

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS/CORRECTIONS

Regular Meeting

June 1, 2021

Revision:

1. Consent Item 1.B.iii/Applications for 3.2/Liquor/Wine/Tobacco License
Revise request to reflect: iii. 3.2 On/Off Sale and Wine License with strong beer endorsement
and *Consumption and Display (set-up)*
2. Regular Item 8/Upcoming Meetings
8.b. – June 2nd Facilities Committee meeting cancelled

Additional Information:

1. Health Insurance Committee Report, Regular Agenda Item #1
Minutes provided.
2. Performance Management Program Participation, Regular Agenda Item #4
Updated 2020 Results provided.

**Pine County Insurance Committee
Minutes
Wednesday, May 26, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.
WebEx Meeting
Pine County, Minnesota**

Members:

Commissioner Terry Lovgren
Commissioner Matt Ludwig

Members present: Commissioner Lovgren, Commissioner Steve Hallan (Commissioner Ludwig – excused absence)

Others present: Kelly Schroeder, Jackie Koivisto, Deborah Gray, Jennifer Frederickson, Jessica Blesener, Sherry Johnson, Jodi Blesener, Molly Benoit, Terry Clementson, Yvette Weis, Shawn Linnell, Andrew Kieffer, IBEW Representative, Sheila Pokorny, AFSCME Representative; Justin Kroeger, Insurance Broker with Gallagher

1. Call to order

Commissioner Hallan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Review Agenda

3. Financial Update

A. Claims Data

Justin reviewed claims experience through the third week of May 2021. January and February consisted of mainly pharmacy claims. Medical claims require 30-60 days to process while pharmacy claims are paid at the time of service. March and April include more medical claim payments and therefore, reflect a more realistic picture of total claims experience. To date, our claims are trending favorably when compared to prior years. It should be noted that it is a bit early in the year to have a complete financial picture.

B. Reserves

Total plan expenses through the third week of May were \$834,018. This figure includes the monthly administrative and stop loss fees and paid claims. The total plan income (premiums withheld from county and employees) was \$1,562,385 leaving a net accumulated reserve balance of \$728,327. From a reserve balance standpoint, we are where we need to be.

C. COVID Data

The county's COVID claims spend is comparable to other groups. The total amount through April 2021 was \$5,827 with the majority spent on testing vs. medical treatment.

4. Health Insurance Plan Discussion

Committee members were asked to consult with their respective groups to solicit insurance plan feedback. There were a few specific examples of employees having issues with pharmacy claim payments and a general comment that certain prescriptions seem to be more expensive with United Health Care vs. BlueCross & BlueShield. Justin stated that drug prices usually increase quarterly. The increases are driven by drug manufactures and not the insurance companies. He also reminded the group that Specialty medications must be filled through OPTUM, United Health Care's pharmacy manager. There were questions about out-of-network providers. Justin will research each situation

and respond directly to the employee. He commented that it is common to experience a few bumps along the way when transitioning to a new insurance carrier but overall, it appears that our transition has gone well.

5. **Wellness**

The wellness committee has been working on the Rally Wellness Program with United Health Care. Incentives will go live June 1st or shortly after. Employees will be able to earn up to \$150 in health credits that will be in the form of gift cards (taxable) or Health Care Savings Account contributions (non-taxable) by participating in wellness activities and challenges. United Health Care will provide a live Rally program presentation for county employees.

Commissioner Hallan would like to see county employees that are not part of the county health plan, receive incentives for healthy behaviors and asked if Gallagher could come up with a program to serve these employees. Justin commented that the wellness committee has had discussions about this and will work to come up with a plan to serve this group. We have already set aside wellness money for non-United Health Care participants.

6. **Health Insurance Market Update**

Justin reported that the Service Cooperative has made the decision to move from BCBS to Medica beginning in 2022.

Justin discussed a potential new product that he is working on with BlueCross & BlueShield. The plan would be self-insured and designed exclusively for large public employers.

7. **Pine County Road Map for Remainder of 2021**

- A. 3rd quarter meeting will be schedule for August.
- B. 2022 UHC Plan renewal proposal and rate setting meeting will be scheduled for September.
- C. Open enrollment to be scheduled for November 2021.

8. **Adjourn**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.



