

**MINUTES OF PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING**  
**Special Meeting – City-County Relations**  
**Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, Minnesota**

Chair Rossow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Steve Hallan, Josh Mohr, Steve Chaffee and Matt Ludwig. Also present were County Attorney Reese Frederickson, County Sheriff Jeff Nelson, Chief Deputy Paul Widenstrom, and County Administrator David Minke.

Also present were representatives from the cities of Sturgeon Lake and Sandstone, Pine City, Hinckley, and Rick Olseen from Congressman Nolan's office.

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Those present introduced themselves.

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to approve the agenda. Second by Commissioner Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

County Attorney Frederickson gave an update on combating blight properties. Most blight is addressed through zoning ordinances. Pine County does not have countywide zoning. Zoning requires a comprehensive plan. The county is currently updating the comprehensive plan which should be completed this fall.

The County Attorney has contracts for prosecution for larger cities in the county. Under the contracts, his office can prosecute local ordinance violations. The County Attorney worked with the City of Askov to create local ordinance with criminal penalties.

Land Services Director Kelly Schroeder distributed copies of the comprehensive plan survey and explained the comprehensive planning process.

Commissioner Hallan discussed the county's desire to increase recycling. Commissioner Chaffee asked for feedback on the recycling sheds and programs.

The county will be implementing a more robust Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program starting May 2016. The HHW location will be at the transfer station in Hinckley. The plan is to staff the HHW drop off two days per week from May through October. This location will also serve as a recycling collection point.

Commissioner Hallan reviewed the process the East Central Regional Solid Waste Commission (ECSWC) is going through to open a new landfill cell and close the old one. The process of creating new landfill space is estimated at \$2 million and projected to last 10 years. It will cost an estimated \$800,000 to close the existing landfill. The goal is to reduce what goes into the landfill by recycling to save money in the long run. The county's recycle rate is about 34%, while about 75% of the waste stream is recyclable.

Rick Olseen from Congressman Nolan's office noted that a five-county group has been meeting on trails. The DNR has \$350,000 for planning the Oberstar segment of the Munger Trail (segment from North Branch to Hinckley). There will be a February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting with Congressman Nolan at the Chisago County Courthouse.

The next meeting will be April 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sturgeon Lake City Hall.

Possible topics include:

Recycling

Trails

Sheriff items to be developed? K9?

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

Emerald ash borer/forestry/invasive species.

Comp plan

With no further business, Chair Rossow adjourned the meeting.



Curtis H. Rossow, Chair  
Pine County Board of Commissioners



David J. Minke, County Administrator  
Clerk to Pine County Board of Commissioners