

**MINUTES
OF THE
PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
Special Meeting – Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, July 21, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.
Board Room, Pine County Courthouse
635 Northridge Drive NW, Pine City, 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 and County Attorney Reese Frederickson. 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 WebEx or watch via live stream on YouTube.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

1. **Soil and Water Conservation (SWCD) District Update**

Pine County Soil and Water Conservation District Manager Paul Swanson reviewed the Soil and Water Conservation District staff and responsibilities, SWCD goals, and reviewed projects and their funding sources.

2. **East Central Regional Juvenile Center**

Probation Director Terry Fawcett stated Pine County currently has a Joint Powers Agreement for secure juvenile detention and treatment at the East Central Regional Juvenile Center in Lino Lakes. Fawcett reviewed the annual usage and costs associated with placements. Discussion was held whether to remain the status quo at one bed, reduce membership to a half membership, or whether to terminate membership in the Joint Powers Agreement. After discussion, it was the consensus of the board that the county remain at a full membership, and to Fawcett and Commissioner Ludwig who are on the Advisory Board, should continue encourage the ECRJC to provide better programming for juvenile offenders.

Chair Hallan called a five-minute recess at 10:29 a.m.

The board reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

3. **Solid Waste Ordinance**

Land and Resources Manager Caleb Anderson stated the County Solid Waste Ordinance was adopted in 1990. Anderson reviewed proposed amendments to the ordinance to include solid waste storage, collection and transportation, and licensing of landfill facilities and recycling facilities.

10:50 a.m. Commissioner Ludwig unable to participate due to technical difficulties.

After discussion, the consensus was for additional information to be brought to a future Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion.

10:54 a.m. Commissioner Ludwig rejoined meeting.

4. **Mid-Year 2021 Budget Report**

County Administrator David Minke provided an update of the budget through June 30, 2021 reviewing the expenditure and revenue of major funds through June. The county's budget is on track. Minke stated that total sales tax collections through the end of May are \$5,300,866, which is 63% of the total authorized amount. The tax will automatically expire when \$8,450,000 is collected, or December 31, 2026, whichever occurs first. If collection continue at the same rate as the last 12 months, the remaining sales tax will be collected by June, 2023.

5. **Initial 2022 Budget Discussion**

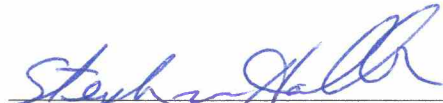
County Auditor-Treasurer Kelly Schroeder provided an overview of the budget process, county fund structure, major revenue sources, and 2022 budget considerations.

Motion by Commissioner Mohr to schedule Special Meetings-Committee of the Whole for department budget presentations for 9:00 a.m., August 24, 2021 and August 31, 2021, at the Board Room, Courthouse, Pine City, Minnesota. 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.

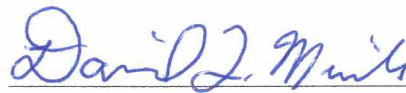
Commissioner Ludwig left the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

6. **Adjourn**

With no further business, Chair Hallan adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.



Stephen M. Hallan, Chair
Board of Commissioners



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