

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 7:00 p.m. Boardroom, Pine County Courthouse

Chairman Chaffee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners, Doug Carlson, Steve Hallan, Curt Rossow, and Mitch Pangerl. Also present was County Administrator Mark LeBrun and County Attorney John Carlson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Chaffee called for public comment. Tom Mestemacher commented on the Chief Deputy driving county vehicle home to Champlain.

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

Commissioner Rossow moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2012 regular meeting. Commissioner Hallan 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. Pine County Land Surveyor Report, February, 2012
2. Personnel Committee Minutes, February, 2012
3. Transportation Committee Minutes, February, 2012

*****CONSENT AGENDA*****

Auditor/Treasurer

1. February 2012 Disbursements
2. Applications for Abatement-
Patrick & Mary Jane Kester, 44788 Tamarack River Rd, Hinckley, PID 23.0117.002, pay 2011
James & Joseph McCarthy, New Dosey Township, PID 20.0188.000, pay 2012
3. Application for Exempt Permit to conduct MN lawful gambling for St. Mary's Catholic School at Wing's North, 19379 Homestead Rd, Pine City on April 27, 2012 (Pokegama Twp)
4. Approval of application for a new tobacco license in Pine County under the jurisdiction of the Auditor, Doosy Smoke Shop, for the period of March 8-December 31, 2012

****REGULAR AGENDA****

Administrator

Walter Leu presented information on the 2012-2016 MnDOT construction program.

Jeremy Foske representing DNR Forestry presented information on the July 2011 Blowdown and plans for the upcoming fire season.

Sheriff

Denise Baran and Jennifer Glenn presented the proposed Pine County Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Chairman Chaffee referred the plan to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Rick Boland presented the resignation of Full-time Dispatcher Jodi Houck effective March 10, 2012 and requested immediate replacement. Commissioner Pangerl motioned to accept the resignation. Commissioner Rossow seconded, motion carried.

Rick Boland presented the resignation of Full-time Secretary Roxanne Orvis effective March 6, 2012 and requested immediate replacement. Commissioner Hallan motioned to accept the resignation and to refer replacement to the personnel committee. Commissioner Pangerl seconded, motion carried.

Rick Boland presented for approval the hiring of Court Security Officer Aileen Butler effective February 13, 2012 at \$12.69/hr B22. Commissioner Rossow motioned to approve as presented. Chairman Chaffee seconded, motion carried.

Rick Boland presented for approval the hiring of Court Security Officer Rhonda Darnelle Van Hale effective February 10, 2012 at \$12.69/hr B22. Commissioner Carlson motioned to approve as presented. Commissioner Hallan seconded, motion carried.

Rick Boland presented for approval the hiring of Corrections Officer Eric Quigley effective February 23, 2012 at \$15.57/hr B23. Commissioner Rossow motioned to approve as presented. Commissioner Pangerl seconded, motion carried.

Rick Boland presented for approval the hiring of Corrections Officer Zakory Vork effective February 23, 2012 at \$15.57/hr B23. Commissioner Carlson motioned to approve as presented. Commissioner Hallan seconded, motion carried.

Rick Boland presented for approval the hiring of Dianna Olson as Sheriff's Secretary effective March 5, 2012 at \$12.70/hr B21. Commissioner Rossow motioned to approve as presented. Commissioner Hallan seconded, motion carried.

Rick Boland presented for approval to pay the judgment of \$1,255 to Carrie Major. Commissioner Carlson motioned to deny the claim. Commissioner Rossow seconded, motion carried.

Rick Boland and Denise Baran provided an update to the ARMER Radio project.

Auditor/Treasurer

Auditor/Treasurer Clemmer presented for approval a resolution for Repurchase of Forfeited Land in full. Chairman Chaffee recused himself from the issue due to a conflict of interest. Commissioner Pangerl motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Hallan seconded, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #030612-03

WHEREAS, David VanGorden, 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:

Northwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter Fractional (NW1/4 of SW1/4), Section Thirty-one (31), Township Forty-one (41), Range Nineteen (19)
PID #01.0237.000

and WHEREAS, said applicant has set forth in his application that: Divorce and Health Problems

and: Enabling me to resell the the property and start over.

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 David VanGorden, 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/Treasurer Clemmer presented a memo outlining concerns with Sheriff Cole not following the Out of State Travel Policy. Chairman Chaffee stated Sheriff Cole should follow the policy and directed Auditor/Treasurer Clemmer to hold payment on future out of state travel until the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Auditor/Treasure Clemmer presented information of 2012 redistricting including a schedule for public hearings and approval. Commissioner Pangerl motioned to not proceed with redistricting. Motioned died for a lack of second. Commissioner Hallan motioned to proceed with redistricting with the schedule as presented.

Commissioner Rossow seconded. Roll call vote called by Chairman Chaffee:

District 1 – Yes

District 2 – No

District 3 – Yes

District 4 – Yes

District 5 – Yes

Motion carried.

Assessor

Administrator LeBrun presented for approval to send Property Appraiser Jennifer Mansavage to Legal Description workshops from May 2-3, 2012 at a cost of \$120. Commissioner Rossow motioned to approve as presented. Commissioner Hallan seconded, motion carried.

Land/Zoning

Land/Zoning Administrator Schneider presented for adoption a Floodplain Management Ordinance . Commissioner Carlson motioned to adopt as presented. Commissioner Rossow seconded, motion carried.

Land/Zoning Administrator Schneider presented for approval the Summary Publication Floodplain Management Ordinance. Commissioner Hallan motioned to approve as presented. Commissioner Rossow seconded, motion carried.

Administrator

Administrator LeBrun presented an employee contract with AFSCME Sheriff's Administrative Unit for 2012-2013. Commissioner Carlson motioned to approve the contract. Commissioner Hallan seconded, Roll call vote called by Chairman Chaffee:

District 1 – Yes

District 2 – No

District 3 – Yes

District 4 – Yes

District 5 – Yes

Motion carried.

Administrator LeBrun presented the resignation of Survey Crew Chief Bruce Bunker effective March 9, 2012. Commissioner Rossow motioned to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Hallan seconded, motion carried.

Administrator LeBrun presented a resolution in support of legislation modifying wetland replacement requirements. Commissioner Pangerl motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Carlson seconded, resolution carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #030612-01

WHEREAS, State Representative Anzelc has authored legislation modifying wetland replacement requirements in counties with 80% or more of their pre-settlement wetlands remaining, officially known as House File No. 2105, and

WHEREAS, Pine County has in excess of 80% of its pre-settlement wetlands remaining, and

WHEREAS, current state law regulating replacement of wetlands affected by building activities creates undue hardship for economic development activities in Pine County, and

WHEREAS, modification of wetland replacement requirements would enhance local economic development activity, and

WHEREAS, the provisions of HF 2105 are in full compliance with statutory requirements that Minnesota retain an overall no net loss of wetlands policy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 6th day of March, 2012, the Pine County Board of Commissioners supports House File No. 2105, modifying wetland replacement requirements, as proposed by State Representative Anzelc.

Administrator LeBrun presented the resignation of MIS Support Specialist Annette Zacharias effective March 16, 2012. Commissioner Hallan motioned to approve the request as presented. Chairman Chaffee seconded, motion carried. The board publicly thanked her for her years of service.

Administrator LeBrun presented a resolution of support for the North Pine Area Hospital District. Chairman Chaffee motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Hallan seconded, Roll call vote called by Chairman Chaffee:

District 1 – Yes

District 2 – Yes

District 3 – Yes

District 4 – Yes

District 5 – Yes

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NPAHD
North Pine Area Hospital District
Resolution #030612-02

WHEREAS, NPAHD has taken action to terminate their lease with Essentia Health; and,

WHEREAS, Essentia Health is taking action to exercise an option in the lease to procure 100% ownership of all hospital operations, equipment, ambulance services, licenses, and bank accounts; and,

WHEREAS, such action may result in the closure of the only Critical Access Hospital in Pine County; and,

WHEREAS, taxpayers of Pine County have contributed over \$3 million designated for hospital improvements by Essentia Health; and,

WHEREAS, Essentia Health, a Non-Profit Organization and beneficiary of local tax dollars, has failed to meet the threshold of transparency expected in the best practices of Non-Profit Organizations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on behalf of the citizens of Pine County, The Pine County Board of Commissioners support the actions of the NPAHD to return operational control and ownership of Pine Medical Facilities back to the local Communities of Pine County.

Upcoming Meetings Announced

Personnel Committee meeting, Monday, March 12, 2012, 1:00 p.m. Administrator's Conference Room, Pine City, MN

Committee of the Whole meeting, Wednesday, March 14, 2012, 9:00 a.m. Boardroom, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, MN

Pine County Health and Human Services meeting, Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 10:00 a.m. Public Health Building conference room, Sandstone, MN

Pine County Board meeting, Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 1:00 p.m. Public Health Building conference room, Sandstone, MN

With no further business, Chairman Chaffee adjourned the County Board meeting until the next scheduled County Board Meeting on March 20, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in the Public Health Building conference room in Sandstone, MN.

Mark LeBrun, Administrator
Clerk to County Board

Steve Chaffee, Chair
Board of County Commissioners