PINE COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER

PINE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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2020 Performance Management Program Results

Category	Measure	2018 Outcome	2019 Outcome	2020 Outcome
Public Safety	Part I and II Crimes	Part I Crimes: 4,005 Part II Crimes: 3,689 (2017 data)	Part I Crimes: 1,574 Part II Crimes: 1,948 (2018 data)	Part I Crimes: 2,402 Part II Crimes: 3,078 (2019 data)
Public Works	Average Bridge Sufficiency Rating	92.98	93.05	95.06
Public Health, Social Services	Percentage of low birth-weight births	7%	7%	7%
Property Records, Valuation, Assessment	Level of Assessment Ratio	PT 06: 97.54% PT 91: 93.66% PT 93: 94.00% PT 95: 96.00%	PT 06: 96.81% PT 91: 92.87% PT 93: 93.59% PT 95: 96.91%	PT 06: 100.85% PT 91: 94.60% PT 93: 93.80% PT 95: 96.24%
Property Records, Valuation, Assessment	Turn-around time for recording, indexing and returning real estate documents	7,102/7,103 or 99.99%	6,938/6,945 or 99.90%	7,886/7,893 or 99.91%
Elections	Accuracy of post-election auditor (% of ballots counted accurately)	99.99%	100.00%	99.93%
Veterans Services	Percentage of Veterans receiving federal benefits	39.8%	40.3%	pending
Budget, Financial	Bond Rating	AA-	AA-	AA-
Budget, Financial	Debt service levy per capita; outstanding debt per capita	Levy Per Capita: \$85.39 Debt Per Capita: \$883.90	Levy Per Capita: \$85.56 Debt Per Capita: \$832.85	Levy Per Capita: \$84.12 Debt Per Capita: \$1,056.66 **
Environmental	Recycling Percentage	28%	35.7%	pending

*Pine County has no County Parks or Libraries, therefore no measure was applicable in that category.

** Per capita debt for 2020 appears inflated because the county borrowed money in 2020 to refinance the courthouse debt so that on 12/31/20 the county held both the “old” debt and the “new” debt. The “old” debt was repaid with the new bond proceeds and the effective debt per capita for 2021 is \$760.51.



AGENDA

PINE COUNTY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

District 1	Commissioner Hallan
District 2	Commissioner Mohr
District 3	Commissioner Lovgren
District 4	Commissioner Waldhalm
District 5	Commissioner Ludwig

Tuesday, June 1, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

North Pine Government Center

1602 Hwy. 23 No.

Sandstone, Minnesota

- **The Meeting Will be In Person and Via WebEx (video/phone conference) and streamed live on the internet.**
- **The public may join the meeting via WebEx, in person at the meeting room, or watch the livestream.**
- **If joining the meeting in person, the total number of persons (including commissioners) cannot exceed 10 and social distancing of at least 6 feet will be in effect.**

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.

The public is invited to join the meeting in person or remotely: by phone call 1-650-215-5226, (access code): 152 959 1514, (password): Qdap2pXPQ53. Click the link on the county website (www.co.pine.mn.us) for more information and to watch a live stream broadcast of the meeting.

- A) Call meeting to order
- B) Pledge of Allegiance
- C) Public Forum. Members of the public are invited to speak. After being recognized by the Chair, each speaker should state his/her name and limit comments to three (3) minutes.
- D) Adopt Agenda
- E) Approve Minutes
 - Minutes of May 18, 2021 County Board Meeting and Summary for publication.
 - Minutes of May 24, 2021 Special Meeting-Public Hearings for DEED Coronavirus Response Program Projects – Broadband and Remodel of A Place For You
- F) Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence
 - Pine County Land Surveyor Report – May 2021
 - Pine County Chemical Health Coalition Minutes – May 10, 2021
 - Initiative Foundation Thank You – May 18, 2021

G) Approve Consent Items

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda is voted on without any discussion. Any commissioner may request an item be removed and added to the regular agenda.

1. **Applications**

Consider approval of the following:

A. Tax Forfeit Property – authorize Board Chair and County Administrator to sign

- i. Resolutions 2021-39 & 2021-40 authorizing Walter Marotz, prior owner, to purchase Pine County Parcels 07.0318.000 (51002 Sand Creek Road, Bruno) and 07.0318.003 (51340 Sand Creek Road, Bruno), in full.
- ii. Resolution 2021-41 authorizing the sale of Pine County Parcel 44.5071.000 (7336 County Hwy. 61, Rutledge) for \$1.00 plus fees to address the blighted conditions on said property.
- iii. Resolution 2021-42 extending a special assessment in the amount of \$2,400 to run for four years against Pine County Parcel 25.0187.000 for a fire call reimbursement.

