

**MINUTES
OF THE
PINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

Pine County History Museum, 6333 H C Andersen Alle, Askov, Minnesota

Chair Curt Rossow called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Steve Hallan, Josh Mohr, Steve Chaffee and Matt Ludwig. Also present were County Attorney Reese Frederickson and County Administrator David Minke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chair Rossow called for public comment. Laurie Audette, Askov, stated the first week in October is Mental Illness Awareness Week and spoke of "Allen's Hope" in support of her son who committed suicide in May, 2016. Audette asked for help from the county in making changes to make it easier for Health & Human Services involvement in mental health/suicide prevention. Veterans Service Officer Ben Wiener also spoke with regard to suicide and suicide prevention among veterans and the need for support.

Chair Rossow requested the following revision to the Agenda:

1. Addition: Consent Agenda Item No. 8: Consider approval of (16) 2016 local option disaster property value abatements.
2. Addition: Consent Agenda Item No. 9: Consider approval and acceptance of Registered Land Survey #4.
3. Addition: Regular Agenda Item No. 3A: Legislative Agenda Update.

Commissioner Hallan moved to approve the amended Agenda. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Ludwig moved to approve the Minutes of the September 20, 2016 County Board Meeting and Summary for publication. Second by Commissioner Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes of Boards, Committees and Correspondence

Pine County Land Surveyor Monthly Report – August 2016

Commissioner Mohr moved to acknowledge the Minutes of Boards, Committees and Correspondence. Second by Commissioner Chaffee. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Chaffee moved to approve the amended Consent Agenda. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **September, 2016 Disbursements**
Approve Disbursements Journal Report, September 1, 2016 – September 30, 2016.
2. **Application for Abatement**
Approve Application for Abatement for James and Toni McDonald, 73775 Scotch Pine Road, Willow River, PID 17.0364.000, pay 2014 and 2015.

3. Application for Repurchase

Approve Resolution 2016-60 for Repurchase of Tax Forfeited Land – 10 Year Contract, Gloria Carlson, PID 08.0302.000 and authorize Board Chair and County Auditor to sign.

4. Donations

Accept a \$1,200 donation from the Pine County Agricultural Society (\$600 to the K-9 Fund, \$600 to the Reserve Unit).

5. Contract for Media Consultation Services

Approve a contract for media consultation services between Pine County Health & Human Services and Jamie Root-Larsen, Positive Community Norms (PCN). Contract period is September 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017, \$1,400 per month.

6. New Hire

- A. Approve the hiring of Child Protection Investigator Alexis Benjamin, effective October 5, 2016, \$20.74 per hour, C42, Step 1.
- B. Approve the hiring of Office Support Specialist Trysten Williamson, effective October 10, 2016, \$13.41 per hour, A13, Step 1.
- C. Approve the hiring of Duane Swanson, effective September 19, 2016, as a temporary employee to assist with the processing of absentee ballots through the General Election, \$17.50 per hour, not to exceed \$2,700. Funds are available in the 2016 Elections budget.
- D. Approve the hiring of Office Support Specialist Ashley Olson, effective October 5, 2016, \$16.00 per hour, A13.

7. Training

- A. Approve Social Worker Kathy Borowick, Social Worker Marlys Mestemacher, Case Aide Betty Koslowski, and Social Worker Marjanae Zerehi to attend the St. Louis County Health & Human Services Conference in Duluth, October 13-14, 2016. Registration: \$200, Meals: \$96, Mileage: use of county vehicle. Total Cost: \$296.
- B. Approve Land Services Director Kelly Schroeder to attend a Septic Inspector 12-hour general continuing education course at the Cloquet Forestry Center, December 7-8, 2016. Cost: \$265, county car will be used.
- C. Approve County Engineer Mark LeBrun to attend MN Toward Zero Deaths Conference in Duluth, November 16-17, 2016. Registration and hotel costs: \$293.
- D. Approve County Commissioners who wish to attend and County Administrator David Minke to attend the AMC District 1 Fall Meeting, October 13, 2016 in Silver Bay. Registration: \$25 per attendee; Lodging: \$114.95 plus tax.

8. Applications for Disaster Abatements

Approve the following 2016 local option disaster property value abatements:

- Mary Lou Johnson, 28502 Wilderness Retreat, Pine City, PID 08.5104.000
- Duane Lund, 74080 Co. Hwy. 61, Willow River, PID 17.0346.000
- Barbara Swan, 77044 Debbie Ridge Rd., Willow River, PID 17.5001.000
- Steven Gennow, 13220 Canalville Ln, Grasston, PID 28.5098.000
- Craig & Susan Curtis, 87193 Kettle Shores Loop, Sturgeon Lake, PID 31.5020.000
- Anthony Rawlings, 87115 Kettle Shores Loop, Sturgeon Lake, PID 31.5022.000
- Gerald & Donna Waldhom, 93150 Twilight Ln, Sturgeon Lake, PID 33.5165.000
- Garfield & Kathy Martichuski, 7144 Co. Hwy. 61, Finlayson, PID 44.0052.003
- James Monroe, 7236 Bald Eagle Ln, Rutledge, PID 44.0052.011
- Barbara Noren, 7126 Bald Eagle Ln, Rutledge, PID 44.0052.013
- Richard & Jolayne McNight, 7242 Bald Eagle Ln, Rutledge, PID 44.0052.019

Steven Buttweiler, 7204 Starlight Dr, Rutledge, PID 44.5084.000
Howard & Audrey Ridgeway, 7203 Starlight Dr., Rutledge, PID 44.5093.000
Linda Janes, 301 Jefferson St, Sandstone, PID 45.5123.000
Kenneth & Sandra Grey, 8779 Cathedral Pines Dr., Sturgeon Lake, PID 46.5177.000
Todd Carpentier & Angelda Evans, 8099 Willow St., Willow River, PID 47.5001.000

9. **Bradford McConnell Registered Land Survey (Registered Land Survey 4)**
Approve and accept Registered Land Survey No. 4 and authorize Board Chair and County Administrator/Clerk to sign.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Buffer Law Update**

Board of Water and Soil Resources State Program Administrator Erin Loeffler presented information about the buffer law, which will be enacted in November, 2017. Discussion was held. Commissioners requested Loeffler to follow up with information regarding upon the vacation of a ditch, what happens to the buffer requirement. Loeffler informed the board of the upcoming deadlines:

January, 2017: Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) to complete compliance determinations on watercourses within the county

March, 2017: The county board is to make a decision as to whether they will take on the role of compliance to enforce the buffer law. If not, then that responsibility defaults to the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

November 2017 – law is enforced on lands adjacent to public waters as identified on a buffer protection map.

November 2018 – law is enforced on lands adjacent to public ditches on a buffer protection map
Loeffler also introduced information regarding the One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P). This may replace the current county water plan in the future.

2. **Reappointment to HRA Board of Directors**

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to reappoint Carl Steffen to the Pine County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors, term October 5, 2016 to October 4, 2021. Second by Commissioner Chaffee. Motion carried 5-0.

3. **Set Special Meeting – Budget Committee**

A Special Meeting – Committee of the Whole (Budget Committee) was scheduled for October 11, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in the Board Room at the Pine County Courthouse, Pine City.

3A. **Legislative Agenda Update – Appointment of Auditor-Treasurer**

County Administrator Minke stated special legislation is necessary to make the auditor-treasurer position appointive rather than elected. Most special legislation for the appointment requires a supermajority of the county board, provide for a reverse referendum, and allow the current office holder to remain in office until his/her term expires.

Motion by Commissioner Rossow to appoint lead commissioners as follows for the issue of appointing the county auditor-treasurer: Commissioner Hallan—Senator Tony Lourey; Commissioner Ludwig—Representative Mike Sundin; and Commissioner Mohr—Representative Jason Rarick. Second by Commissioner Chaffee. Motion carried 5-0.

4. **Commissioner Updates**

Negotiations Committee: Administrator Minke stated the Correction Officer/Dispatcher and Legal Secretaries units have submitted formal request to meet and negotiate.

NE MN Regional Radio Board: Commissioner Hallan stated no quorum.

Snake River Watershed: No report.

Rush Line Task Force (Forest Lake Meeting): No report.

NLX: Commissioner Chaffee attended. Reduced budget was approved. Discussion of the closing of railroad crossings.

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe meeting: Commissioner Hallan stated cost sharing of community coach and truancy were discussed.

MLBO Meeting With Interim Sheriff Sara Rice: County Attorney Frederickson stated very positive meeting.

Central EMS: Commissioner Ludwig stated 372 doses of Narcan have been used by 25 agencies. Discussion of grant approval to replenish Narcan supply. Discussed critical incident stress management team.

Lakes & Pines Annual Board meeting: No report.

5. Other

Commissioner Hallan commented about the article in the Initiative Foundation magazine IQ about Lake Superior Laundry which highlighted Pine County Jail Program Coordinator Brent Jahnz. Hallan also commented about an article in Outdoor News which highlighted the need for reforestation of the white pine tree.

6. Upcoming Meetings

Upcoming meetings were reviewed.

7. Adjourn

With no further business, Chair Rossow adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m. The next regular meeting of the county board is scheduled for October 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Board Room, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, Minnesota.



Curtis H. Rossow, Chair
Board of Commissioners



David J. Minke, Administrator
Clerk to County Board