

MINUTES OF PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 2, 2010 10:00 a.m. Boardroom, Pine County Courthouse

Chairman Carlson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners, Steven Chaffee, Stephen Hallan, Ed Montbriand and Curt Rossow. Also present was Clerk to the County Board, Mark LeBrun and County Attorney John Carlson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Carlson called for public comment. Joe Neubauer presented regarding potential flooding issues. Floyd Nettleton of Angel Foods presented an update on the program, which is being operated in the Pine Government Center. Mr. Nettleton stated appreciation for the facility and commented the program continues to serve many.

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

Commissioner Chaffee moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2010 regular county board meeting. Commissioner Montbriand seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Montbriand moved to approve the consent agenda, Commissioner Chaffee seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of Boards, Committees and Board Memos, Newsletter

1. Pine County Land Surveyor Monthly Report, October 2010.
2. Pine County HRA Sr. Housing Board meeting minutes, September 22, 2010.
3. Personnel Committee meeting minutes, October 11, 2010.

****CONSENT AGENDA****

Auditor

1. September Disbursements

General Revenue Fund	\$ 484,778.45
Land Mgmt Fund	\$ 3,264.42
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 602,033.94
Group Health	\$ 12,075.70
Agency Fund	\$ 22,823.50
Taxes and Penalties	\$ 2,014,934.79

Auditor – continued

2. Application for Exempt Permit for the Wrenshall Area Sno-Sharks to conduct MN lawful gambling at Nickerson Bar, 94430 Main St. Nickerson on January 29, 2011.
3. Application for Abatement -
Joan Haug, 15747 Tigua Rd. Pine City, PID 28.0260.003, pay 2010.
Jay Posluszny, 41367 County Rd. 43, Willow River, PID 22.0148.000, pay 2010.

Coordinator

1. Appointment of Marina Vork to the East Central Library Board filling a 6-month vacancy. Appointment effective January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011.

****REGULAR AGENDA****

Coordinator

Coordinator LeBrun introduced Matt Killian, Vice President of External Relations, Initiative Foundation. Mr. Killian presented a handout and introduced Mr. Robert Musgrove, President, Pine Technical College who spoke on their cooperative projects. Mr. Killian stated a continued need for services and an increase need for assistance in grant writing by local food shelves, workforces and homeless shelters. Mr. Musgrove concurred the much needed training for non-profits in the area of grant writing. Chairman Carlson excused himself momentarily and turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Rossow. Mr. Killian highlighted “green technology” stating they are presently assisting companies with bio-diesel, wind energy and tire recycling. Vice Chairman Rossow turned the meeting back to Chairman Carlson. Chairman Carlson thanked the presenters.

Coordinator LeBrun presented for approval the appointment of Cheryl Pitzen, Part-time Building Maintenance Worker, B21, \$12.70/hr. effective November 29, 2010. Commissioner Montbriand motioned to approve the appointment as presented. Commissioner Rossow seconded, motion carried.

Chairman Carlson asked for discussion regarding the proposed demolition facility to be located in Finlayson Township. Chairman Carlson asked Land/Zoning Administrator Kurt Schneider to present an update. Land/Zoning Administrator Schneider stated the proposer has completed a vast application process with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency who is conducting public hearings and accepting written comments.

Probation

Probation Director Terry Arola presented for approval, the appointment of Tessa J. Nelson to Federal Stimulus grant funded Pre-trial Agent position for the duration of the grant fund period and subject to seniority within the Probation Department. Commissioner Hallan motioned to approve the appointment. Commissioner Rossow seconded, motion carried.

Auditor

Coordinator LeBrun presented a Repurchase Resolution –PID#33.5644.000 James R, Koller, Jr. with a 10-year contract for property forfeited in 2010. Commissioner Montbriand motioned to approve and adopt said resolution. Commissioner Chaffee seconded. Resolution passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, James R. Koller, Jr., the 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 7, Block 2, Rearrangement of Hogans 28
PID #33.5644.000

and WHEREAS, said applicant has set forth in his application that: I have had economic and employment problems, and I can preserve, manage, respect and enjoy the land for the best interest of the public.

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 James R. Koller, Jr, 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.

