

MINUTES OF PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 3, 2009 10:00 a.m. Pine County Courthouse Boardroom

Chairman Montbriand called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.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 recited.

Chairman Montbriand called for public comment. County resident Eldon Schmedeke spoke on the location of the county courthouse, on wetlands and landlocked property. Commissioner Carlson asked for a point of personal privilege and stated the current board is very functional.

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

Commissioner Carlson moved to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2009 regular County Board meeting. Commissioner Hallan seconded. Motion carried.

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

Minutes of Boards, Committees and Board Memos, Newsletter

1. Pine County Land Surveyor Monthly Report, October 2009.
2. Pine County Meth Task Force meeting minutes, October 12, 2009.

****CONSENT AGENDA****

Auditor

1. October Disbursements.

General Revenue Fund	\$ 356,633.92
Land Mgmt Fund	\$ 1,825.50
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 113,088.41
Group Health	\$ 201,713.84
Agency Fund	\$ 17,604.50
Taxes & Penalties	\$ 1,448,269.46

Auditor-continued

2. Application for Abatement – David Kartak, 56438 Govt. Rd, Pine City, PID 43.0432.001 pay 2010. Wilderness Campground, 77112 Long Lake Rd. Willow River, PID 17.0191.000, Pay 2006-2008.

3. Approval for Tobacco Licenses for 2010, subject to approval of Pine County Sheriff, Pine County Attorney and meeting all other requirements. As follows: Askov Finlayson Cooperative, Banning Junction, Bear's Den, Chengwatana Country Club, Chris' Convenience Center, Chris' Food Center, Cricket Liquors, Crossroads Convenience Store, Cypress Inn, Daggett's Super Valu, Dave's Oil Corp, Denham Run Bar & Grill, Doc's Sports Bar & Grill, Double A Liquors, Duquette General Store, Finlayson Municipal Liquor Store, Hinckley Firehouse Liquor, Froggy's, Hay Creek Outpost, Holiday Station stores #6, 226, 258, Kurt's Station, Lakeview Supper Club & Banquet Center, Little Stores (2), Main Street Grocery, Mainstreet Milkhouse, Marathon of Beroun, Mission Creek Tavern, Nelson's Market, Nickerson Bar & Motel, Inc, Petry's Bait Company, Pump N Munch, Ray & Marge's Resort, Red Oak Inn, Rich's Bar, Riverside Service, Rock Creek Pit Stop, Rock Creek Motor Stop, Town & Country Oil-Sandstone bp, Sandstone bp, Sandstone Petro Plus, Slim's Service, Inc., Squirrel Cage, St. Croix Haven Campground, Stogies Discount Tobacco, SuperAmerica #4500, T J Liquors, Tank's Tavern, Tavern in Duquette, Tobies Station, Inc, Voyageur Bottle Shop, Wal-Mart Supercenter #2367, Willow River Mercantile Co.

****REGULAR AGENDA****

Coordinator

Coordinator LeBrun recognized, Lana Meier, Property Appraiser and Paulette Skalicky, 911 Dispatcher, and presented them with plaques stating appreciation for over 30 years of service to the citizens of Pine County. Chairman Montbriand, on behalf of the Board stated their appreciation for their dedicated and loyal service to the county.

Coordinator LeBrun presented a request to fill a vacant Juvenile Probation position. Probation Director Terryl Arola stated that interviews have been concluded and is requesting authorization to appoint Brian Collins with the stipulation that five-days of unpaid leave be granted during the probationary period. Commissioner Carlson motioned to approve the appointment of Brian Collins, Corrections Agent. Commissioner Hallan seconded. Commissioner Carlson questioned the amount of stimulus finding provided. Director Arola stated the grant was written and approved for \$153,000 over a two-year period with the intention that fees will sustain the position thereafter. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hallan requested and led discussion regarding broadband service. Commissioner Hallan briefly explained the service and its opportunities to outlying communities within the county and requested that a representative be invited to the upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting.

Land

County Auditor Cathy Clemmer presented a resolution authorizing repurchase for Victor M. Koehler, PID #33.5840.000 (Lots 1, Block 4, Wild Acres). Commissioner Hallan motioned to approve and adopt said resolution. Commissioner Rossow seconded. Resolution passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION – 110309-01

WHEREAS, Victor M. Koehler, the former owner, has made and filed an application with the County Auditor for the repurchase of the hereinafter described parcel of tax forfeited land, in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 282.241, as amended, which land is situated in the County of Pine, Minnesota, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 1, Block 4, Wild Acres, PID #33.5840.000

and WHEREAS, said applicant has set forth in his application that hardship and injustice has resulted because of the forfeiture of said land, for the following reasons, to-wit::

Family illness and financial problems

and repurchase of said land will promote and best serve the public interest because:

He will be making improvements to the land and more taxes paid to the county.

and WHEREAS, this Board is of the opinion that said application should be granted for such reasons,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of Victor M. Kohler, for the repurchase of the above described parcel of tax forfeited land be and the same is hereby granted and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to permit such repurchase according to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 282.241, as amended.

