

Tuesday, October 4, 2011 10:00 a.m. Pine County Courthouse Boardroom

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Rossow called for public comment. Leland Magnuson commented and provided a written statement against changing the Coordinator position to an Administrator position. Bob Brewster commented on behalf of Arna Township to allow placement of storm related tree stumps to be placed on tax forfeit property. Williard Jasper commented on pavement failure on CSAH 15 and questioned why County does not reimburse claims for vehicle damage.

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

Commissioner Hallan moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2011 County Board meeting. Commissioner Chaffee seconded. Motion carried.

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

Minutes of Boards, Committees and Board Memos, Newsletters

1. Pine Medical Ambulance Service Fiscal Year 2011 Report
2. 2011 Tax Forfeit Land Sale update
3. Pine County HHS Advisory Committee minutes, September 7, 2011
4. Personnel Committee meeting minutes, September 12, 2011

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

Auditor/Treasurer

1. September Disbursements
2. Application for Abatement-
Lake State Federal Credit Union, 58008 Svercl Rd, Sandstone, PID 30.0379.000, pay 2012
Jeffrey & Lynn Pluff, 5 1st St SE, Pine City, PID 42.5021.000, pay 2012
James & Karen Carlstrom, 9623 Riverbed Rd, Pine City, PID 29.5186.000, pay 2011

Assessor

1. Approve Troy Stewart as delegate & Annette Zacharias as alternate delegate for MCCC

Probation

1. Approve the appointment of Lee Williams as District 1 citizen representative to the Probation Advisory Committee

****REGULAR AGENDA****

Sheriff

Sheriff Cole presented a request to accept the formation of the East Central Drug and Violent Offender Task Force. No action taken.

Sheriff Cole presented a \$250 donation from First Light Health Systems to the Sheriff's Posse. Commissioner Chaffee motioned to accept the donation as presented. Commissioner Pangerl seconded, motion carried.

Sheriff Cole presented a \$1,000 donation from the Pine County Agricultural Society to the Sheriff's Posse. Commissioner Hallan motioned to accept the donation as presented. Commissioner Pangerl seconded, motion carried.

Sheriff Cole presented the resignation of Part-Time Dispatcher Patricia Haines effective September 21, 2011. Commissioner Pangerl motioned to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Chaffee seconded, motion carried.

Sheriff Cole presented the resignation of Part-Time Corrections Officer Eric Anderson effective October 5, 2011 and requested immediate replacement. Commissioner Hallan motioned to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Chaffee seconded, motion carried.

Sheriff Cole presented the resignation of Part-Time Deputy and Corrections Officer Michael Pudlick effective October 8, 2011. Commissioner Chaffee motioned to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Pangerl seconded, motion carried.

Sheriff Cole presented the resignation of Part-Time Court Security Officer Wyatt McDonough effective October 3, 2011 and requested immediate replacement. Commissioner Carlson motioned to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Hallan seconded, motion carried.

Land & Zoning

Terry Peterson on behalf of Northern Pine Riders requested support for a Legacy Fund Grant application for improvements to the Soo Line Trail. Commissioner Carlson motioned to approve resolution of support as presented. Commissioner Hallan seconded, resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution#100411-01

WHEREAS, the County of Pine supports the grant application made to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Parks and Trails Legacy Grant Program. The application is to rehabilitate the surface, bridges, and culverts as needed on the ~13.6 miles of the Soo Line South Recreational Trail located within Pine County, and

WHEREAS, the County of Pine recognizes the ten (10) percent match requirement for the Parks and Trails Legacy Grant Program, and has secured the matching funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, if the County of Pine is awarded a grant by the Minnesota Department of Natural resources, the County of Pine agrees to accept the grant award, and may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project. The County of Pine will comply with all applicable laws, environmental requirements and regulations as stated in the grant agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Pine names the fiscal agent for the County of Pine for this project as:

Cathy Clemmer, Auditor/Treasurer
Kurt Schneider, Land/Zoning Administrator
635 Northridge Dr. NW
Pine City, MN 55063

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County of Pine hereby assures the Soo Line South Recreational Trail will be maintained for a period of no less than 20 years.

