

**Tuesday, June 16, 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 Chaffee seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rossow moved to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2009 County Board Meeting, Commissioner Chaffee seconded. Motion carried.

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

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

1. Personnel Committee meeting minutes, April 6, 2009.
2. Pine County Health & Human Services Advisory Committee meeting minutes, June 3, 2009.
3. Pine County HRA Sr. Housing Board meeting minutes, April 22, 2009.
4. East Central Regional Library Board meeting minutes, May 11, 2009 and financial report.
5. Soil Survey monthly report, May 2009
6. Highway Department Monthly Maintenance Report, May 2009

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

**Highway**

1. Acknowledge and approve exception from Pine County Policy #28 for County Surveyor, Robin Mathews per his written request and by the Personnel Committee's recommendation.

**Auditor**

1. Cash Balance as of May 31, 2009

Revenue Fund	\$ (3,899,509.00)
Human Services Fund	\$ 1,610,735.27
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 191,949.31
ECSWC Bond	\$ 1,856,223.43

2. Approve new Lease for Lawful Gambling for Heath-Perkins American Legion Post 51 to be conducted at Lakeview Supper Club, 10762 Lakeview Shore Dr. Pine City (Pokegama Township).

**Probation**

1. Approval and accept grant funds for FY 2010/2011 in the amount of \$7,500 for Remote Electronic Monitoring and \$61,533 for Caseload/Workload Reduction.

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

**Coordinator**

Coordinator LeBrun led discussion regarding the vacant county jail facility. Coordinator LeBrun stated the building was toured by Pine City officials recently. Chairman Montbriand recommended offering the city of Pine City exclusive negotiating rights for the vacant jail building for a period of 60 days at which time the facility may be listed for sale. Commissioner Chaffee concurred. Commissioner Hallan questioned setting a dollar amount. Commissioner Rossow expressed concern with offering it solely to the city. Commissioner Carlson also expressed concerns with space, finance, and relocation of staff. Chairman Montbriand motioned to offer the vacant jail facility exclusively to the city of Pine City for \$200,000 for a period not to exceed sixty days at which time a purchase agreement must be presented to the County. Commissioner Hallan seconded. Motion carried.

Coordinator LeBrun led discussion on relocation of certain county staff to accommodate additional Health and Human Services staff and programs and for the possible inclusion of Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) staff into a county owned facility. Coordinator LeBrun presented a handout with various options by greatest financial result and most minimal disruption to staff and visiting public. Coordinator LeBrun also asked that discussion be continued on the matter of storage space. Commissioner Hallan motioned to relocate Highway Department office staff into the vacant Pine City Highway facility, move

Sandstone WIC into Sandstone Public Works building, move Land/Zoning into the Sandstone Land building and move Public Health into the Sandstone Public Works building. Commissioner Rossow seconded, motion carried. SWCD Manager Jill Carlier stated a decision on relocating SWCD staff has yet to be determined.

County Attorney John Carlson presented information regarding ATV use on county roads. Coordinator LeBrun stated that cooperation from all parties involved would be necessary to accommodate a satisfactory trail system and that heavily populated areas may not best be suited for ATV travel. Commissioner Carlson stated he would like to see a pilot project in District 5 after receiving opinions from staff. Commissioner Hallan suggested the group provide desired routes rather than requesting approval on all county roads. Commissioner Rossow concurred. Consensus to have County Sheriff, Attorney, and Engineer meet with the ATV club to discuss possible routes.

Coordinator LeBrun and County Attorney Carlson reviewed the Soil Survey Agreement and explained the remaining obligations. Coordinator LeBrun stated there are another six years until project completion. County Attorney Carlson reiterated the in-kind and financial obligation along with termination language should that be the Board's desire. Commissioner Rossow questioned the 1939 detailed soil survey that was done. Coordinator LeBrun asked SWCD Manager Jill Carlier for comment. Manager Carlier reiterated the in-kind services provided and that SWCD acts as the fiscal agent for the agreement. Further discussion to continue with Project Leader Clayton Johnson at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

### **Highway**

Coordinator LeBrun stated he was contacted by Congressman Oberstar's staff asking to receive requests for federal funding for High Priority Transportation Projects. Coordinator LeBrun stated the projects have specifications and Pine County CSAH 51 would be a project that would be suitable and is ready to proceed when funding is available. Commissioner Rossow motioned to approve submitting a request to apply for HPP funding for said project. Commissioner Hallan seconded, motion carried.

Chairman Montbriand recessed the regular county board meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Commissioner Carlson motioned to conclude the Board of Equalization meeting recess and reconvene it at 2:36 p.m. Commissioner Hallan seconded, motion carried.

Chairman Montbriand adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 3:03 p.m.

Commissioner Carlson motioned to proceed into closed session at 3:04 p.m. to discuss litigation. Commissioner Hallan seconded, motion carried.

Commissioner Carlson motioned to conclude closed session at 3:17 p.m. Commissioner Hallan seconded, motion carried.

**Upcoming Meetings Announced:**

Management Team meeting, Tuesday, June 23, 2009, 9:00 a.m. Jury Assembly Room, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, MN

With no further business, Chairman Montbriand adjourned the County Board meeting at 3:18 p.m., until the next scheduled County Board Meeting on July 7, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Pine County Courthouse.