Auditor Clemmer presented a resolution authorizing repurchase for Darton & Ronell Podlewski, PID #34.5093.000 (Mosbaek's Addition to Partridge, East 500 feet of Block 3). Commissioner Hallan motioned to approve and adopt said resolution. Commissioner Chaffee seconded. Resolution passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION – 110309-02

WHEREAS, Darton & Ronell Podlewski, the former owners, has made and filed an application with the County Auditor for the repurchase of the hereinafter described parcel of tax forfeited land, in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 282.241, as amended, which land is situated in the County of Pine, Minnesota, and described as follows, to-wit:

MOSBAEKS ADD TO PARTRIDGE – EAST 500 FEET OF BLOCK 3
PID #34.5093.000

and WHEREAS, said applicants have set forth in their application that: Due to substantial income loss due to severe illness of 2 family members resulting in job losses and exacerbated by the economic crisis.

and

Losing this property would result in homelessness for us and 2 other family members who have lost their jobs, it would also put an end to our self employment income.

and WHEREAS, this Board is of the opinion that said application should be granted for such reasons,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of Darton & Ronell Podlewski, for the repurchase of the above described parcel of tax forfeited land be and the same is hereby granted and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to permit such repurchase according to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 282.241, as amended.

Sheriff

Chief Deputy Steve Ovick presented to the Board with an update on Public Safety Answering Point consolidation. Chief Deputy Ovick stated that along with Pine County there are four counties that will be receiving state funds for a feasibility study regarding PSAP consolidation. Chief Deputy Ovick stated that an invitation to join the study is also being sent to Kanabec County. Coordinator LeBrun stated he feels consolidation would be a viable option and stated the salary savings that could result. Commissioner Hallan stated that with current technology, there is no longer the need for as many PSAP's. Commissioner Rossow motioned to approve and adopt a resolution in support of obtaining Requests for Proposals by the group of counties. Commissioner Hallan seconded. Resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution in Support of State Funds to be Allocated for PSAP Consolidation Feasibility Study

Resolution 110309-03

WHEREAS, the Pine County Board of Commissioners recognizes the need to study the feasibility of consolidating Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) throughout the State of Minnesota to aid in the reduction of fiscal impact to tax-payers, and

WHEREAS, Pine County Sheriff's Office staff has met with the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety, Governor's staff and the Counties of Lake, St. Louis, Carlton, Cook, and will also be extending an invitation to Kanabec County, to draft a Request for Proposals for a consulting firm to study the feasibility of PSAP consolidation for each county, and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has allocated funding in the amount of up to \$25,000 for each county for a PSAP Consolidation Feasibility Study.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pine County Board of Commissioners recognizes and supports the need to study cost saving joint powers ventures and hereby adopts a resolution in support of accepting funding allocated by the State of Minnesota for a PSAP Consolidation Feasibility Study.

Chief Deputy Ovick stated that the county has recently received a portable ITV and employees may schedule use through the Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Montbriand called for a five-minute recess.

Commissioner Carlson motioned to proceed with Closed Session to discuss litigation at 10:57 a.m. Commissioner Hallan seconded, motion carried.

Commissioner Carlson motioned to conclude litigation discussions at 11:41 a.m. Commissioner Hallan seconded, motion carried.

Commissioner Carlson motioned to approve mediation settlement in the Robin Cole vs. Pine County as agreed by Pine County's legal counsel. Commissioner Rossow seconded, motion carried.

Chairman Montbriand called for a five-minute recess.

Commissioner Hallan motioned to proceed with Closed Session to discussion labor negotiations at 11:55 a.m. Commissioner Chaffee seconded, motion carried.

Commissioner Carlson motioned to conclude Closed Session discussions at 12:44 p.m. Commissioner Chaffee seconded, motion carried.

Upcoming meetings announced:

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

Budget Committee meeting, **Tuesday, November 3, 2009, 1:00 p.m.** Coordinator's office conference room, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, MN

Health and Human Service Board meeting, **Tuesday, November 17, 2009, 10:00 a.m.** Public Health Building (former Public Works Building), Sandstone, MN

Committee of the Whole meeting, **Tuesday, November 24, 2009, 10:00 a.m.** Pine County Courthouse boardroom, Pine City, MN

With no further business, Chairman Montbriand adjourned the County Board meeting at 12:45 p.m. until the next scheduled County Board Meeting on November 17, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Public Health Building, Sandstone, MN

Mark LeBrun, Coordinator
Clerk to County Board

Ed Montbriand, Chair
Board of County Commissioners