to undertake a project.
- John Wright Building—phase out county use
  - ✓ Building sold to the City of Sandstone
- Levy 3 percent or less
  - ✓ 3 percent levy for 2020
- Outdoor recreation
  - ✓ Portion of Oberstar segment of Munger Trail in governor’s bonding proposal (Pine City to Snake River)
  - ✓ Portion of Oberstar segment of Munger Trail in for a Transportation Alternatives Grant (Pine City to Rock Creek)