

MINUTES OF PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
Special Meeting / Committee of the Whole
(Hospital Road Project and County Auditor/Treasurer Position)

March 31, 2016, 9:00 a.m.
Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, Minnesota

Chair Curt Rossow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Steve Hallan, Josh Mohr, Steve Chaffee and Matt Ludwig. Also present were County Attorney Reese Frederickson, County Auditor/Treasurer Cathy Clemmer, County Administrator David Minke, City of Sandstone Administrator Sam Griffith, City of Sandstone Mayor Carl Steffen, City of Sandstone Councilman Tim Franklin, County Engineer Mark LeBrun, SEH Project Manager Greg Anderson, Economic Development Coordinator Dr. Robert Musgrove and Ailene Croup, local media.

The pledge of allegiance was said.

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

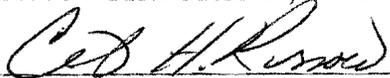
The county board discussed the proposed public improvements related to the extension of Lundorff Drive. The improvements include roadway, water, sanitary sewer, and storm water improvements needed to serve the new hospital complex in Sandstone. The construction cost is estimated at \$4.2 million and includes federal, state, and local funds. Because state funds are involved, the county highway engineer is required to oversee the project. Because federal EDA funds are involved, the county is also required to serve as a co-recipient (with the city of Sandstone) on the grant.

After discussion, it was determined that a Cooperative Agreement between the City of Sandstone and Pine County is necessary. The agreement will include an upfront payment from the City of Sandstone to Pine County of \$1.5 million. The county attorney was asked to complete the Cooperative Agreement and present to the county board for consideration at the April 5, 2016 regular board meeting.

The economic development coordinator was asked to complete the county's portion of the EDA grant application and present that at the April 5, 2016 regular county board meeting.

The county auditor-treasurer stated that she was not intending to run for reelection when her term expires January 31, 2018. The county board discussed the merits of making the auditor-treasurer position appointive rather than elective. The county attorney was asked to draft a resolution and present to the county board for consideration at the April 5, 2016 regular meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.



Curtis H. Rossow, Chair
Board of Commissioners



David J. Minke, Administrator
Clerk to County Board