

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

**Tuesday, July 6, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.
Board Room, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, Minnesota**

Chair Steve Hallan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Josh Mohr, Terry Lovgren, J.J. Waldhalm, and Matt Ludwig. Also present were County Administrator David Minke and County Attorney Reese Frederickson.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chair Hallan called for public comment. Ailene Croup commented on returning to in person meetings in the boardroom since pre-pandemic.

Chair Hallan requested the following revisions to the agenda:

Additional Information:

1. Agenda Item F: Cover letter and list of proposals for Pine County for the Lessard Sams Heritage Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to adopt the amended Agenda. Second by Commissioner Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve the Minutes of the June 15, 2021 county board meeting and Summary for publication and Minutes of June 29, 2021 Special Meeting-Committee of the Whole. Second by Commissioner Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence

- Lessard Sams Heritage Correspondence – Notification of Outdoor Heritage Fund Proposals
- Pine County Chemical Health Coalition Minutes – June 14, 2021
- Pine County Chemical Health Planning and Implementation Update
- Pine County Land Surveyor Monthly Report – June 2021

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to acknowledge the Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Commissioner Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Applications**

A. **Repurchase Application**

- i. Approve Resolution 2021-48 authorizing Eugene Balut, Jr., former owner, to repurchase the property described as Part of Lot 12, in Auditor's Subdivision of Section 2, Township 44, Range 20, PID 47.0056.000, in full. Authorize Board Chair and County Administrator to sign.

- ii. Approve Resolution 2021-49 authorizing Eugene Balut, Jr., former owner, to repurchase the property at 8291 Willow St., Willow River, PID 47.0056.001, in full. Authorize Board Chair and County Administrator to sign.
 - B. Premises Permit
Approve Resolution 2021-50 approving the application for premises permit for the Hinckley Lions to conduct lawful gambling at Maverick’s Saloon & Bar, 29410 Beroun Crossing Rd., Pine City, MN (Chengwatana Township). Authorize Board Chair and County Administrator to sign.
 - C. Exempt Permit
Approve an exempt permit for Pine County Thunderin’ Toms to conduct lawful gambling on September 17, 2021 at Doc’s Sports Bar and Grill, 34427 Majestic Pine Dr., Sturgeon Lake, MN (Windemere Township).
 - D. Temporary On Sale Liquor License
Approve a temporary sale liquor license for the Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce for an event on July 22, 2021 at WCMP Radio Station, 15429 Pokegama Lake Road, Pine City, MN (Pokegama Township).
2. **Special Assessments - Septic Fix-Up**
Approve Resolution 2021-47 extending a septic fix-up special assessment to Rodney N. and Barbara J. Ripley, PID 30.0504.001, \$21,178.36. Authorize Board Chair and County Administrator to sign.
 3. **Joint Powers Agreement Between Pine County Probation and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension**
Approve Resolution 2021-46 approving the Joint Powers Agreement between the Pine County Probation Office with the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, on behalf of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for use of the State’s Criminal Justice Data Communications Network (CJDN), and approval of the Court Data Services Subscriber Amendment to the CJDN Subscriber Agreement. Authorize Board Chair and County Administrator to sign. This is a five-year renewal.
 4. **Training**
 - A. Approve Dianne Johnson to attend the Minnesota Association of Assessment Personnel (MAAP) Workshop, August 19-20, 2021, St. Cloud, Minnesota. Registration: \$95, lodging: \$98; meals: \$15; mileage: \$67.20. Total Cost \$275.
 - B. Approve Sherry Johnson to attend the American Probation & Parole Association Bi-Annual Training Institute, August 23-25, 2021, in Boston, Massachusetts. Registration: \$390; Airfare: \$300; Lodging: \$995; Meals: \$45. Total cost: \$1,730.
 - C. Approve Michelle Kelash to attend the Minnesota County Health & Human Services Accountants (MCHHSA) conference, August 30-September 1, 2021, at Alexandria, Minnesota. Registration: \$100; Lodging/Meals: \$548; Mileage: \$158. Total cost: \$806.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Cleanwater Partnership Loan Update**
County Auditor-Treasurer Kelly Schroeder provided an update on the Cleanwater Partnership Loan program. This program provides financial assistance to homeowners to replace non-compliant septic systems. Since the inception of the program in 2016, 111 loan applications have been received, with 91 non-compliant systems replaced, totaling \$1,404,288.

2. **Post Pandemic County Operations**

The board discussed future county operations with the expiration of the peacetime emergency. Regular county board meetings will be in person. A web-ex and streaming component will continue for the public who may wish to join remotely. Outside county established committees, dependent upon their structure under statute and if subject to the Open Meeting Law, may be necessary to appear in person. County-established committee meetings may continue remotely if desired. Scheduling of a future Committee of the Whole (September) at the Nemadji Research was discussed.

3. **Legislative Update**

County Administrator David Minke provided a legislative update.

4. **Commissioner Updates**

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) discussion with townships and cities: Administrator Minke stated a second ARPA coordination meeting has been scheduled for July 27th to assist townships and smaller cities to access ARPA funds.

CBR: Accelerate Meeting: The county can apply for a \$25,000 Blandin Foundation grant to hire a consultant to assist in determining what the next steps for broadband will be.

Rush Line Task Force – cancelled

Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA): Commissioner Ludwig was unable to attend the meeting. Economic Development Coordinator Lezlie Sauter stated the HRA board was interested in housing rehab.

Snake River Watershed Management Board: Commissioner Mohr stated discussion was held on whether to keep the management board active or to incorporate into the 1W1P board.

East Central Regional Development Commission Annual Meeting: Commissioner Waldhalm stated Glenn Williamson and Kevin Hofstad were reappointed to their ECRDC roles. ECRDC provided financial assistance to a new shingle/home-washing business. Funds are still available from the COVID revolving fund.

Other: None.

5. **Other**


None.

6. **Upcoming Meetings**

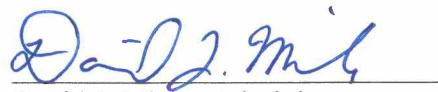
Upcoming meetings were reviewed.

7. **Adjourn**

With no further business, Chair Hallan adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m. The next regular meeting of the county board is scheduled for Tuesday, July 20, 2021 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