

**MINUTES OF PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
SPECIAL MEETING and
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
July 26, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.
Aazhoomog Community Center
45749 Grace Lake Road, Sandstone, Minnesota**

Chair Curt Rossow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Josh Mohr, Steve Chaffee and Matt Ludwig. Also present were County Attorney Reese Frederickson, County Sheriff Jeff Nelson, Probation Director Terry Fawcett, and County Administrator David Minke. Commissioner Steve Hallan was absent (excused). Mille Lacs Band Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin and other representatives of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Commissioner Ludwig moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Commissioner Chaffee. Motion passed 4-0.

Introductions were made of all present. Tadd Johnson from the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe welcomed attendees to the Aazhoomog Community Center.

Chair Rossow called for discussion with local officials/residents. There was none.

Chief Executive Benjamin spoke about the importance of collaboration and that the Mille Lacs Band supported the Statement of Principles.

Commissioner Chaffee moved to approve the Statement of Principles with the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. Motion passed 4-0.

Chief Executive Benjamin and County Board Chair signed the Statement of Principles.


County Attorney Reese Frederickson reviewed the work in his office and noted the increase in the number of crimes prosecuted.

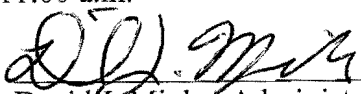
County Sheriff Jeff Nelson and Chief Deputy Paul Widenstrom reviewed the activity of the sheriff's office and the new K-9 program. Community members have donated over \$27,000 as of the end of June to the K-9 program.

County Probation Director Terry Fawcett provided an update on the probation department including a discussion of truancy.

County Administrator David Minke provided an update on the 2016 budget and that the county revenues and expenditures are about where expected at the end of June.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.


Curtis H. Rossow, Chair
Board of Commissioners


David J. Minke, Administrator
Clerk to County Board