

Tuesday, May 18, 2010 1:00 p.m. Public Health Building in Sandstone

Chairman Carlson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners, Steven Chaffee, Stephen Hallan, Ed Montbriand and Curt Rossow. Also present was Clerk to the County Board, County Coordinator Mark LeBrun and County Attorney John Carlson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Carlson called for public comment. No comment made.

Commissioner Rossow moved to adopt the amended agenda, Commissioner Chaffee seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Montbriand moved to approve the minutes of May 4, 2010 County Board Meeting and the April 27, 2010 Committee of the Whole meeting. Commissioner Hallan seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rossow moved to approve the amended consent agenda, Commissioner Hallan seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of Boards, Committees and Board Memos, Newsletter

1. Highway Department Monthly Maintenance Report, March & April 2010.
2. Pine County HRA Sr. Housing meeting minutes, March 24, 2010.
3. Pine County Personnel Committee meeting minutes, May 3, 2010
4. Pine County Budget Committee meeting minutes, May 10, 2010

****CONSENT AGENDA****

Auditor

1. Cash Balance as of April 30, 2010

Revenue Fund	\$ (2,991,858.35)
Human Services Fund	\$ 1,584,728.84
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 4,191,132.05
Land Management Fund	\$ 1,264,786.64

Auditor continued

2. Application for Abatement – Robert and Ramona Olson, 302, 3rd St. Sandstone – PID #45.5331.000.
3. Approval of 3.2 liquor licenses for 2010-2011:
 - The Tavern in Duquette – ON/OFF
 - Minnesota Sokol Camp-Donald J Andrle, Treasurer-TEMP
 - Ray & Marges Resort – ON/OFF
 - Duxbury Store – ON/OFF
 - Duquette General Store – OFF
 - Birch Creek Golf Course – ON/OFF

****REGULAR AGENDA****

Coordinator

Coordinator LeBrun presented Health and Human Services Department Financial Worker, Roberta Cummings with a retirement plaque and thanked her for her twenty one years of service to the citizens of Pine County. Chairman Carlson and Board members also congratulated and thanked Ms. Cummings for her dedication to Pine County and its residents.

Jeff Holubar, MCIT Loss Control Consultant presented the 2010 Member Report. Mr. Holubar noted that 2009 marked the 30th year for MCIT and also noted its name change to Minnesota Counties *Intergovernmental* Trust, formerly Minnesota Counties *Insurance* Trust. Mr. Holubar stated that based on modification rates, Pine County is heading in the right direction. Claims data and available training was also discussed. Chairman Carlson thanked Mr. Holubar for his presentation.

Public Works

Coordinator LeBrun introduced MN/Dot Todd Campbell who reviewed the fiscal year 2014 federal aid candidate projects recommended for funding. ATP Committee membership discussed. The Pine County township officers association has not appointed another officer to represent them as of this date. Chairman Carlson and Coordinator LeBrun thanked Mr. Campbell for his presentation on area projects.

Land/Zoning/Solid Waste- Public Hearing

Chairman Carlson opened the public hearing on Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems and asked Land/Zoning Administrator Kurt Schneider to recap. Land/Zoning Administrator Schneider stated that the model ordinance provided by the Association of Minnesota Counties was used and modifications were made as the ordinance committee recommended. Land/Zoning Administrator Schneider stated an extension to the deadline for adoption has been set as April 4, 2011 with the condition that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency adopts the final rule amendments. County adoption required to follow no later than February 4, 2012. Chairman Carlson opened the hearing for public comment. Bob Brewster spoke on behalf of Arna Township. Speaking on their own behalf, county residents Jeff Burger, Leland Magnuson, Maynard Workman, Don Montieth, David Koland, Kathy Doenz, and Sue Peterson also presented concerns with the draft ordinance. With no further public comment, Chairman Carlson closed the public hearing at 2:32 p.m. and asked for board discussion. Commissioner Hallan suggested that the water plan committee members and officials should be involved should the ordinance committee be reorganized. Commissioner Rossow stated concern for workload and the possibility of it requiring additional staff. Chairman Carlson held the record open for thirty days to allow for written comments to be submitted and asked the Government Operations Committee to review the draft and make its recommendations to the Board regarding action. Chairman Carlson thanked those who spoke for their comments.

Public Works-continued

County Engineer Pete Eakman presented a request to attend the 2010 MN County Engineer's Summer Conference June 16-18, 2010, Alexandria, MN. Cost of registration and lodging, \$297.12. Commissioner Chaffee motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Hallan seconded, motion carried.