Land/Zoning Administrator Schneider presented the 2011/2012 Grant in Aid Sponsorship resolution for approval. Commissioner Chaffee motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Carlson seconded, resolution passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION # 100411-02

WHEREAS, Pine County serves as the sponsor for various recreational trails that are a part of the State of Minnesota Grant-In-Aid trail system; and

WHEREAS, the administration, construction, and maintenance of these trails is performed through snowmobile, cycle, and ATV clubs and is funded through Minnesota Assistance Program Grants issued with the approval of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, a Minnesota Assistance Program Applications are prepared annually for the approval of Pine County as sponsor of the following existing trails:

- Northern Pine Riders; Pine 1,2, &3 Snowmobile Trails
- Washington-Ramsey Wheelers Nemadji ATV Trails
- Straight Arrow Enduro Riders; Nemadji Multiple Use Trails
- Northern Pine Riders Soo Line South ATV Trails
- Pine Riders ATV Club Chengwatana & St. Croix State Forest ATV trails

; and

WHEREAS, the Pine County Board of Commissioners recognizes the positive economic and recreational values of these trails for our citizens and area businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Pine County agrees to sponsor said trails at no cost to the County and that the County Board Chair, County Auditor, Land Commissioner, and/or the designated Grant-In-Aid Coordinator be authorized to sign grant applications, agreements, and reimbursement claims to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the construction, maintenance and administration of said trails through the 2011 and 2012 seasons.

Discussion was held on Arna Township's request to place storm related tree stumps on a tax forfeit property adjacent to Markville. Commissioner Hallan motioned to allow Arna Township to place tree stumps on the tax forfeit parcel upon written request. Commissioner Chaffee seconded, motion carried.

Health & Human Services

HHS Director Cassman presented for approval the promotion of Jodi Blesener from Child Support Officer to Support & Collections Specialists B31 at \$21.30/hr. Commissioner Chaffee motioned to approve request as presented. Commissioner Hallan seconded, motion carried.

Assessor

Coordinator LeBrun presented a request for the attendance of Lana Meier to attend Residential Building Analysis Course with total cost of \$245. Commissioner Carlson motioned to approve request as presented. Commissioner Pangerl seconded, motion carried.

Coordinator

Coordinator LeBrun presented a proposal to vacate the Old Jail Facility. Board consensus was to proceed in removing files from facility. Facilities Committee was directed to meet and provide recommendation on the long term plans for the Old Jail Facility.

County Attorney Carlson presented information on changing from a Coordinator Position to an Administrator Position in aiding the Board in managing the functions of the County.

Commissioner Hallan motioned to change the Coordinator position to an Administrator Position and to appoint Mark LeBrun as County Administrator. Commissioner Chaffee seconded, Roll call vote called by Chairman Rossow:

- District 1 – Yes
- District 2 – No
- District 3 – Yes
- District 4 – Yes
- District 5 – No

Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings Announced

Pine County Health and Human Services meeting, **Tuesday, October 18, 2011, 10:00 a.m.** Public Health Building conference room, Sandstone, MN

Pine County Board meeting, **Tuesday, October 18, 2011, 1:00 p.m.** Public Health Building conference room, Sandstone, MN

Chairman Rossow called for a five-minute recess before convening closed session.

Commissioner Pangerl motioned to convene closed session at 11:53 a.m. to discuss Pending Litigation. Commissioner Hallan seconded, motion carried.

Commissioner Carlson motioned to conclude closed session at 12:17 p.m. Commissioner Pangerl seconded, motion carried.

With no further business Chairman Rossow adjourned the County Board meeting at 12:18 p.m., until the next scheduled County Board Meeting on October 18, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the Public Health Building Conference room.

Mark LeBrun, Administrator
Clerk to County Board

Curt Rossow, Chair
Board of County Commissioners