

Minutes
of
Truth in Taxation Hearing
Thursday, December 4, 2014, 7:00 p.m.,
Board Room, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, Minnesota

Vice Chair Chaffee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Steve Hallan, Mitch Pangerl and Matt Ludwig. Also present were County Administrator David Minke and Land Services Director Kelly Schroeder. Chair Rossow was absent (excused).

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Commissioner Ludwig moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Commissioner Pangerl. Motion carried 4-0.

Administrator Minke gave a slide presentation discussing the 2015 Pine County budget and property tax levy; the slide presentation will be placed on the Pine County website for the public to view. Administrator Minke stated the total proposed tax levy is \$15,199,541, which is an increase of 4.8% over the 2014 property tax levy.

Commissioner Hallan left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Vice Chair Chaffee called for public comment. Pine County resident Larry McGuinn commented on transportation costs paid by Health & Human Services; Pine County resident Jim France commented on the Third Avenue road project and demolition and paving of the parking lot; and Pine County resident Henry Fischer commented on the reserve fund balance and on strategic placement of street lighting for public safety. A brief discussion was held.

It was the consensus of the board that they were satisfied with the levy and budget for 2015. The budget and levy will be presented at the December 16, 2014 county board meeting for approval.

With no further discussion, Vice Chair Chaffee adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Curt H. Rossow, Chair
Pine County Board of Commissioners

David J. Minke, County Administrator
Clerk to County Board