

MINUTES OF PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 1, 2012, 10:00 a.m. Boardroom, Pine County Courthouse

Chairman Chaffee called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Doug Carlson, Steve Hallan, Curt Rossow and Mitch Pangerl. Also present was County Attorney John Carlson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Chaffee recognized the retirement of Deborah Neubauer and the Board thanked her for over 37 years of service to the County.

Chairman Chaffee called for public comment. Dave Ostenson, Hinckley commented on Commissioner redistricting. Linda Haug, Pine City commented on Commissioner redistricting.

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

Commissioner Rossow moved to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2012 regular meeting. Commissioner Hallan seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Carlson moved to approve the amended consent agenda. Commissioner Pangerl seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of Boards, Committees and Board Memos, Newsletter

1. Pine County Land Surveyor Report, April, 2012
2. Pine County HRA Senior Housing minutes, March, 2012
3. Commissioner Redistricting Public Hearing summary minutes, April 10, 2012

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

Auditor/Treasurer

1. April 2012 Disbursements
2. Application for Exempt Permit for Moose Lake Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct Minnesota lawful gambling on October 12, 2012 at the Moose Lake Golf Course, 35311 Parkview Dr, Sturgeon Lake (Windemere Twp).

*****REGULAR AGENDA*****

Sheriff

Sheriff Cole presented for approval the voluntary resignation of full time Sheriff's Deputy Thomas Pitzen as of 4-22-2012. Commissioner Rossow motioned to approved as presented. Commissioner Carlson seconded. Motion carried.

Sheriff Cole presented for approval the promotion of two part-time deputies to full-time status, effective May 6, 2012. Referred to Personnel Committee.

Sheriff Cole presented an update to the 800 MHz project. Commissioner Hallan suggested talking again to the consultant. Meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2012 with Motorola and others. Chairman Chaffee requested Commissioner Hallan and Commissioner Pangerl in addition to Sheriff Cole attend and report back to the full Board. Acknowledged.

Auditor/Treasurer

Auditor/Treasurer Clemmer presented additional redistricting information. Commissioner Carlson stated the County Board should be proud to have considered and looked at redistricting and its process and resents the political connotations. Commissioner Carlson motioned for a roll call vote to accept the following redistricting resolution:

Resolution for Adoption of County Commissioner Districts

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 375 establishes the procedure and requires a process for redistricting County Commissioner districts based on population figures from the Federal Census; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute Section 204B.135, subd. 2 requires that County Commissioner Districts be redistricted within 80 days of when the legislature has been redistricted or at least 15 weeks before the state primary election, whichever comes first; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to these statutes the 2010 Federal Census population figures shall be used to redistrict the Pine County Commissioner Districts by May 1, 2012, and that Commissioner Districts shall be bounded by town, municipal, or precinct lines; and,

WHEREAS, the Pine County Board of Commissioners has considered the possibility or potential for maximizing minority representation on the board of commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Pine County published a three week notice in each of the four newspapers located in Pine County; and,

WHEREAS, Pine County conducted two public meetings on redistricting on April 10, 2012 and April 17, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Pine County considered five redistricting plans submitted by members of the public and each of the plans promoted a more equal population. The County Board of Commissioners by a roll call vote chose to reestablish the commissioner districts in accordance with the 2002 redistricting plan due to the submitted plans not being as compact and regular as possible. The population disparity improvement was not significant enough to justify a change in the existing commissioner districts. A number of the plans involved large shifts of residents from one district to another. Minnesota Statute 375.025, subd. 1 does not require redistricting of the commissioners districts; no commissioner district varies more than 10% of the average of all of the districts in the County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pine County Board of Commissioners hereby redistricts the County of Pine, following town, municipal, or precinct lines as reestablished on May 1, 2012, and reestablishes the length of terms as follows:

- District 1 - City of Pine City, City of Rock Creek and Pine City Township (continuation of current term, 2014 Election)
- District 2 - City of Brook Park, City of Henriette, Brook Park Township, Chengwatana Township, Mission Creek Township, Pokegama Township, Royalton Township (continuation of current term, 2014 Election)
- District 3 - City of Hinckley, Arlone Township, Arna Township, Barry Township, Clover Township, Crosby Township, Dell Grove Township, Hinckley Township, Munch Township, Ogema Township, Wilma Township (4-year term, 2012 Election)
- District 4 - City of Bruno, City of Denham, City of Finlayson, City of Rutledge, City of Sturgeon Lake, City of Willow River, Birch Creek Township, Bremen Township, Kettle River Township, Norman Township, Pine Lake Township, Windemere Township (4-year term, 2012 Election)
- District 5 - City of Askov, City of Kerrick, City of Sandstone, Bruno Township, Danforth Township, Finlayson Township, Fleming Township, Kerrick Township, New Dosey Township, Nickerson Township, Park Township, Partridge Township, Sandstone Township (continuation of current term, 2014 Election)

BE IT RESOLVED that the County Administrator is directed to file the redistricting plan with the County Auditor by May 1, 2012, to be effective on June 1, 2012, for the 2012 primary and general election and publish in the Pine County Courier, with copies provided to the Askov American, Hinckley News and Pine City Pioneer.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the districts are, for illustrative purposes, identified in a map of the county attached hereto and marked Exhibit A which be reference is hereby made a part hereof.

Dated at Pine City, Minnesota this 1st day of May, 2012.

Roll call: District 1 – Yes
 District 2 – Yes
 District 3 – Yes
 District 4 – Yes
 District 5 – Yes

Motion carried.

Sheriff continued

Sheriff Cole presented for approval three lease agreements with the State of Minnesota to place new paging equipment at three state tower sites in the County. Commissioner Hallan motioned to approve as presented. Commissioner Rossow seconded. Motion carried.

Sheriff Cole presented for approval the VHF Interoperable Frequency Use Agreement between the State of Minnesota and Pine County and stated there were no costs associated with the agreement. Commissioner Hallan motioned to approve as presented. Commissioner Pangerl seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Carlson requested any fire chiefs in attendance be allowed to address the Board with their thoughts concerning the 800 MHz system migration. Robert Fischer, Finlayson Fire Chief and Steve Nelson, Bruno Volunteer Fire Department Chief expressed concerns over needing to update their current VHF paging systems.

County Attorney

Attorney Carlson presented a request for Terri Janssen to attend MCCC Annual Conference June 4-7, 2012. Hotel, meals and mileage. Room total - \$315.40. Commissioner Rossow motioned to approve. Chairman Chaffee seconded. Motion carried.

Attorney Carlson and Assistant County Attorney Aimee Cupelli presented information concerning the Pokegama Township blight property located on Canalville. Additional memo presented by Land/Zoning Director, Kurt Schneider. Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE DIRECTOR OF THE PINE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OR ITS DESIGNEE TO ACT UPON BEHALF OF THE PINE COUNTY BOARD UNDER THE LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.

WHEREAS, on March 27, 1991, Pine County and Kanabec County established a Joint Community Health Board, and

WHEREAS, the Joint Powers Agreement of the Joint Community Health Board authorizes Pine County to establish a board of health under Minnesota Statutes 145A.03; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Powers Agreement further delegates all of the powers and duties of a health board under Minnesota Statutes 145A.03, 145A.04, 145A.07, Subd. 2 and 145A.08 to the Pine County board of health; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 145A.04, Subdivision 2, “[a] board of health must appoint, employ, or contract with a person or persons to act on its behalf. The board shall notify the commissioner of the agent's name, address, and phone number where the agent may be reached between board meetings and submit a copy of the resolution authorizing the agent to act on the board's behalf”; and

WHEREAS, Pine County does not have a board of health; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 145A.03, Subdivision 1(a), “[t]he governing body of a...county must undertake the responsibilities of a board of health or establish a board of health and assign to it the powers and duties of a board of health”;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Pine County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the Director of the Pine County Department of Health and Human Services or his/her designee to act upon behalf of the Pine County Board of Commissioners in matters pursuant to the Local Public Health Act, Minnesota Statutes §§ 145A.01 *et seq.*

Motion by Commissioner Pangerl to approve the resolution and appointment of Linda Cassman to act on behalf of the Pine County Board under the Local Public Health Act. Commissioner Hallan seconded. Resolution carried unanimously.

County Assessor

Assessor Schroeder presented for approval attendance to the Minnesota Association of Assessing Officers Summer Seminar attendance by Troy Stewart and Karen Stumne, May 23-23, 2012 at the Holiday Inn in St. Cloud. Total cost - \$320.00. Motion by Commissioner Rossow to approve as presented. Commissioner Hallan seconded. Motion carried.

Health and Human Services

Linda Cassman presented approval of the appointment of Social Workers (C42) to full time employment effective immediately –

Roxanne Anderson, Step 3 - \$20.98/hr

Jodi Dixon, Step 1, \$18.72/hr (Appoint as Emergency Appt – 67 days)

Jennifer Elliot, Step 1 - \$18.72/hr
(Children's Mental Health Workers from Riverwood Center)

Motion by Commissioner Hallan to approve as presented. Commissioner Carlson seconded.
Motion carried.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Carlson asked if there were any applications received for the County Administrator position. Auditor/Treasurer Clemmer stated she was not aware of any.

Upcoming Meetings Announced

Personnel Committee meeting, **Tuesday, May 8, 2012, 9:00 a.m.** Administrator's Conference Room, Pine City, MN

Pine County Health and Human Services Board Meeting, **Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 10:00 a.m.** Public Health Building, Sandstone, MN

Pine County Board Meeting, **Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 1:00 p.m.** Public Health Building, Sandstone, MN

With no further business, Chairman Chaffee adjourned the County Board meeting at 11:16 a.m., until the next scheduled County Board Meeting on May 15, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Public Health Building, Sandstone.

Cathy J. Clemmer, Auditor/Treasurer
Acting Clerk to County Board

Steve Chaffee, Chair
Board of County Commissioners