

**MINUTES
OF THE
PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
Special Meeting
Monday, June 29, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.
Pine County, Minnesota**

The Governor of the State of Minnesota has issued Executive Order 20-01 Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Coordinating Minnesota’s Strategy to Protect Minnesotans from COVID-19.

On March 24, 2020, the Pine County Board of Commissioners declared a local emergency for Pine County. Based on these conditions, the Chair of the Pine County Board of Commissioners has determined that the requirements of Minnesota Statute 13D.021, Subd. (1) have been met and it is not practical or prudent for members of the county board to meet in person. Members of the county board will join the meeting remotely.

The public was invited to join the meeting remotely by phone or by WebEx via a link on the county website.

Present via electronic means were Chair Hallan and Commissioners Josh Mohr, John Mikrot and Matt Ludwig. Commissioner Steve Chaffee was absent (excused). Also present via electronic means were County Attorney Reese Frederickson and County Administrator David Minke.

Chair Steve Hallan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to approve the Agenda. Second by Commissioner Mohr. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan. District 2-Commissioner Mohr/aye; District 3-Commissioner Chaffee/absent; District 4-Commissioner Mikrot/aye; District 5-Commissioner Ludwig/aye; District 1-Chair Hallan/aye. Motion carried 4-0.

1. CARES Act Funding

County Administrator David Minke stated Governor Walz used executive authority to disburse some of the approximately \$2 billion of federal CARES Act dollars to local governments in Minnesota. Under the governor’s order, \$841 million is to be distributed to townships, cities, and counties. Cities and township of 200 people or more will receive a direct appropriation, jurisdictions under 200 may apply to the county for reimbursement of eligible expenses. All jurisdictions must certify to the Department of Revenue that funds will be used appropriately before the funds are released. Pine County’s certification was submitted on June 25, 2020. Allocations for Pine County include Pine County-\$3,600,000 (includes \$54,000 for jurisdictions under 200); Cities (collectively)/larger than 200 - \$880,447; townships (collectively)/larger than 200 - \$424,425, for a grand total of \$4,904,902. These funds may only be used for eligible expenses for COVID-19 relief including direct county expenses, the non-federal share of FEMA grants, worker’s compensation costs, improvements made to the courthouse and other facilities, community health boards, and community and business relief.

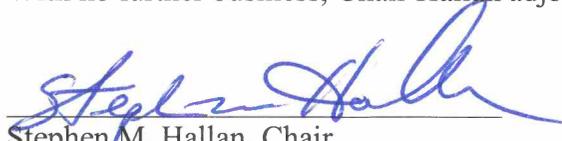
All funds must be spent by the end of the year. City/township funds that are unspent will roll to the county in November and any unspent funds the county has will roll back to the state mid-December. Of the \$3.6 million available to the county, most of that will be available for business and community relief. A formal outreach to cities and townships will be made.

2. **Corona Response Update/ Public Health Update**

Community Health Services Administrator Sam Lo provided an update on the current COVID-19 pandemic including a summary of the current cases and spread of COVID-19.

3. **Adjourn**

With no further business, Chair Hallan adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.



Stephen M. Hallan, Chair
Board of Commissioners



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