

**Tuesday, March 16, 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 Hallan moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2010 regular county board meeting and the February 9, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Commissioner Montbriand seconded. Motion carried.

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

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

1. East Central Regional Library Board meeting minutes, February 8, 2010
2. Pine County Health & Human Services Advisory Committee meeting minutes, March 3, 2010.
3. Pine County HRA Sr. Housing meeting minutes, January 27, 2010
4. Pine County Highway Department Monthly Maintenance Report, February 2010

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

**Auditor**

1. Cash Balance as of February 28, 2010

Revenue Fund	\$ (1,022,566.71)
Human Services Fund	\$ 2,275,052.79
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 4,439,932.38
Land Management Fund	\$ 1,263,135.03

## **Auditor continued**

2. Approve Premises Permit Application for Moose Lake Area Hockey Association to conduct Minnesota Lawful Gambling at Moose Lake Golf Club, 35311 Parkview Dr. Sturgeon Lake-Windemere Township.
  
3. Application for Abatement -  
Crystal Rekkedahl-Powell, 8097 Willow St. Willow River, PID #47.0050.000 & 47.5002.000 Pay 2010.  
Stephen Johnson, 40497 State Hwy 48, Hinckley, PID #01.0151.000 pay 2010  
IRET Properties, 110 Evergreen Sq. Pine City, PID #42.0234.000 pay 2010  
Blacklock Nature Sanctuary, 3990 County Line Rd, Sturgeon Lake, PID #33.0008.000 pay 2010  
Mark Lambert, 33588 Chestnut Cir. Moose Lake, PID #33.0229.000 & 33.5172.000 pay 2010  
DSLRL LLC 94154 Co Hwy 61, Sturgeon Lake, PID #33.0235.000 & #33.0237.000 pay 2010.

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

### **Coordinator**

Chairman Carlson stated he requested discussion regarding Southern Minnesota Salvage. Various complainants were present. County Attorney John Carlson informed the Board and its audience that as policy he will not speak to any open investigation nor answer questions. County Attorney Carlson recommended all victims contact the Pine County Sheriff's Office Investigator handling the matter should they have questions or comments regarding their complaint.

Coordinator LeBrun presented a resolution in support of expanding sales tax exemption for public safety radio systems. Coordinator LeBrun stated it is unlikely that legislative action will occur this session. Commissioner Hallan asked that a letter requesting legislative support accompany the resolution. Commissioner Hallan motioned to approve and adopt the resolution. Commissioner Rossow seconded. Chief Deputy Steve Ovick stated identical legislation was allowed for other entities who previously migrated to ARMER. Further discussion on timelines was discussed briefly. Resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution in Support of Expanding Sales Tax Exemption for Public Safety Radio  
Systems

Resolution #031610-01

WHEREAS, the Pine County Board of Commissioners recognizes the need for regionwide public safety radio communication systems, and

WHEREAS, the costs to upgrade to the ARMER system, and the burden it places on local units of government adds additional strain to the local unit and its taxpayers and,

WHEREAS, the southeast district of the State Patrol and the counties of Benton, Sherburne, Stearns and Wright, and that portion of the system that is located in Itasca County was previously afforded sales tax exemption in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, 2008, section 297A.70, subdivision 8.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Pine County, member of the Northeast Regional Radio Board, hereby requests the same consideration for sales tax exemption that was provided to the previously stated counties and agency.

**Public Works**

Coordinator/Engineer LeBrun presented a deficient bridge resolution. The bridges listed were determined high priority for replacement or rehabilitation within the next five years. Commissioner Chaffee motioned to approve and adopt the resolution as presented. Commissioner Montbriand seconded. Coordinator/Engineer LeBrun discussed the location of each bridge listed. Resolution passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 031610-02

WHEREAS, Pine County has determined that the following deficient bridges on the CSAH, County Road, and Township systems are a high priority and require replacement or rehabilitation within the next five (5) years, and

BRIDGE #	ROAD #	ESTIMATED STRUCTURE COST
L3001	CSAH 13	\$300,000
58501	CSAH 17	\$300,000
L3014	CSAH 24	\$300,000
L3032	CSAH 40	\$300,000
7254	CSAH 41	\$850,000
3193	County Road 120	\$400,000
L9456	Hinckley Township	\$150,000
L3123	Crosby Township	\$150,000
2080	Arna Township	\$600,000

WHEREAS, local roads play an essential role in the overall state transportation network and local bridges continue to be crucial to maintaining the integrity of the local road systems and is necessary for the County and the townships to proceed with the replacement or rehabilitation of the high priority deficient bridges described above, and

WHEREAS, Pine County intends to proceed with replacement or rehabilitation of these bridges as soon as possible when State Transportation Bond Funds are available,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pine County Board commits that it will proceed with the design and contract documents for these bridges immediately after being notified that funds are available in order to permit construction to take place within one year of notification.