B. 3.2/Liquor/Wine/Tobacco License – authorize County Auditor-Treasurer to sign the licenses/applications for liquor and 3.2 licenses; authorize Board Chair and County Auditor-Treasurer to sign the wine with strong beer endorsement and tobacco licenses

- i. Temporary On-Sale Liquor License: A.B.A.T.E. of MN – Jack Pine Riders Chapter, event to be held July 8-11, 2021 at 27079 Leese Road, Finlayson, MN (Linda Dronen residence).
- ii. Temporary 3.2 License: Sokol Camp, event to be held August 15-16, 2021 at 19201 Woodland Acres SE, Pine City (MN Sokol Camp Association).
- iii. 3.2 On/Off Sale and Wine License with strong beer endorsement: Aufderhar & Aufderhar, LLC (Ray & Marge’s Resort), 36700 Lakeland Road, Sturgeon Lake
- iv. 3.2 On/Off Sale License: Duxbury Store, 61113 Duxbury Road, Sandstone
- v. 3.2 Off Sale License: Duquette General Store, 88235 State Hwy. 23 No., Duquette.
- vi. Tobacco License: Foamers, LLC 201 2nd Ave. No, Brook Park, MN (new owner of Off the Road Bar & Grill).

2. **2021 State Boat and Water Safety Grant**

Consider approval of the 2021 State Boat and Water Safety Grant in the amount of \$8,055.

The grant will be used for enforcement hours and annual maintenance. Grant period is January 1, 2021- through June 30, 2022. This grant does not require matching funds. Authorize Board Chair and County Administrator to sign.

3. **Training**

A. Consider approval of Commissioner Terry Lovgren to attend the AMC County Government 201: Summer Conference for Recently Elected County Officials, July 14-16, 2021, St. Paul. Registration: \$325; Lodging: \$139 per night plus tax; Parking; \$24 per day. Funds are available in the 2021 Commissioner budget.

B. Consider approval of property appraisers Molly Benoit, Karen Stumne and Kim Kylander, to the Minnesota Association of Assessing Officers (MAAO) course, 15-Hour Residential Assessing 101, June 28-29, 2021, St. Cloud. Registration: \$225 per person; county vehicle will be used for transportation, therefore no mileage costs will be incurred. Total cost: \$675. All costs are within the 2021 Assessor’s office budget.

REGULAR

1. **Health Insurance Committee Report**
The Health Insurance Committee met May 26, 2021. Minutes will be provided separately. Minutes will be for information only; no board action will be necessary.
2. **Farm Family of the Year Introduction**
Recognition and acknowledgement of the Farm Family of the year for Pine County, Steve and Estelle Martin.
3. **Legislative Update**
Senator Jason Rarick will provide a legislative session/special session update.
4. **Performance Management Program Participation**
Consider approval of Resolution 2021-38 to continue participating in the council on Local results and Innovation Performance Measurement Program. Authorize Board Chair and County Administrator to sign.
5. **American Rescue Plan Update**
6. **Commissioner Updates**
AMC County Government 101
Arrowhead Counties Association
CBR: Accelerate Program
Snake River Watershed Management Board
Snake River Watershed Policy Committee
MN Rural Counties
Lower St. Croix Policy Committee
Technology Committee – Cancelled
NLX – Cancelled
Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA)
Nemadji Watershed Implementation Policy Committee
 Unapproved Minutes of May 13, 2021
 Bylaws adopted May 13, 2021
Other
7. **Other**
8. **Upcoming Meetings (Subject to Change)—All meetings to be conducted remotely unless otherwise indicated. Contact the organization hosting the meeting for call-in information.**
 - a. Pine County Board of Commissioners, Tuesday, June 1, 2021, 10:00 a.m., 1602 Hwy. 23 No., Sandstone, Minnesota
 - b. Facilities Committee, Wednesday, June 2, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
 - c. AMC District 1 Pre-Meeting Informal Event, Wednesday, June 2, 2021, 5:30 p.m., Commissioner Sve's home.
 - d. AMC District 1 Spring Meeting, Thursday, June 3, 2021, Two Harbors Community Building, 417 South Ave., Two Harbors, Minnesota
 - e. East Central Regional Juvenile Center, Thursday, June 3, 2021, 12:30 p.m.
 - f. Personnel Committee, Monday, June 7, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
 - g. CBR: Accelerate Meeting, Monday, June 7, 2021, 1:00 p.m.
 - h. Soil & Water Conservation District, Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

- i. Pine County Law Library, Thursday, June 10, 2021, 12:00 p.m.
- j. Central Minnesota Jobs & Training Services, Friday, June 11, 2021, 12:15 p.m.
- k. Economic Development Committee, Monday, June 14, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
- l. East Central Solid Waste Commission, Monday, June 14, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
- m. East Central Regional Library Trustee, Monday, June 14, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
- n. Pine County Chemical Health Coalition, Monday, June 14, 2021, 4:00 p.m.
- o. Pine County Board of Equalization, Monday, June 14, 2021, 6:00 p.m., 1602 Hwy. 23 No., Sandstone, Minnesota
- p. Pine County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting, Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 10:00 a.m., 1602 Hwy. 23 No., Sandstone, Minnesota

9. **Adjourn**