

May 13, 2009

RE: PLSS Corner Excavation Fees and Reimbursement

Surveyors;

This memo is to address the subject of fees that will be charged to the land surveyor when the land surveyor requests that Pine County personnel and equipment be used for the excavation and backfilling of a PLSS corner that may lay within the right-of-way of a roadway that IS NOT in Pine County's jurisdiction.

Pine County WILL NOT charge a fee when Pine County personnel and equipment are used for the excavation and backfilling of a PLSS corner that may lay within the right-of-way of a roadway that IS in Pine County's jurisdiction.

A flat fee of \$90.00 per hour will be charged to the requesting land surveyor. This fee includes ALL expenses incurred by Pine County for the excavation and backfilling. It is estimated that a "typical" Pine County excavation and backfilling will require between two and three hours per PLSS corner. Therefore the estimated total fee charged to the surveyor would be between \$180.00 and \$250.00 per PLSS corner excavated and backfilled.

A land surveyor may wish to forego the use of Pine County personnel and equipment for the excavation of a PLSS corner that may lie within the right-of-way of a roadway by choosing to privately contract out the excavation. If so then Pine County will reimburse the land surveyor \$125.00 per PLSS corner dug, set and a Corner Certificate filed with the Pine County Surveyor. ONLY PLSS corners that may lay within the right-of-way of a roadway that IS in Pine County's jurisdiction are available for said \$125.00 reimbursement.

The Pine County Board of Commissioners has adopted forms, policies and procedures on these subject matters. I will provide copies of said forms, policies and procedures upon request.

Please consider the need to excavate for PLSS corner evidence and these possible fees when creating survey cost estimates.

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