

**MINUTES OF PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
Special Meeting-Budget Committee**

**Tuesday, October 28, 2014, 9:00 a.m.
Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, Minnesota**

Chair Rossow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Steve Hallan, Mitch Pangerl, Steve Chaffee and Matt Ludwig. Also present were County Attorney John Carlson, County Auditor-Treasurer Cathy Clemmer, County Administrator David Minke and Human Services and Payroll Specialist Matt Christenson.

The pledge of allegiance was said.

The Agenda was approved.

The board discussed the 2015 general fund budget and reached a consensus to make the following changes to the preliminary 2015 general fund budget:

Cut the Following:

Jail Sergeant (authorized but never filled)	\$ 66,278
PT Jail Secretary (authorized but never filled)	\$ 15,670
Sheriff's Deputy (vacant)	\$ 63,437
Environmental Tech (Zoning)	\$ 52,000
Building Maintenance Supervisor (position not backfilled upon incumbent retiring)	<u>\$ 52,000</u>
Total Cuts	\$249,385

The board reviewed its current priorities. After discussion, it was the consensus of the board to add the following to the 2015 budget:

Old Jail demolition (completed but not funded)	\$ 30,000
Parking Lot paving (site of old jail needed for parking for the Pine Government Center)	\$ 34,000
Comp and Pay Equity Study (Contract approved October 21, 2014)	\$ 33,000
HHS levy increase	\$477,129

After discussion it was the consensus to keep the funds for the following in the 2015 budget for further discussion, with a final decision on a specific allocation or purchase reserved to the county board:

Squad car replacement	\$ 75,000
Dispatcher or other personnel	\$ 60,000
Building fund	\$ 30,000
Budgeted Reserve	\$155,569
Technology/business process improvements	\$ 30,000
Emergency Management	\$ 25,000

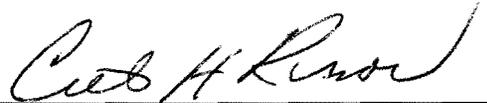
The Highway Fund remains balanced with no additional property tax levy revenue.

The Health and Human Services Fund deficit has been reduced to \$477,129. The proposed budget balances with a levy increase of \$477,129.

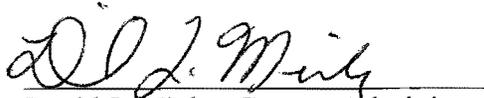
The board discussed the preliminary 2015 property tax levy in the amount of \$15,199,541. It was the consensus of the board to keep the levy at the proposed amount.

The board directed that staff update the health insurance costs after open enrollment closes, update the budget based on consensus of changes today, and make any additional corrections necessary to prepare the budget for the December 4, 2014 Truth in Taxation hearing.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.



Curt Rossow, Board Chair
Pine County Board of Commissioners



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