

Tuesday, October 19, 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, Mark LeBrun and County Attorney John Carlson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Carlson called for public comment.

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

Commissioner Rossow moved to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2010 County Board Meeting. Commissioner Chaffee seconded. Motion carried.

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

Minutes of Boards, Committees and Board Memos, Newsletter

1. Pine County Soil & Water Conservation District, September 20, 2010 special meeting minutes, September 21, 2010 meeting minutes, and October 19, 2010 meeting agenda.
2. East Central Library Board Financial Report, September 2010.

****CONSENT AGENDA****

Auditor

1. Cash Balance as of September 30, 2010

Revenue Fund	\$ (2,479,163.19)
Human Services Fund	\$ 2,455,418.53
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 4,108,731.90
Land Management Fund	\$ 1,380,757.07

2. Application for Northern Pine Riders to conduct Minnesota Lawful Gambling at the Tavern in Duquette, 88159 State Hwy 23, Kerrick – Kerrick Township.

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3. Application for Pokegama Lake Association to conduct Minnesota Lawful Gambling at Beachrocks (formerly Lakeview Supper Club), 10762 Lakeshore Dr. Pine City – Pokegama Township.
4. Application for Abatement – Barry Davidson, 8966 Larimer Dr. Sturgeon Lake, PID #46.5136.000 & 46.5137.000, pay 2010.

****REGULAR AGENDA****

Probation

Probation Director Terryl Arola presented along with Probation Agent Eric Hermes and Jail Recreation Coordinator Rod Williamson to update the board on the ARRA grant Pine County received. Director Arola began the presentation highlighting grant goals and stated the funds have afforded the Jail and Probation departments to provide educational materials, resources, a contracted mental health provider and a Pre-trial Probation Agent position. Recreation Coordinator Rod Williamson highlighted programs benefited from the grant funds stating that the Programming division of the jail has 45 trained and approved volunteers conducting various programs. Rec. Director Williamson stated that with contracted mental health services, inmates are leaving the facility with more knowledge on their illness, the importance of continuing medications as prescribed and how to connect with resources to continue treatment regimens upon release. Agent Eric Hermes stated that with the Pre-trial Agent position, courts are able to obtain detailed background information for those appearing before them, whereas prior to the position these details were not always available. District Court Judge Krista Martin concurred that prior information is now being submitted and that mental health issues are a major component. Judge Martin stated that with a short period of mental health services inmates are considerably more cooperative, understanding and able to communicate. County Attorney Carlson concurred that with no question more detailed information is being submitted to the courts. Informational only, no action taken.

Chairman Carlson appointed Amanda Wimmer as Probation Advisory Committee member representing District 2 as recommended by Commissioner Montbriand.

Sheriff

Chief Deputy Steve Ovick presented for approval a contract between MN Commissioner of Safety and Pine County Sheriff's Office to receive HEAT traffic enforcement grant in the amount of \$21,450.00. Commissioner Hallan noted the last HEAT project on State Highway 70 was successful. Commissioner Hallan motioned to approve the contract. Commissioner Chaffee seconded, motion carried.

Chairman Carlson excused himself from the meeting due to a prior commitment and turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Rossow to conduct at 2:00 p.m.

Land

Land/Zoning Administrator Kurt Schneider presented for approval the 2011 Grant-In-Aid Pine County Snowmobile Grant Agreement in the amount of \$65,923.20. Commissioner Chaffee motioned to approve said agreement. Commissioner Montbriand seconded, motion carried.

Public Works

County Engineer Pete Eakman presented a training request for Jon Johnson and Shawn Linnell to attend Bridge Construction Recertification, January 27, 2011, Arden Hills, and Concrete Field Recertification April 11, 2011, Arden Hills. Registration \$150.00 per person per course. Commissioner Chaffee motioned to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Montbriand seconded, motion carried.

County Engineer Pete Eakman presented a draft ATV Policy. Lengthy discussion was held on the matter. Consensus is to conduct an additional ATV Policy Committee meeting with local ATV Club member involvement.

Coordinator

Coordinator LeBrun presented a resolution allowing appropriate PERA contribution for Deputy Sheriff Andrew Ludwig. Commissioner Montbriand motioned to approve and adopt the resolution as presented. Commissioner Hallan seconded. Resolution passed unanimously.

Public Employees Retirement Association

Police Officer Declaration

WHEREAS, the policy of the State of Minnesota as declared in Minnesota Statutes 353.63 is to give special consideration to employees who perform hazardous work and devote their time and skills to protecting the property and personal safety of others; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 353.64 permits governmental subdivisions to request coverage in the Public Employees Police and Fire plan for eligible employees of police or sheriff departments whose position duties meet the requirements stated therein and listed below.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners, of the County of Pine hereby declares that the position of Deputy Sheriff, currently held by Andrew Ludwig, meets all of the following Police and Fire Plan membership requirements:

1. Said position requires a license by the Minnesota peace officer standards and training board under sections 626.84 to 626.863 and this employee is so licensed;
2. Said position's primary (over 50%) duty is to enforce the general criminal laws of the state;
3. Said position charges this employee with the prevention and detection of crime;
4. Said position gives this employee the full power of arrest, and
5. Said position is assigned to a designated police or sheriffs department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this governing body hereby requests that the named employee be accepted as a member of the Public Employees Police and Fire Plan effective the date of this employee's initial Police and Fire Plan salary deduction by the governmental subdivision.

Coordinator LeBrun proposed the 2011 health insurance contribution for non-union employees. Coordinator LeBrun stated it is identical to the amount union members received per contract language. Coordinator LeBrun added that there was no increase in premium cost from 2010 and that the proposed contribution would remain unchanged from 2010. Commissioner Montbriand motioned to approve the health insurance contribution as proposed. Commissioner Chaffee seconded, motion carried.

Health and Human Services

Health and Human Services Director Linda Cassman introduced Welfare Fraud Investigators Kari Rybak and Osten Berg. Investigator Berg stated he also covers three counties in addition to Pine County and presented a handout on case statistics . Investigator Rybak stated she is a contracted employee through the Sheriff's office, and due to her capabilities, is able to assist in locating persons for both the department of Child Support and Financial Assistance. Investigators Berg and Rybak thanked the Board for their continued support.

Commissioner's Report

Discussion was held on which of Pine County's top legislative priorities to present to the Arrowhead Counties Association as requested.

Upcoming meetings announced:

Arrowhead Counties Association meeting, Wednesday, October 20, 2010, 6:00 p.m. Hampton Inn, Duluth MN.

Annual Fall Township Officers Association meeting, Saturday, October 23, 2010, 9:00 a.m. American Legion, Hinckley, MN

Management Team meeting Tuesday, October 26, 2010, 9:00 a.m. Jury Assembly Room, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, MN

Negotiations Committee, Monday, November 1, 2010, 8:00 a.m. Coordinator's office conference room, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, MN

Investment Committee meeting Monday, November 8, 2010, 3:00 p.m. Coordinator's office conference room, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, MN

Personnel Committee meeting, Monday, November 15, 2010, 9:00 a.m. Coordinator's office conference room, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, MN

With no further business, Commissioner Chaffee motioned to adjourn the County Board meeting at 2:48 p.m., until the next scheduled County Board Meeting on November 2, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Pine County Courthouse. Commissioner Hallan seconded, motion carried.