Land/Zoning/Solid Waste-continued

Land/Zoning Administrator Schneider presented the 2010 timber auction results and thanked the County Forester for setting up the sales offered. Land/Zoning Administrator Schneider presented a summary of the sale stating 12,411 total cords were auctioned at an appraised value of \$222,355, seven of the eight tracts offered were sold for a total auction sale price of \$383,371.90 with down payments collected in the amount of \$33,353.25. Land/Zoning Administrator Schneider stated the one available tract is now for sale over the counter. Chairman Carlson, on behalf of the board stated gratitude to Greg Beck County Forester for his efforts.

Auditor

County Auditor Cathy Clemmer presented requesting an amendment be approved to the County Tobacco Ordinance pursuant to a memorandum received from the Minnesota Department of Revenue, to remove from the ordinance, the requirement of the County Attorney and County Sheriff's approval in order to use the State's form of application. Auditor Clemmer stated the Sheriff and County Attorney are no longer required to sign off on the application. Commissioner Montbriand motioned to approve the amendment. Commissioner Hallan seconded, motion carried.

Auditor Clemmer presented an application for repurchase resolution for PID #09.5048.000. Commissioner Rossow motioned to approve and adopt said resolution. Commissioner Chaffee seconded. Resolution passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Lynn M. Wandersee, former owner, has made and filed an application with the County Auditor for the repurchase of the hereinafter described parcel of tax forfeited land, in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 282.241, as amended, which land is situated in the County of Pine, Minnesota, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 48, Block 1, Pathfinder Village 1st Addition
PID #09.5048.000

and WHEREAS, said applicant has set forth in her application that due to family emergencies, care-giving responsibilities and deaths, I was overwhelmed and relied on someone to help and take care of my responsibilities while I was assisting others and the person I put trust in to help was helping herself and not trustworthy,

and

I took pride and worked extremely hard to give my boys the opportunity to experience nature outside the City and to learn to appreciate it and this would continue

and

WHEREAS, this Board is of the opinion that said application should be granted for such reasons,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of Lynn M. Wandersee, for the repurchase of the above described parcel of tax forfeited land be and the same is hereby granted and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to permit such repurchase according to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 282.241, as amended.

Coordinator-continued

Coordinator LeBrun introduced East Central Regional Library Director Barbara Misselt. Director Misselt presented a formula revision recommended by the ECRL Board of Directors and its Finance Committee. Director Misselt stated the new formula uses 1/3 tax capacity, 1/3 population and 1/3 borrower circulation rather than the previous 50%/25%/25% formula.

The revision in formula increases Pine County's assessment from 16.02% to 16.27% for 2010 increasing the amount from \$310,928.00 to \$306,728.00. Chairman Carlson asked ECRLB member Commissioner Chaffee for his input on the matter. Commissioner Chaffee stated they felt this was the most accurate formula. County Attorney John Carlson asked why each county isn't obligated to financially support its own staff. Commissioner Hallan motioned to approve the new formula as presented. Commissioner Chaffee seconded. Coordinator LeBrun questioned the net tax capacity figures shown. Director Misselt stated they were received as reported by the State. Director Misselt agreed that it would be beneficial to speak with each county auditor to get accurate figures. Motion carried.

Chairman Carlson asked Coordinator LeBrun to explain the request for naming the old courthouse facility. Coordinator LeBrun stated the reason for naming the facility is due to needing a named location for voting purposes. County Auditor Cathy Clemmer concurred. Various names were discussed. Commissioner Hallan motioned to officially name the old courthouse facility, located at 315 Main Street South, Pine City, MN, the Pine Government Center. Commissioner Montbriand seconded, motion carried.

Commissioner Hallan and board members took a moment to acknowledge the work that News and Sports Director Sam Klemet did in the community during his employment at WCMP/WXCX. Introduced to the board and its audience was the new News and Sports Director Sloan Schmidt.

Chairman Carlson called for a 5-minute recess before convening into closed session.

Commissioner Montbriand motioned to proceed with closed session to discuss labor negotiations at 3:41 p.m. Commissioner Chaffee seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Chaffee motioned to conclude closed session at 3:56 p.m. Commissioner Montbriand seconded. Motion carried.

Upcoming meetings announced:

District 1 Meeting, Friday, May 21, 2010, 8:00 a.m. Grand Portage Lodge and Casino, Grand Portage, MN

Pine County Health and Human Services Board meeting Tuesday, May 18, 2010, 10:00 a.m. Boardroom, Public Health Building, Sandstone, MN

Committee of the Whole meeting, Tuesday, June 8, 2010, 10:00 a.m. IUOE Local 49 Training Facility, Hinckley, MN

With no further business, Chairman Carlson adjourned the County Board meeting at 3:57 p.m., until the next scheduled County Board Meeting on June 1, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Pine County Courthouse.

Mark LeBrun, Coordinator
Clerk to County Board

Douglas Carlson, Chair
Board of County Commissioners