

**MINUTES OF PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

**Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 19, 2012 1:00 p.m. Public Health Building, Sandstone, MN**

Chairman Chaffee called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners, Doug Carlson, Curt Rossow, Steve Hallan, and Mitch Pangerl. Also present was Interim County Administrator Mark LeBrun and County Attorney John Carlson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Chaffee called for public comment. No public comment.

Commissioner Rossow moved to adopt the agenda, Commissioner Pangerl seconded, motion carried.

Commissioner Carlson moved to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2012 Board meeting. Commissioner Hallan seconded, motion carried.

Commissioner Hallan moved to approve the amended consent agenda, Commissioner Rossow seconded, motion carried.

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

1. Pine County Budget Committee Minutes, June 13, 2012
2. Personnel Committee Minutes, June 12, 2012
3. ECRL Library Board Minutes, May 14, 2012
4. Pine County Board of Adjustment Minutes and Information

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

**Auditor**

1. Cash Balance as of May 31, 2012

Revenue Fund	\$ (1,737,183.72)
Health and Human Services Fund	\$ 1,029,022.31
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 6,884,383.78
Land Management Fund	\$ 1,041,580.45

2. Applications for Abatement –  
DSLRL, LLC, 94154 & 94226 Co Hwy 61, Sturgeon Lake, PID 33.0235.000 & 33.0237.000, pay 2008 & 2009  
Mark Lambert, 33588 Chestnut Cir, Moose Lake, PID 33.0229.000, pay 2008 & 2009

Mark Lambert, PID 33.5172.000, pay 2009

Francis Aiello, 15251 Copper Canyon Rd, Pine City, PID 26.5015.000, pay 2012

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

### **Sheriff**

Sheriff Cole presented for acknowledgement the retirement of Deputy Gary Frehse effective August 11, 2012. Commissioner Rossow motioned to accept retirement and thank Deputy Frehse. Commissioner Pangerl seconded, motion carried.

Sheriff Cole presented a request to promote one (1) PT Deputy to FT Deputy. Commissioner Rossow motioned to approve. Commissioner Carlson seconded, motion carried.

Sheriff Cole presented for approval to hire PT Court Security Officer Patricia Haines effective July 1, 2012. Chairman Chaffee motioned to approve as presented. Commissioner Carlson seconded, motion carried.

Sheriff Cole presented for approval the promotion of JoAnn Gray to Jail Sergeant effective July 1, 2012 at \$19.51/hr B31. Commissioner Rossow motioned to approve as presented. Commissioner Carlson seconded, motion carried.

Sheriff Cole presented for approval the promotion form PT to FT Correction Officer's Troy Parker, Tracy Stumpf, Jennifer MacQuiddy effective July 1, 2012. Commissioner Rossow motioned to approve as presented. Commissioner Pangerl seconded, motion carried.

Sheriff Cole provided updated information on 800 MHz Radio purchasing. Commissioner Rossow motioned to approve the purchase of up to \$210,000 in Radio Equipment for the Volunteer Fire Departments. Commissioner Hallan seconded, motion carried.

### **Public Works**

Engineer LeBrun presented for acceptance the resignation of Assistant County Engineer Chuck Daher effective July 13, 2012 and the approval of revised Organizational Chart for the Public Works Department. Commissioner Rossow motioned to accept resignation and to approve revised Organizational Chart as presented. Commissioner Hallan seconded, motion carried.

Engineer LeBrun presented for approval the hiring of Survey Crew Chief Alex Larson effective June 20, 2012 at \$15.87/hr B24. Commissioner Rossow motioned to approve as presented. Commissioner Pangerl seconded, motion carried.

## **Auditor/Treasurer**

Auditor/Treasurer Clemmer presented a resolution for the repurchase of forfeited property in full by Stearns Bank N.A. Commissioner Carlson motioned to approve as presented. Commissioner Hallan seconded, resolution passed unanimously.

### **RESOLUTION #061912-01**

*WHEREAS, Stearns Bank, the former Mortgagee, 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:*

*The North 330 feet of the South 1021.84 feet of the East 693.0 feet of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter (N ½ of NW ¼) Section Five (5), Township Forty-one (41), Range Twenty (20). Except that part of Greene Way of Taylor's Birch Acres 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition. Subject to any easements of record.*

*and WHEREAS, said applicant has set forth in his application that:*

*Stearns Bank, N.A. is the holder of a mortgage on the property that was forfeited for non-payment of real estate taxes. Despite the numerous assurances to the bank that these taxes would be brought current, the previous land owner failed to pay the past due and delinquent taxes to a point where forfeiture occurred. Stearns Bank has loaned the previous land owners a significant amount of money with little chance of collecting it back. Also, because of the forfeiture, the bank is now left without any security for their loans.*

*and*

*This property is a five-acre parcel that has a house and other structures on it that are dilapidated, of minimal value, and are likely deteriorating further. For the public to own this property, it would take a significant amount of repairs, upkeep and maintenance. Also, in today's real estate market, the public would likely have a hard time locating a buyer for this property. Although it is of minimal value and down dirt and other minimum maintenance roads, it does have some value that the bank can capture by selling it. This money will be used to offset the considerable loss the bank has suffered with the loans to the property owners. It would be in the public's interest to allow the repurchase of the property by the bank so it can collect the taxes owed to it and not have to undertake repairs and other actions related to selling or owning the property.*

*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 Stearns Bank, 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.*

## **Land/Zoning**

Land/Zoning Administrator Schnieder presented a MPCA Local Fix-up Grant application for approval and to have Lakes & Pines provide Administration. Commissioner Hallan

motioned to approve as presented. Commissioner Carlson seconded, motion carried.

Land/Zoning Administrator Schnieder provided updated information on Flood Plain Management. No action taken.

Chariman Chaffee called for a 10 minute recess.

### **Probation**

Probation Director Arola presented the Probation Advisory 2012 Comprehensive Plan. No action taken.

### **Administrator**

Interim Administrator LeBrun presented for approval revising the contract start date for County Administrator David Minke from July 16, 2012 to July 2, 2012. Commissioner Rossow motioned to approve as presented. Commissioner Pangerl seconded, motion carried.

Interim Administrator LeBrun and County Attorney Carlson presented information on accepting title transfer of rail line property from BNSF to Pine County. Commissioner Hallan motioned to approve as presented. Commissioner Carlson seconded, motion carried. Commissioner Carlson commented on the Draft Wisconsin Forest Master Plan he received.

Commissioner Hallan commented on the upcoming methane gas/electricity presentation at the ECSWC in Mora.

### **Upcoming Meetings Announced**

Management Team meeting, Tuesday, June 26, 2012, 9:00 a.m. Jury Assembly Room, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, MN

NLX meeting, Wednesday, June 27, 2012, 10:00 a.m. Boardroom, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, MN

Pine County Board meeting, Tuesday, July 3, 2012, 10:00 a.m. Boardroom, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, MN

Methane/Electricity conversion presentation, July 10, 2012, 4:00 p.m. ECSWC Mora, MN

Budget Committee meeting, Wednesday, July 11, 2012, 10:00 a.m. Boardroom, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, MN

With no further business, Chairman Chaffee adjourned the County Board meeting at 3:02 p.m., until the next scheduled County Board Meeting on July 3, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Pine County Courthouse.

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Mark LeBrun, Interim Administrator  
Clerk to County Board

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Steve Chaffee, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners