

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

**Tuesday, December 1, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.
North Pine Government Center, Sandstone, Minnesota**

Chair Steve Hallan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chair Hallan stated the Governor of the State of Minnesota has issued Executive Order 20-01 Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Coordinating Minnesota's Strategy to Protect Minnesotans from COVID-19. On March 24, 2020, the Pine County Board of Commissioners declared a local emergency for Pine County.

Based on these conditions, the Chair of the Pine County Board of Commissioners has determined that the requirements of Minnesota Statute 13D.021, Subd. (1) have been met and it is not practical or prudent for all members of the county board to meet in person. Members of the county board will join the meeting remotely.

The public was invited to join the meeting remotely by phone, WebEx or watch via live stream on YouTube.

Commissioner John Mikrot and Commissioner Matt Ludwig were present in the meeting room. Members present via electronic means were Chair Hallan, Commissioner Josh Mohr and Commissioner Steve Chaffee. Also present in the meeting room was County Administrator David Minke and present via electronic means was County Attorney Reese Frederickson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chair Hallan called for public comment. The following spoke regarding the October 9, 2020 Pine County Sheriff's Office officer involved shooting which resulted in the death of Anthony Legato: Michelle Gross, Erin Coscia, Ciara Legato, Julie Lamomma, Tanya Tukuva, Shelly Davis, an unidentified caller, and Ailene Croup.

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to adopt the Agenda. Second by Commissioner Mikrot. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan: District 2-Commissioner Mohr/Aye; District 3-Commissioner Chaffee/Aye; District 4-Commissioner Mikrot/Aye; District 5-Commissioner Ludwig/Aye; District 1-Chair Hallan/Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Commissioner Mohr to approve the Minutes of the November 17, 2020 county board meeting and Summary for publication. Second by Commissioner Chaffee. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan: District 3-Commissioner Chaffee/Aye; District 4-Commissioner Mikrot/Aye; District 5-Commissioner Ludwig/Aye; District 1-Chair Hallan/Aye; District 2-Commissioner Mohr/Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence

2020 General Canvassing Board Minutes – November 12, 2020

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to acknowledge the Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence. Second by Commissioner Mikrot. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan: District 4-Commissioner Mikrot/Aye; District 5-Commissioner Ludwig/Aye; District 1-Chair

Hallan/Aye; District 2-Commissioner Mohr/Aye; District 3-Commissioner Chaffee. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Commissioner Mikrot to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Commissioner Mohr. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan: District 5-Commissioner Ludwig/Aye; District 1-Chair Hallan/Aye; District 2-Commissioner Mohr/Aye; District 3-Commissioner Chaffee/Aye; District 4-Commissioner Mikrot/Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Applications

A. 2021 Tobacco Licenses

Approve the following 2021 tobacco licenses, pending approval by the County Sheriff, and authorize Board Chair and County Auditor to sign licenses:

BP (formerly Murphy), Banning Junction Lounge, Banning Junction Convenience Store, Banning Junction off sale, Bear Creek Tavern, Bear's Den, Beroun Crossing Market, Casey's General Store #3445, Casey's General Store #3520, Chris' Food Center Sandstone, Crossroads Convenience Store, Daggett's Super Valu, Dave's Oil Corp, Denham Run Bar & Grill, Duquette General Store, Family Dollar Store, Family Dollar Store-Sandstone, Finlayson Municipal Liquor Store, Froggies (Tadpoles), Hinckley Firehouse Liquor, Holiday Station stores #6, 226, and 258 (3), Kurt's Station, Kwik Trip, Main Street Grocery, Mini Mart #1, Minit Mart (2), Nickerson Bar & Motel, Inc, Off the Road Bar & Grill, Petry's Bait Company, Pine City Tobacco, Red's Liquor Box, Rich's Bar, Sandstone Arco, Sandstone Petro Plus, Side Tracked, Slim's Service, Inc., Squirrel Cage, Super Smokes, Speedway #4500, Tobies Station, Inc, Wal-Mart Supercenter #2367.

B. Tax Forfeit Repurchase

Approve Resolution 2020-78 authorizing Daniel S. Katchmark, grandson of Mary Cegla, former owner, to repurchase the property described as Lots 21-24 and Lot 33, in Auditor's Subdivision in the Southwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 45, Range 21, (PID 37.0026.000) in full. The property is to be placed in Mary Cegla's ownership. Authorize Board Chair and County Administrator to sign.

2. Donations

Accept the \$2,000 donation from the Cloverleaf Chapter No. 4 Disabled American Veterans out of Hinckley, designating \$1,000 for Veterans Outreach Gift Cards and \$1,000 for the Veterans Van maintenance and operation expenses.

3. Contract Amendment – Food Service Agreement – Jail

Approve the Amendment to the Food Service Partnership Agreement between Pine County and Summit Food Services, LLC (formerly A'viands LLC), effective January 15, 2021; original contract was entered into in January, 2008. Authorize Board Chair and County Administrator to sign.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Technology Committee Report

Chair Hallan provided an overview of the November 24, 2020 Technology Committee meeting. Jail Administrator Rod Williamson provided information on the Guardian RFID, a handheld electronic tracking system for well-being checks and location tracking of inmates for inmate

safety and record keeping purposes. The Technology Committee recommended moving forward with purchasing this technology.

Motion by Commissioner Mohr to accept the proposal from Guardian RFID in the amount of \$37,431 with an annual maintenance cost of \$11,695 and authorize Board Chair and County Administrator to sign. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan: District 1-Chair Hallan/Aye; District 2-Commissioner Mohr/Aye; District 3-Commissioner Chaffee/Aye; District 4-Commissioner Mikrot/Aye; District 5-Commissioner Ludwig/Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

2. **Land Sale Cancellation/Withdrawal**

County Auditor-Treasurer Kelly Schroeder stated Tract 14 (PID 18.0126.000) was sold at the September 18, 2020 Land Auction. The original offering price was \$1,900 and was bid up to \$7,000. The purchaser has requested to cancel the sale of this parcel and will forfeit both the \$700 down payment and the state assurance of \$210. Rather than offering the tract for sale over the counter at the assessor value, Schroeder recommended removing the tract from the sale to allow the value to be reassessed.

Motion by Commissioner Chaffee to approve Resolution 2020-79 cancelling the land sale on Tract 14 (PID 18.0126.000) and withdrawing said tract from the sale. Authorize Board Chair and County Administrator to sign. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan: District 2-Commissioner Mohr/Aye; District 3-Commissioner Chaffee/Aye; District 4-Commissioner Mikrot/Aye; District 5-Commissioner Ludwig/Aye; District 1-Chair Hallan/Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

3. **Residential Recycling Contract**

County Auditor-Treasurer Kelly Schroeder stated the county board previously authorized staff to pursue contract development with Cloquet Riverside Recycling Incorporated for serving of the county's residential recycling program. The term of the contract is January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021, with the option to extend upon mutual agreement for up to four years. A consumer price index escalator will be applied annually to any term extensions to increase compensation to the contractor, reflecting of rising costs of service. The cost of this contract for 2021 is \$69,600.

Motion by Commissioner Mikrot to approve a contract with Cloquet Riverside Recycling. Authorize Board Chair and County Administrator to sign. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan: District 3-Commissioner Chaffee/Aye; District 4-Commissioner Mikrot/Aye; District 5-Commissioner Ludwig/Aye; District 1-Chair Hallan/Aye; District 2-Commissioner Mohr/Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Chaffee left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

4. **Coronavirus Response Update**

A. Community Health Services Administrator Sam Lo provided an update on the current public health situation related to the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccine distribution.

B. CARES Act Funding Update

County Administrator David Minke provided an update on CARES Act funds. The initial county allocation and cities/townships with less than 200 was \$3,630,594. The amount returned from cities/townships greater than 200 was \$345,987 for a total available amount of \$3,976,581. After allocation of funds to businesses, non-profits, and direct appropriations to organizations, the amount of funds remaining is \$785,434.01. These funds will be split between Public Health (\$213,897.58) and the Sheriff/Jail will split \$571,536.43.

5. **Commissioner Updates**

AMC Policy Committee / Public Safety: Report given at previous county board meeting.

Mille Lacs Corporate Venture Business Incubator and Entrepreneur meeting: Chair Hallan stated this was a great meeting and he is excited that the Mille Lacs Band is helping the county move forward with business opportunities.

Pine County Housing and Redevelopment Authority: No report given.

Arrowhead Counties Association / proposed 2021 priorities: Commissioner Mikrot stated the county will need to review the list of eight priorities and choose three. This will be discussed at the December 15th county board meeting.

Extension Committee: Commissioner Mohr unable to attend.

Rush Line Task Force: cancelled

Labor Negotiations: Collective Bargaining Agreements are being updated and will be presented at the next county board meeting for consideration.

Snake River Watershed: cancelled

Lower St. Croix 1W1P Policy Committee: cancelled

NLX: cancelled

Other: None.

6. **Other**

None.

7. **Upcoming Meetings**

Upcoming meetings were reviewed.

8. **Adjourn**

With no further business, Chair Hallan adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m. The next regular meeting of the county board is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., North Pine Government Center, 1602 Hwy 23. No., Sandstone, Minnesota.



Stephen M. Hallan, Chair
Board of Commissioners



David J. Minke, Administrator
Clerk to County Board of Commissioners