

**MINUTES OF PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

**Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 18, 2011 1:00 p.m. Public Health Building, Sandstone, MN**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Rossow called for public comment. Sandstone resident and City Council member Leonard Bonander thanked the Board for their support of the Northern Lights Rail project and also for seeing the recent transit begun within the county provided by Arrowhead Transit.

Commissioner Carlson moved to adopt the amended agenda, Commissioner Pangerl seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Chaffee moved to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2011 Organizational meeting. Commissioner Hallan seconded. Motion carried.

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

**Minutes of Boards, Committees and Board Memos, Newsletter**

None at this time.

**\*\*CONSENT AGENDA\*\***

**Auditor**

1. Cash Balance as of December 31, 2010

Revenue Fund	\$ 459,502.27
Human Services Fund	\$ 2,604,139.56
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 3,193,299.23
ECSWC Bond	\$ 733,213.08

2. Approval of 3.2 Temporary liquor licenses for May 20-22, 2011 for Sandstone Bulls & Barrels. Subject to approval of the Pine County Sheriff and Pine County Attorney.

### **Auditor continued**

#### 3. Applications for Abatement:

Thomas & Janet Kurhajetz, 32390 Countryside Loop, Willow River, PID 17.0156.000-  
pay 2011.

Joel Zimmerman, 110 Shiloh Ct. Mankato, PID 20.0343.000 – pay 2010.

Richard Hartz, 52177 Enders Ln, Sandstone PID 02.0172.000 – pay 2010

Robert & Roxanne Ouradnik, 28303 Mallard Rd. PID 19.0136.000 – pay 2010.

### **Assessor**

1. Approve the Clerical Error and Corrections File – Assessment changes made after the completion of all 2010 Local Board of Review meetings.

### **Land/Zoning/Solid Waste**

1. Acknowledge and approve the Chairman appointment/re-appointment of the following:

Carolyn Tuckner, District 1, Board of Adjustment, 4-year term ending 2014.

Leland Magnuson, District 3, Board of Adjustment, 4-year term ending 2014.

Patrick Schifferdecker, District 1, Planning Commission, 4-year term ending 2014.

Mark Watrin, District 3, Planning Commission 4-year term ending 2014.

Scott Jensen, At Large, 4-year term ending 2014.

## **\*\*REGULAR AGENDA\*\***

### **Sheriff**

Sheriff Robin Cole presented a department update.

### **Land/Zoning/Solid Waste**

Land/Zoning Administrator Kurt Schneider presented a resolution in support of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT). Commissioner Hallan motioned to approve and adopt said resolution. Commissioner Carlson seconded. Discussion was held regarding the PILT formula. Resolution passed unanimously.

**Pine County Board of County Commissioners  
Support for State Payments-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT)  
for Northern Minnesota Forested Counties**

**RESOLUTION #011811-01**

**WHEREAS**, the concept of the state making payments to local taxing districts to help defray costs for local government services provided in support of tax-exempt natural resource lands has been in existence since the 1940's, and

**WHEREAS**, results of a late 1970's study concluded that local government service costs were consistent regardless of ownership or higher because land is public, and

**WHEREAS**, also in the late 70's, the federal government recognized its obligation to help defray costs that local government services provided in support of tax-exempt natural resource lands and established federal payments in lieu of taxes on certain federal natural resource lands, and

**WHEREAS**, following suit with these actions, the 1979 State Legislature approved what is known today as State Payments-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) for tax-exempt natural resource lands, and

**WHEREAS**, that considerable deliberation continued over the years to improve PILT reimbursement resulted in an overhaul of the PILT laws in 2000 that is still in place today.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011, the Pine County Board of Commissioners support the current language of M.S. 97A.061 and M.S. 477A.11-.145 and its' funding.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Pine County Board of Commissioners supports moving the budget and administration oversight of the PILT program to the Department of Revenue with continued cooperation of the Department of Natural Resources.

Land/Zoning Administrator Schneider presented staff training requests for 2011 for both Environmental Technicians as required to maintain licensure. Land/Zoning Administrator Schneider stated the cost of requested training events will total \$850.00 and added neither staff member has attended training in the prior two years. Commissioner Carlson motioned to approve the requests as presented. Commissioner Pangerl seconded, motion carried.

**Public Works**

Coordinator LeBrun presented a training request for Maintenance Supervisor David Stevens to attend the Geosynthetic and Erosion Control Workshop January 25, 2011, Duluth MN., cost \$25. Commissioner Hallan motioned to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Chaffee seconded, motion carried.

## Coordinator

Coordinator LeBrun presented 2011 Committee assignments amendments. Commissioner Chaffee stated he requested the committee amendments.

Chairman Rossow stated the committee re-assignments as follows:

<u>NLX</u>	<u>Carlson &amp; Pangerl (alt)</u>
<u>Rushline Corridor Task Force</u>	<u>Chaffee &amp; Carlson (alt)</u>
<u>Soil &amp; Water Conservation District Liaison</u>	<u>Chaffee &amp; Pangerl (alt)</u>

Coordinator LeBrun presented a request for proposals he received from the East Central Arts Council who is seeking space for lease. Commissioner Hallan stated his recommendation for submitting an RFP, provided background on the council and it's separation from the Regional Development Commission. Commissioner Hallan motioned to authorize submitting RFP information regarding vacant space within the Pine Government Center. Commissioner Chaffee seconded, motion carried.

Coordinator LeBrun presented figures regarding offering life insurance benefits to all county employees regardless of hours worked. Currently extending the benefit would allow four additional staff to be eligible, costing \$65/year for the county provided \$30,000 life benefit. Chairman Rossow stated the matter has been before the Personnel Committee and is being recommended. Commissioner Carlson motioned to extend life insurance benefits to all county employees. Commissioner Pangerl seconded, motion carried.

Coordinator LeBrun presented for approval the appointment of David Mulvaney as full-time Building Maintenance Lead Worker, B23, \$15.46/hour effective January 19, 2011. Commissioner Hallan motioned to approve the appointment as presented. Commissioner Chaffee seconded, motion carried.

Commissioner Hallan explained that the Northeast Minnesota Regional Radio Advisory Council is requesting a replacement delegate due to retirement of former delegate Chief Deputy Steve Ovick. Sheriff Robin Cole stated he would be the delegate for the Committee. Chairman Rossow so appointed Sheriff Cole to the Radio Advisory Committee.

Coordinator LeBrun presented a request acknowledging the elimination of the E911 Coordinator position effective February 10, 2011. Commissioner Carlson questioned the function of this position and how that would remain to be handled.

## **Upcoming Meetings Announced**

Arrowhead Counties Association meeting, Wednesday January 19, 2011, 6:00 p.m.  
Hampton Inn, Duluth, MN

Management Team meeting, Tuesday, January 25, 2011, 9:00 a.m. Boardroom, Pine  
County Courthouse, Pine City, MN

With no further business, Chairman Rossow adjourned the County Board meeting at 1:53  
p.m., until the next scheduled County Board Meeting on February 1, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the  
Boardroom of the Pine County Courthouse.

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Mark LeBrun, Coordinator  
Clerk to County Board

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Curt Rossow, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners