

MINUTES OF PINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING - BUDGET COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, September 29, 2014, 9:00 a.m.
Board Room, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, MN**

Chair Curt 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 Auditor-Treasurer Cathy Clemmer, County Administrator David Minke, Health and Human Services Director Becky Foss, and Human Resources and Payroll Specialist Matt Christenson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Administrator Minke reviewed the changes since the last budget meeting. The current deficit in the General Fund is \$24,200 and in the Health and Human Services Fund it is \$645,943.

Auditor Clemmer stated that she thought the revenue in the police state aid could be increased \$25,000, which would eliminate the General Fund deficit; however, neither the jail demolition or compensation and pay equity study are in the budget. They are estimated at \$40,000 each.

Health and Human Services Director Becky Foss reviewed the Health and Human Services budget. The budget is broken into three main areas: Income Maintenance, Social Services and Public Health.

Significant changes in the budget include an additional \$225,000 for out-of-home placements.

One Social worker was added for MnCHOICES.

The board discussed the levy and potential cuts they would like to see including:

- Evaluate the Land/Veterans secretary. This position was recently restructured to eliminate zoning-related duties.
- Consider elimination of the .4 FTE Probation agent
- Consider elimination of the recently created but not filled position of Jail Sergeant.
- Consider elimination of the recently created but not filled PT position of Jail Secretary
- Consider elimination of the deputy position hired to cover for a military deployment
- Consider elimination of a position in the Land Services Department

Auditor Clemmer stated that the county is considering refinancing the jail bonds. That action could save some money but is at least six months to a year away.

It was the consensus of board that they would consider a levy increase if necessary, but there needed to be real cuts to the budget to ensure a balanced approach.

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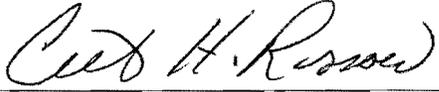
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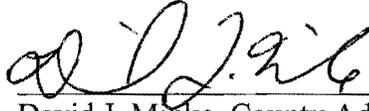
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