

**MINUTES
OF
PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
SPECIAL MEETING
and
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**September 14, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.
North Pine Government Center, 1602 Hwy. 23 No., Sandstone Minnesota**

Chair Steve Hallan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Josh Mohr, Terry Lovgren, and J.J. Waldhalm. Also present were County Administrator David Minke, County Attorney Reese Frederickson, and County Auditor-Treasurer Kelly Schroeder. Due to an out-of-town commitment, Commissioner Matt Ludwig joined the meeting via interactive technology, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.02. Commissioner Ludwig was seen and heard at the meeting via electronic means and participated from Staybridge Suites, 2350 Commerce Drive NW, Rochester, MN 55901, a location open and accessible to the public.

The public was invited to join the meeting in person, by phone, by Zoom or watch via live stream on YouTube.

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Local officials from the cities of Askov, Bruno, and Sturgeon Lake, and townships of Bruno, Fleming, Kerrick, New Dosey, Nickerson, Norman, Park, Partridge and Windemere had been invited to the meeting. Windemere Township Supervisor Mark Dunaski thanked the county board for the financial contribution by the county toward a feasibility study on the high-water levels on Sturgeon Lake. The contribution was from ARPA funds. Mr. Dunaski also commented on recent criminal activity in their parking lot.

Chair Hallan requested the following revisions to the agenda:

1. Change in Order of Agenda: Move Item #9 (Opioid Settlement Update) to #10 and move #10 (2022 Budget Discussion) to #9.
2. Additional Information:
 - a. Item #6-Economic Development Update: PowerPoint slides
 - b. (new) Item #10-Opioid Settlement: Recommendation to go into close session under attorney/client provision in Minnesota Statutes 13D.05, Subd. 3(b) to discuss the case *Pine County v. Purdue Pharma L.P., et al., No. 19-CV-01907*.
 - c. (new) Item #9-2022 Budget: Memo outlining potential adjustments to preliminary budget.

Motion by Commissioner Waldhalm to approve the amended agenda. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. 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 Lovgren/Aye; District 4-Commissioner Waldhalm/Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

2021 Strategic Plan Update

County Administrator David Minke reviewed progress on the county board's 11 strategic plan goals.

Economic Development Update

Economic Development Coordinator Lezlie Sauter provided an update on recent activities relating to broadband, the American Rescue Plan Act, Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Development Authorities, and development/structure of surrounding county HRA-EDAs. The county website will be updated to create a more robust tool for economic development information.

Chair Hallan called a recess at 10:09 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:13 a.m.

Solid Waste Ordinance

Land and Resources Manager Caleb Anderson stated the current Solid Waste Ordinance hasn't been significantly reviewed since its adoption in 1990. Anderson recommended the formation of an ad hoc committee to review the ordinance to recommend updates and improvements. The committee will be comprised of two county commissioners, a zoning board member, city representative, township representative, MPCA representative and local solid waste industry representative. Commissioners Hallan and Ludwig stated their interest to be commissioner representatives, and MPCA Compliance and Enforcement State Supervisor Heidi Kroening, who was in attendance, offered to be the MPCA representative. Chair Hallan stated commissioners should think about representatives for the other seats and let him know.

ATV Ordinance Review

Sheriff Jeff Nelson provided an overview of Pine County Ordinances 2016-03, adopted in 2016. This ordinance provides for the management of Class 1 ATVs in the public right-of-way of roads within the county's jurisdiction. No revisions were suggested to the ordinance. Commissioner Waldhalm commented on the ATV usage and environmental concerns at the Willow River dam site. The Sheriff's Office will contact the Highway Department to add signage to the area.

2022 Budget Discussion

County Administrator David Minke reviewed the memberships/costs of the various organizations the county has membership in. Commissioners discussed the preliminary budget and property tax levy. The county board will set the preliminary levy at the September 21, 2021 county board meeting,

County Administrator Minke reviewed the procedure for conducting a closed meeting.

Closed Meeting – Attorney/Client Privilege

Motion by Commissioner Mohr to close the meeting for the purpose of discussing the case *Pine County v. Purdue Pharma L.P., et al., No. 19-CV-01907* in accordance with Minnesota Statutes

13D.05, Subd. 3(b), attorney/client privilege. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan: District 1-Chair Hallan/Aye; District 2-Commissioner Mohr/Aye; District 3-Commissioner Lovgren/Aye; District 4-Commissioner Waldhalm/Aye; District 5-Commissioner Ludwig/Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

The open meeting recessed at 11:35 a.m.

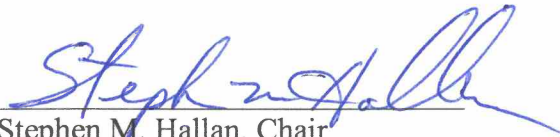
The closed portion of the meeting convened at 11:40 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Hallan, Mohr, Lovgren, Waldhalm, and Ludwig; County Administrator David Minke; County Attorney Reese Frederickson; Sheriff Jeff Nelson; IT Manager Ryan Findell; County Auditor-Treasurer Kelly Schroeder; and Health & Human Services Director Becky Foss. Ludwig and Foss joined via electronic means, all others were present in the meeting room.

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to open the closed meeting. Second by Commissioner Waldhalm. A Roll Vote was called by Chair Hallan: District 1-Chair Hallan/Aye; District 2-Commissioner Mohr/Aye; District 3-Commissioner Lovgren/Aye; District 4-Commissioner Waldhalm/Aye; District 5-Commissioner Ludwig/Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

The open meeting reconvened at 12:06 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.



Stephen M. Hallan, Chair
Board of Commissioners



David J. Minke, County Administrator
Clerk to County Board