

MINUTES OF PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 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, Steven Chaffee, Stephen Hallan and Curt Rossow. Also present was Clerk to the County Board, County Coordinator Mark LeBrun.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Montbriand called for public comment. No comment made.

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

Commissioner Carlson moved to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2009 County Board Meeting. Commissioner Chaffee seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hallan 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, September 14, 2009
2. Pine County Highway Department Maintenance Report, September 2009

****CONSENT AGENDA****

Auditor

1. Cash Balance as of September 30, 2009

Revenue Fund	\$ (1,649,493.42)
Human Services Fund	\$ 2,509,817.73
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 1,962,819.47
ECSWC Bond	\$ 2,003,640.08

2. Liquor License approval for temporary events (2 events) for the City of Pine City (Voyageur Bottle Shop) to be held at Northwest Company Fur Post. Subject to approval of the Pine County Sheriff and Pine County Attorney.

****REGULAR AGENDA****

Coordinator

Coordinator LeBrun introduced Barbara Misselt, East Central Regional Library Director. Director Misselt provided a branch statistic handout and highlighted services offered. Director Misselt introduced each of the branch librarians; Jeanne Coffee, Sandstone branch, Ceci Cross-Maser, Hinckley branch and Kristy Cook, Pine City branch. Each provided open house dates for the 50th year celebration.

Coordinator LeBrun presented a resolution for approval and adoption allowing the transfer of \$94,017 in Tax-forfeit Land proceeds to the General Fund. Coordinator LeBrun explained that recent legislation is allowing counties to transfer up to the amount the State reduced County Program Aid in 2009. Commissioner Hallan motioned to approve and adopt said resolution. Commissioner Chaffee seconded. Resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Tax-forfeited Funds to the General Revenue Fund

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Whereas, Minnesota Statute 282.08, Section 4, Subp. B allows for a portion of the net proceeds from the sale or rental of Tax-forfeited lands to replace all or a portion of the amount of county program aid or credit reimbursement that the county was to receive but did not due to aid cuts or unallotments from the state, and

Whereas, the State of Minnesota has unallotted \$94,017 of the first-half payable County Program Aid for FY 2009, and,

Whereas, it is not the intent of the Pine County Board to distribute the financial burden among the property owners of the county.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Pine County Board is hereby authorizing the County Auditor and County Treasurer to transfer \$94,017 from the Tax-forfeited Land Fund into the General Revenue fund.

Coordinator LeBrun presented an amended Memorandum of Agreement between the University of Minnesota and Pine County providing for Extension programs locally and employing County Extension staff. Coordinator LeBrun explained the previous agreement required a six-month notice by either party desiring a change in programs the amendment would allow for three-months notice. Commissioner Carlson motioned to approve the addendum amending the original Memorandum of Agreement. Commissioner Rossow seconded, motion carried. Commissioner Carlson stated that during the most recent Extension Committee meeting it was requested that Extension staff be placed on the December County Board agenda to provide an update to the full Board.

Coordinator LeBrun led discussion regarding city policing contracts. Coordinator LeBrun stated the City of Hinckley was considering reducing the amount of contracted hours provided them. Coordinator LeBrun stated the Sheriff's concerns for continuity and public peace of mind by allowing a reduction in hours, stating it would not be conducive and should not be approved. Coordinator LeBrun stated that issues with contract services appear to only be raised by the City of Hinckley, who for the most part, state they do not receive enough service. Coordinator LeBrun concurred with Sheriff Mansavage's recommendation by not allowing a reduction of hours. Commissioner Chaffee stated that he understands the City's concern with having a deputy within the city limits for the ten hours as contracted. Chief Deputy Ovick stated the shift is assigned as a result of a bid process and is not always controllable by Administration. Chief Deputy Ovick added that the City receives numerous services at no charge for time that the deputy must spend in court or completing paperwork, or for dispatch or jail services for example, past the contracted amount of hours. Coordinator LeBrun questioned, why the board would increase the hourly rate for service if it would in turn allow a reduction in hours. Coordinator LeBrun added, cities benefit greatly from having other non-contract deputies in the cities at times, which are not billed services. Commissioner Carlson motioned to maintain the number of hours contracted currently as a minimum. Commissioner Hallan seconded. Commissioner Chaffee asked that Sheriff's Administration hold continued discussions with the city regarding the matter. Motion carried.

Land/Zoning

Land/Zoning Administrator Kurt Schneider presented and requested approval of the 2010 Minnesota Snowmobile Trails Assistance Program Maintenance and Grooming Grant Agreement. Commissioner Hallan motioned to approve the Agreement as presented. Commissioner Rossow seconded, motion carried.

Land/Zoning Administrator Schneider, by Commissioner Chaffee's request, provided a brief update on Barry Township's land issue within the Kettle River Wild and Scenic district. Land/Zoning Administrator Schneider stated he received a response from the MN Department of Natural Resources and referred the matter to the County Attorney's office.

Public Works

Coordinator/Engineer LeBrun presented with a request for final payment to Jensen Backhoe, LLC. in the amount of \$16,085.59 for Contract #0807, SAP 58-652-09, located on CSAH 52, 0.4 miles north of CR 157 over Birch Creek. Engineer LeBrun stated the project came in 1% under budget. Commissioner Rossow motioned to approve the final payment to Jensen Backhoe, LLC. Commissioner Chaffee seconded, motion carried.

Engineer LeBrun requested approval of registration costs for Galen Kelash to attend Grading and Base Recertification at St. Cloud DOT February 8, 2010. Engineer LeBrun stated that State funded projects require staff certification. Commissioner Hallan motioned to approve the training request. Commissioner Chaffee seconded, motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings Announced:

Arrowhead Counties Association meeting, Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 6:00 p.m.
Comfort Suites, Duluth, MN

Annual Fall Township Officers Association meeting, Saturday, October 24, 2009 9:00
a.m. American Legion, Hinckley, MN

Management Team meeting, Tuesday, October 27, 2009, 9:00 a.m. Jury Assembly Room,
Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, MN, via ITV John Wright Collaborative Building
conference room, Sandstone, MN

Northern Lights Express meeting, Wednesday October 28, 2009 10:00 a.m. Boardroom,
Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, MN

Personnel Committee meeting, Monday, November 2, 2009, 1:30 p.m. Coordinator's
office conference room, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, MN

With no further business, Chairman Montbriand adjourned the County Board meeting at 2:04
p.m., until the next scheduled County Board Meeting on November 3, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in
the Boardroom of the Pine County Courthouse.

Mark LeBrun, Coordinator
Clerk to County Board

Ed Montbriand, Chair
Board of County Commissioners