

## ***Summary Minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting***

**Tuesday, November 6, 2012, 1:00 p.m. Jury Assembly Room, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, MN**

Chairman Chaffee called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Doug Carlson, Steve Hallan, Curt Rossow, and Mitch Pangerl. Also present were Sheriff Robin Cole, County Attorney John Carlson, County Administrator David Minke, Gwen Lewis, Paul Johnson and Denise Baran.

Sheriff Cole led discussion on the Hinckley substation. The building is provided by the City of Hinckley at no cost to the county. The City of Hinckley will provide utilities, snow removal, and property and liability insurance. The county will provide the data connection and insurance for its contents. There are currently computer connectivity issues that need to be resolved prior to the office being completely functional.

Chairman Chaffee commented that Hinckley residents are very pleased that there will be a substation in Hinckley as law enforcement personnel will be more visible.

Administrator Minke presented an update on current legislative issues. Discussion was held regarding the recent District 1 AMC meeting held in Two Harbors and the need to be very diligent about expressing how various legislative issues will affect Pine County. Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) payments may be cut in January if nothing is done.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pangerl to close the meeting as provided by Minnesota Statute 13D.03 to consider negotiation strategies and develop, discuss, and review labor negotiation proposals, for negotiations conducted pursuant to Minnesota Statute 179A.01 to 179A.25 with Teamsters 320 representing deputies and IBEW 160 representing Human Services supervisors. Commissioner Hallan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting was closed at 1:35 p.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rossow to open the meeting. Commissioner Carlson seconded. Meeting was opened to the public at 2:20 p.m.

Wendy Thompson, Kanabec County Human Services Director, Linda Cassman, Pine County Health and Human Services Director, and Gwen Lewis were present to discuss the collaboration between Pine and Kanabec Counties.

In February 2012, representatives from Pine County (Commissioner Steve Chaffee, Commissioner Steve Hallan and Health and Human Services Director Linda Cassman) began meeting with representatives from Kanabec County to discuss collaboration in Human Services and Public Health services.

Pine County and Kanabec County currently have a joint powers agreement for community health. The committee has met several times.

The board discussed options of collaboration and cooperation generally and also as related to the current MACV grant.

After discussion it was decided that the joint committee should continue to meet.

With no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Rossow to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hallan seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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David J. Minke, Administrator  
Clerk to County Board

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Steve Chaffee, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners