

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS/CORRECTIONS

Regular Meeting

April 5, 2022

Revision: Regular Agenda #8: Application for Community Projects Program

Revise to reflect submission of the application of the federal Community Projects Program to both Senator Klobuchar and Senator Smith's Office.

Addition: Other

- 10.A Consider approval of Resolution 2022-21 Supporting Senate File 2793 and House File 3073 Encouraging Equitable Funding for Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Payments
- 10.B Economic Development Coordinator Lezlie Sauter will provide a hands on/interactive review of the Hometown Fiber Pine County report.
<https://pine-county-broadband-consulting-report-htf.hub.arcgis.com/>
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Password: 1Cust@HTF_1234



AGENDA REQUEST FORM

Date of Meeting: April 5, 2022

- County Board**
 - Consent Agenda
 - Regular Agenda 5 mins. ___ 10 mins. ___ 15 mins. ___ Other ___
- Personnel Committee**
- Other** _____

Agenda Item: Consider Resolution 2022-21 Supporting Increased PILT Payments for State-Owned Property

Department: Administration

Department Head signature

Background information on Item:

The Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board (NCLUCB) has completed a study showing how the PILT payments from the State of Minnesota have not been distributed equitably to all counties. Generally, as PILT funding has increased, a disproportionate amount has benefited counties in southern Minnesota and the metro area.

Senator Bakk has authored Senate File 2793 and Representative Ecklund has authored House File 2073. Representative Nelson is a coauthor on HF 2073. These bills are intended to address the disparity. The NCLUCB has requested counties consider resolutions of support for the proposed legislation. Pine County is not a member of the NCLUCB.

Action Requested:

Consider Resolution 2022-21 supporting SF 2793 and HF 2073 encouraging equitable funding for PILT payments.

Pine County Resolution 2022-21
Supporting Senate File 2793 and House File 3073
Encouraging Equitable Funding for
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Payments

WHEREAS, the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Program passed into Minnesota law in 1979 with the statutory purpose “to address the disproportionate impact of state land ownership on local units of government with a large proportion of state land;”

WHEREAS, 95% of all PILT acreage is in the northern half of Minnesota;

WHEREAS, since 1995, nearly all PILT payment increases have gone to counties in the southern portion of Minnesota including metro area counties;

WHEREAS, when PILT payments began in 1979, the greatest disparity between the highest PILT compensated county and the lowest compensated county was 8:1. Today that disparity is 170:1; and

WHEREAS, the principal cause PILT payments are so inequitable across Minnesota is because in 1995, the Acquired Acres category of PILT payments switched from a flat rate to a land value basis while all other major PILT payment categories remained at a flat rate; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board (NCLUCB) recently completed a comprehensive study on PILT which quantified the above-referenced inequities; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bakk has authored Senate File 2793 and Representative Ecklund has authored House File 3073 to correct these inequities by increasing PILT payments to northern Minnesota counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pine County Board of Commissioners Supports Senate File 2793 and House File 3073 and encourages equitable funding for PILT payments.

Dated this 5th day of April, 2022.

Stephen M. Hallan, Chair
Pine County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

David J. Minke, County Administrator



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, April 5, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
Board Room, Pine County Courthouse
635 Northridge Drive NW
Pine City, Minnesota

The public is invited to join the meeting in person or remotely: by phone call 1-312-626-6799, (Meeting ID): 989 3723 6982; (password): 5911400. 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 March 15, 2022 Regular County Board Meeting and Summary for publication
- F) Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence
Pine County Chemical Health Coalition Minutes – March 14, 2022
Pine County Zoning Board Minutes – February 24, 2022
Pine County Surveyor’s Monthly Report – March, 2022
- 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. Exempt Permit

- i. Ruffed Grouse Society – Rum River Chapter to conduct Minnesota lawful gambling on August 6, 2022 at Wings North, 19379 Homestead Road, Pine City, MN (Pokegama Township)

- B. Pawn Shop License
- i. Gerald Phillips, as the new lessor of Northern Pawn Shop, 60622 State Highway 23, Finlayson, MN (Finlayson Township)
2. **Pine County Commissioners’ Expense Claim Forms**
Review and consider approval of Commissioners’ Expense Claim Form.
 3. **2022 Timber Auction**
Consider approval of the timber auction tracts and the general terms and conditions of the sale.
 4. **Tax-Forfeit Conveyance Request**
Consider Resolution 2022-19 authorizing the sale of property legally described as Lot 9, Block 27, Townsite of Sandstone Quarries to the City of Sandstone for \$1.00. The City will also be responsible for the fees required to complete the sale. Authorize Board Chair and County Administrator to sign.
 5. **Agreements/Contracts/Grants**
Consider approval of the following agreements/grants and approve Board Chair and County Administrator to sign:
 - A. Pine County Children, Families, and Learning Services Collaborative Agreement, effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026. Health & Human Services is the fiscal host. No financial impact as the collaborative receives funding through local time studies.
 - B. 2022 Minnesota Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Equipment Grant in the amount of \$6,220. This grant may only be used for safety enforcement equipment purchases and will be used to purchase 12 inflatable life jackets and 14 buoys. The grant does not require matching funds.
 6. **Final Payment Contract #2002**
Consider final payment of Contract #2002 in the amount of \$202,644.72 to Knife River Corporation and authorize County Administrator to sign Certificate of Final Contract Acceptance for:

SAP 058-652-012	Located on CSAH 52, from CR 157 to CSAH 61	5.4 miles
SAP 058-661-028	Located on CSAH 61 in Pine City, from CSAH 7 to the Snake River Bridge	0.702 miles
SAP 058-670-001	Located on CSAH 70, from CSAH 61 to TH 70	0.46 miles
CP 058-020-003	Located on 2 nd St in Sturgeon Lake from Lake Ave. to CSAH 61	0.7 miles
CP 058-020-004	Located on Cemetery Rd in Sturgeon Lake from CR 161 to 0.268 miles south	0.268 miles
CP 058-052-003	Located on CSAH 52 from CR 157 to 1.0 mile north	1.0 miles
CP 058-108-001	Located on CR 108 from CR 109 to TH 70	0.50 miles
CP 058-109-001	Located on CR 109 from CSAH 61 to Fairfield Ave. in Rock Creek	0.982 miles
CP 058-157-001	Located on CR 157 in Denham, from CSAH 41 to CSAH 52	0.979 miles

7. **New Hire**

Consider authorizing the hiring of the following:

- A. Part-time Hazardous Waste Recycling Attendants Rick Gross and Jean Peterson, effective April 6, 2022, non-union, FSLA non-exempt, \$15.87 per hour, pending successful baseline medical examination for working with hazardous waste.
- B. Temporary Watercraft Inspectors Robert Sunstrom, Jay Kaelberer, Klaus Rechelbacher, and Ray Fenner, effective April 6, 2022, \$16.50 per hour.
- C. Temporary Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Intern Emma Willhite, effective April 6, 2022, \$16.00 per hour.
- D. Full-time Deputy Sheriff Ryan Helin, effective April 18, 2022; \$26.65 per hour, Grade 10, Step 1.

8. **Training**

Consider approval of the following training:

- A. Commissioner Lovgren to participate in the 12-week, online, NACo High Performance Leadership Academy. Commissioner Lovgren has secured a scholarship from AMC to cover the registration cost of \$1,695.
- B. Out-of-state travel for any commissioner interested in attending the NACo Annual Conference July 20-24, 2022 in Adams County, Aurora, Colorado. The total cost of the conference including registration, travel, lodging, and meals is estimated at \$3,000.
- C. Community Health Services Administrator Samantha Lo and Public Health Supervisor Jessica Fehlen to attend the Workhuman Live Conference, May 16-19, 2022 in Atlanta, Georgia. Costs per person: Registration: \$2,100, Room/travel: \$700, Meals: \$150. Total cost per person: \$2,950. All costs associated with the conference will be covered by the Public Health Federal COVID-19 grant (not ARPA funds).
- D. Fraud Investigator Kari Rybak to attend the 2022 MN Fraud Investigator's Association Spring Conference, May 11-13, 2022 in Nisswa, Minnesota. Registration: \$175, Lodging/meals: \$390, Total cost \$565. Funds are available in the 2022 Health & Human Services budget.

REGULAR

1. **Public Hearing: Tax Abatement (at 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as practicable)**

- A. Presentation of the project
- B. County Board questions and discussion
- C. Open Public Hearing
- D. Take public testimony
- E. Close Public Hearing
- F. County Board additional discussion if necessary
- G. Consider adoption of Pine County Resolution 2022-17 Approving Property Tax Abatement for the Village Apartments, LLC. Authorize Board Chair and County Administrator to sign.

2. **Public Hearing: 2022 Redistricting Plan (at 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as practicable)**

- A. Presentation of commissioner Redistricting Plan (no boundary changes are required or proposed)
- B. County Board questions and discussion
- C. Open Public Hearing

- D. Take public testimony
- E. Close Public Hearing
- F. County Board additional discussion if necessary
- G. Consider Pine County Resolution 2022-20 adopting County Commissioner Districts.
Authorize Board Chair and County Administrator to sign.

3. **Recognition of 40 Years of County Employment**

Acknowledge Deputy Treasurer Kathy Reiser’s 40 years of employment with Pine County.

4. **Reconsider Action to Offer For Sale the County’s Interest in Outlot A – Jackie’s 1st Addition**

Motion to reconsider the action taken at the March 1, 2022 board meeting to sell the county’s interest in Outlot A of Jackie’s 1st Addition and to refer the item back to the Land and Zoning Advisory Committee.

5. **Murphy Access Easement Request**

A. Consider Resolution 2022-18 approving easement request and the terms and conditions of the sale. Authorize Board Chair and County Administrator to sign.

B. Consider authorizing Board Chair and County Administrator to execute the deed for the sale of the easement once terms and conditions are met.

6. **Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Grant Agreement**

Approve authorizing Board Chair and County Administrator to sign the Help America Vote Act Grant Agreement.

7. **2021 Highway Annual Report**

Public Works Director/County Engineer Mark LeBrun will present the 2021 Public Works Department Annual Report.

8. **Application for Community Project to Senator Klobuchar’s Office**

Consider approval to submit the application to the federal Community Projects Program through Senator Klobuchar’s office for the Pine County I-35 and Highway 48 Congestion Reduction, Tourism and Development Collaborative between Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Pine County and the City of Hinckley.

9. **Commissioner Updates**

Arrowhead Counties Association

Lakes & Pines Community Action Council

Technology Committee - Cancelled

NLX Meeting

Housing & Redevelopment Authority/Economic Development Authority

Pine County Education Collaborative Leadership Network meeting

Highway 23 Coalition Annual Meeting

Snake River Watershed Management Board and Snake River 1W1P Policy Committee

AMC Legislative Conference

City of Sandstone meeting

Other

10. **Other**

11. **Upcoming Meetings (Subject to Change)—Location and/or call-in information.**

Contact the organization hosting the meeting for call-in information.

- a. Pine County Board of Commissioners, Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 10:00 a.m., Board Room, Courthouse, 635 Northridge Drive NW, Pine City, Minnesota
- b. Facilities Committee, Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Conference Room, Courthouse, Pine City, Minnesota
- c. Personnel Committee, Monday, April 11, 2022, 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Conference Room, Courthouse, Pine City, Minnesota. NOTE CHANGE IN TIME from 9:00 a.m.
- d. East Central Solid Waste Commission, Monday, April 11, 2022, 9:00 a.m., 1756 180th Avenue, Mora, Minnesota
- e. East Central Regional Library Trustees Board, Monday, April 11, 2022, 10:00 a.m., 111 Dellwood St. No., Cambridge, Minnesota
- f. Special Meeting-Committee of the Whole, Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 9:00 a.m., Board Room, Courthouse, Pine City, Minnesota
- g. NE MN Area Transportation Partnership, Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 10:00 a.m.,
- h. Soil & Water Conservation District, Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 3:00 p.m., 1610 Hwy 23 No., Sandstone, Minnesota
- i. Law Library, Thursday, April 14, 2022, 12:00 p.m., Law Library, Courthouse, Pine City, Minnesota
- j. Pine County Board of Commissioners, Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 10:00 a.m., North Pine Government Center, 1602 Hwy. 23 No., Sandstone, Minnesota

12. **Adjourn**