Land

Land/Zoning Administrator Kurt Schneider presented a resolution authorizing sponsorship and approval of Grant-in-Aid agreements for snowmobile and ATV trails. Commissioner Rossow motioned to approve and adopt the resolution. Commissioner Chaffee seconded. Resolution passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 110210-02

SPONSORSHIP AND APPROVAL OF GRANT-IN-AID AGREEMENTS FOR SNOWMOBILE AND ATV TRAILS

WHEREAS; Pine County serves as the sponsor for various recreational trails that are a part of the State of Minnesota Grant-In Aid trail system, and

WHEREAS; the administration, construction, and maintenance of these trails is performed through snowmobile, cycle, and ATV clubs and is funded through Minnesota Assistance Program Grants issued with the approval of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and

WHEREAS; Minnesota Assistance Program Applications are prepared annually for the approval of Pine County as sponsor of the following existing trails:

- Northern Pine Riders; Pine 1,2, & 3 Snowmobile Trails
- Washington-Ramsey Wheelers Nemadji ATV Trails
- Straight Arrow Enduro Riders; Nemadji Multiple Use Trails
- Northern Pine Riders Soo Line South ATV Trails
- Pine Riders ATV Club Chengwatana & St. Croix State Forest ATV trails

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Pine County agrees to continue sponsoring said trails at no cost to the County and that the County Board Chair, County Auditor, and/or the designated Grant-In-Aid Coordinator be authorized to sign grant applications, agreements, and reimbursement claims to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for construction, maintenance and administration of said trails through the 2010/2011 seasons.

Sheriff

Chief Deputy Steve Ovick presented amendments to the Joint Powers Agreement Governing the North East Regional Radio Board. Chief Deputy highlighted the amendments. County Attorney John Carlson stated approval of said amendments. Commissioner Hallan motioned to approve the amendments as presented. Commissioner Montbriand seconded, motion carried.

Brief discussion was held on the recent PSAP study. Commissioner Hallan stated Geo-Comm is to report to the Board with further explanation of its findings.

Public Works

Coordinator LeBrun presented for approval of the appointment of Bruce Bunker Jr., Full-time Survey Crew Chief, Public Works Department, effective November 16, 2010, B24, \$15.64/hr. Commissioner Montbriand motioned to approve the appointment. Commissioner Rossow seconded, motion carried.

Assessor

County Assessor Mike Sheehy presented for authorization to enter into contract with Timothy Jacobs, a state licensed Certified MN Assessor to perform assessment services for the townships of Dell Grove and Kettle River. Commissioner Chaffee motioned to approve the contracts as presented. Commissioner Montbriand seconded, motion carried.

Commissioner's Report

Chairman Carlson requested Engineer Eakman provide an update on the seasons highway projects. Engineer Eakman stated that due to high waters, the staff has been working on washed out culverts in various locations and that most other projects are coming to a successful end.

Commissioner Hallan stated the Highway 70 Coalition will be conducting a meeting in December at a time and date yet to be determined.

Commissioner Rossow stated that at a recent RC&D Council meeting to discuss the annual work plan it was discussed that another Small Cities Development Program grant may be applied for. Transportation and watershed grant possibilities were also discussed.

Commissioner Chaffee noted he will be absent from the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Chairman Carlson noted there was good participation at the recent Annual Fall Township Officers meeting. Chairman Carlson stated his desire to schedule an informational meeting with representatives of the Mille Lacs Band.

Upcoming Meetings Announced

Negotiations Committee, Monday, November 1, 2010, 8:00 a.m. Coordinator's office conference room, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, MN

Investment Committee meeting Monday, November 8, 2010, 3:00 p.m. Coordinator's office conference room, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, MN

Budget Committee meeting, Tuesday, November 9, 2010, 10:00 a.m. Boardroom, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, MN

Personnel Committee meeting, Monday, November 15, 2010, 9:00 a.m. Coordinator's office conference room, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, MN

With no further business, Commissioner Hallan motioned to adjourn the County Board meeting at 11:49 a.m. until the next regularly scheduled County Board meeting on October 19, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Public Health Building, Sandstone Minnesota. Commissioner Montbriand seconded, motion carried.