### **Public Hearing – Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems**

Chairman Carlson opened the hearing at 1:32 p.m. Land/Zoning Administrator Kurt Schneider briefly reviewed the ordinance for the board and its audience. Chairman Carlson asked for public comment. Bob Brewster, Arna Township provided a written comment to be entered into the record. Chairman Carlson read the comment. Ron Hanson, Windemere Township asked whether zoning staff would be discussing the issue with townships. Bob Brewster questioned township involvement. Chairman Carlson asked for additional public comment and with none made closed the public hearing at 2:09 p.m. Chairman Carlson stated that the written comment period will be held open until May 1, 2010. Written comments can be mailed to the Land/Zoning Administrator, 1602 Hwy 23 N. Sandstone, MN 55072.

### **Public Hearing – Pine County Local Water Management Plan 2010-2020**

Chairman Carlson opened the public hearing at 2:10 p.m. Soil and Water Conservation District Manager Jill Carlier provided background on the process taken to develop the plan. Manager Carlier stated the plan focused on what had not been addressed to date, and added, that those items have been included in the 2010 plan. Manager Carlier stated that Water Plan Task Force, Working Group and SWCD Board have unanimously approved the plan and recommend county board action. Chairman Carlson asked for public comment. Water Plan Task Force and Working Group Chairman Don Slama Sr. presented a two-page document on the Citizen Lake Monitoring Program as part of the record. Chairman Carlson stated he would like to hold the record open for a period of 30 days for the board to accept written comments. Mr. Slama stated no objection. Chairman Carlson asked for additional comment. Art Usher, Pokegama Lake resident, Task Force member stated a lot of staff effort has gone toward developing this plan, and he would like that recognized and requested board approval of the plan. Ron Hansen, Windemere Lakes Association stated he would like to see more emphasis on northern county lakes, Island Lake in particular. Mr. Hansen stated that he has viewed recent data suggesting run-off is impacting Island Lake. Joan Westerlund, Working Group member stated the goal of the plan is not to specify one lake over another but to protect all equally. Dean Yorston, Working Group member stated his disagreement in adding to the plan stating there has been ample time and notification for comment prior to today. Chairman Carlson asked for any further comments. Hearing none, Chairman Carlson closed the hearing

at 2:27 p.m. and stated the board will hold the written comment period open for 30 days, comments may be submitted to Pine SWCD, District Manager Jill Carlier, 1602 Hwy 23 N. Sandstone, MN 55072.

### **Public Works-continued**

Coordinator/Engineer LeBrun presented a request for training for Dave Stevens at the 2010 MN Spring Maintenance Expo, April 20-21, St. Cloud, cost \$70. Commissioner Rossow motioned to authorize the training expenditure request. Commissioner Hallan seconded, motion carried.

### **Sheriff**

Chief Deputy Steve Ovick presented with a training request for Pamela Oslin at Tiburon User Group Conference, May 11-13, San Diego, CA cost \$1316.00. Board consensus is to revisit the issue of out of state training/conferences. Discussion was held on the grant amount for E911. The question arose as to how much training would be provided at said conference. Chairman Carlson motioned to approve the request for training. Commissioner Hallan seconded. Issue of outstate will be revisited at a future board meeting Motion carried.

### **Land/Zoning**

Land/Zoning Administrator Schneider presented a resolution for the approval of grant-in-aid agreements for snowmobile and ATV trails. Commissioner Hallan motioned to approve and adopt said resolution. Commissioner Rossow seconded. Resolution passed unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF GRANT-IN AID AGREEMENTS FOR SNOWMOBILE AND ATV TRAILS**

Resolution #031610 – 03

WHEREAS, Pine County serves as the sponsor for various recreational trails that are 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, the FY 2010 Pine County ATV Grant Agreement is received from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Trails & Waterways identifying the following trails and club grants:

Washington Ramsey Wheelers	\$16,459
Straight Arrow Enduro Riders Nemadji OHM Trail	\$15,035
Northern Pine Riders South Soo Line ATV Trail	\$6,405
Pine Riders ATV Chengwatana SF Trail	\$18,900

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Pine County agrees to sponsor 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.

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

Commissioner Chaffee motioned to proceed with closed session to discuss labor negotiations at 3:07 p.m. Commissioner Montbriand seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Montbriand motioned to conclude closed session at 3:59 p.m. and return to regular open session. Commissioner Chaffee seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Montbriand motioned to approve the tentative agreement with AFSCME, Council 65, Local Union #1647 Road and Bridge, Unit 1 with the “me too” language amendment as agreed upon by both parties. Commissioner Chaffee seconded, motion carried.

Commissioner Montbriand motioned to approve the tentative agreement with AFSCME, Council 65, Local Union #1647, Courthouse Unit with the “me too” language addition as agreed upon by both parties. Commissioner Chaffee seconded, motion carried.

Commissioner Montbriand motioned to approve the tentative agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Social Services Supervisors, with language changes. Commissioner Chaffee seconded, motion carried.

### **Upcoming Meetings Announced**

Management Team meeting, Monday March 22, 2010, 9:00 a.m. Jury Assembly room, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, MN

Northern Lights Express meeting, Wednesday March 24, 2010, 10:00 a.m. Boardroom, Pine County, Courthouse Pine City, MN

Committee of the Whole meeting, Tuesday, March 23, 2010, 10:00 a.m. Nickerson Townhall, Nickerson, MN

With no further business Chairman Carlson adjourned the County Board meeting at 4:04 p.m., until the next scheduled County Board Meeting on March 2, 2010 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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Douglas Carlson, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners