

**MINUTES OF PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

**Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 15, 2009 1:00 p.m. Public Works Building in Sandstone**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Montbriand called for public comment. No comment made.

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

Commissioner Rossow moved to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2009 County Board Meeting. Commissioner Carlson seconded. Motion carried.

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

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

**Sheriff**

1. Accept contribution of gambling funds from the Hinckley/Pine City Flames Snowmobile Club in the amount of \$200.00 for the Pine County Sheriff's Patrol-Volunteer Reserves.

**Auditor**

1. Cash Balance as of August 31, 2009

Revenue Fund	\$
Human Services Fund	\$
Road and Bridge Fund	\$
ECSWC Bond	\$

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

**Assessor**

County Assessor Mike Sheehy presented with a request for attendance of the County Assessor at the MN Association of Assessing Officers Annual Conference October 4-7, 2009, Bloomington, MN. Assessor Sheehy stated the total cost would be \$496.98. Commissioner Hallan motioned to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Carlson seconded. Commissioner Carlson questioned horse farming as an agricultural enterprise and asked for continued discussion on the matter at the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

**Sheriff/Emergency Management**

Chief Deputy Ovick presented to the Board with a request to submit Pine County's interest and available matching funds for the reallocation of remaining **PSIC** grant funds. Commissioner Hallan motioned to approve the allocation of match funds as required for the reallocation of PSIC grant funds. Commissioner Rossow seconded, motion carried.

Chief Deputy Ovick updated the Board on the progress of the North East MN Regional Radio Board and its Advisory Committee. Chief Deputy Ovick stated that the Federal Engineering Study has shown that Pine County would be best suited migrating to the 800 MHz system and is less costly than **VHF Digital**.

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**Public Works**

Public Works Director/Engineer Mark LeBrun presented with a training expense request. Engineer LeBrun stated the request is for two Highway Department staff to attend the 2009 MN Fall Maintenance Expo, St. Cloud, MN October 7-8, 2009. Coordinator LeBrun stated the total expense requested is in the amount of \$65.00. Commissioner Hallan motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Rossow seconded, motion carried.

## Veteran's Services

Coordinator LeBrun stated that Veteran's Service Officer Dean Dronen has submitted a training schedule from which he has selected courses to obtain the 9 mandatory continuing education credits required for the position. Commissioner Carlson motioned to approve the mandatory training. Commissioner Hallan seconded, motion carried.

## Coordinator

Coordinator LeBrun stated registration for the 2009 Association of MN Counties Conference may be made for those wishing to attend. Discussion was held regarding staff attendance. Commissioner Carlson suggested the Coordinator's Office Manager be in attendance. Commissioner Hallan concurred. Commissioner Carlson motioned that all Board members and up to three county staff persons may attend the 2009 Association of MN Counties Conference.

Coordinator LeBrun presented the 2010 Preliminary Levy for certification. Coordinator LeBrun stated the Budget Committee along with County Department Heads have maintained a zero percent increase in the levy amount from the 2009 final certified levy. Commissioner Hallan motioned to certify the 2010 preliminary levy at \$14,289,330. Commissioner Carlson seconded. Commissioner Carlson questioned Assessor Sheehy regarding projected new growth in 2010. Assessor Sheehy stated that no growth is being expected as few dwellings have been built recently. Commissioner Carlson also questioned Zoning Administrator Kurt Schneider regarding permits issued for new septic systems. Zoning Administrator Schneider stated his concurrence with Assessor Sheehy and added the department is not seeing the volumes it had previously. Motion carried unanimously.

		<b>2010</b>	<b>TAX LEVY</b>
	GROSS LEVY	PROGRAM AID	NET LEVY
REVENUE	\$7,823,489	\$0	\$7,823,489
WELFARE	\$2,700,000		\$2,700,000
ROAD & BRIDGE	\$1,575,000		\$1,575,000
RAIL AUTHORITY	\$40,000		\$40,000
ST. CONST BOND	\$787,075		\$787,075
JAIL BOND	\$732,210		\$732,210
HRA	\$631,556		\$631,556
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,289,330</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$14,289,330</b>

Chairman Montbriand stated the Salvage Yard Ordinance is being pulled from the Government Operations Committee and will be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Coordinator LeBrun questioned the need for a public hearing on the matter. County Attorney Carlson stated the matter has already been held open for a public hearing and written comment submission, therefore another hearing would not be required.

Coordinator LeBrun stated that Pine Medical Center has requested the Board submit a letter in support for their efforts in accessing grant funding. Commissioner Carlson stated that he was informed that St. Mary's Duluth and the Benedictine ??????? will match funds received by grants toward a new hospital facility located in Sandstone. Commissioner Carlson motioned to approve sending the letter of support. Chairman Montbriand seconded, motion carried.

Commissioner Carlson stated he has spoken with MN Power who have stated they could perform an energy audit for the county facilities it services in Sandstone. Commissioner Hallan stated he would also like to see the county facilities serviced by East Central Electric to also have an energy study completed. Commissioner Carlson suggested contacting the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe to discuss rotating wind electric generators. Coordinator LeBrun stated the matter is scheduled for discussion on the next Committee of the Whole agenda.

## **Sheriff**

### **Upcoming Meetings Announced:**

Management Team meeting, Tuesday, August 25, 2009, 9:00 a.m. Jury Assembly Room, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, MN, via ITV John Wright Collaborative Building conference room, Sandstone, MN

**Personnel Committee meeting, Monday, August 3, 2009, 9:00 a.m. Coordinator's office conference room, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, MN**

With no further business, Chairman Montbriand adjourned the County Board meeting at 1:56 p.m., until the next scheduled County Board Meeting on September 1, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Pine County Courthouse.