

**MINUTES  
OF  
PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING  
SPECIAL MEETING-COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**April 12, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.  
Board Room, Pine County Courthouse  
635 Northridge Drive NW  
Pine City, Minnesota**

Vice Chair Josh Mohr called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Terry Lovgren and Matt Ludwig. Also present was County Administrator David Minke. Due to an out-of-town commitment, Commissioner J.J. Waldhalm joined the meeting via interactive technology, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.02. Commissioner Waldhalm was seen and heard at the meeting via electronic means and participated from Quality Inn, 1505 Hillview Drive, Hillsboro, Texas, a location open and accessible to the public.

**Others Present:**

Solid Waste Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee representatives: Terry O'Rourke/Nickerson Township (township representative), Terry Peterson/Jones Construction (local solid waste industry representative), and Heidi Kroening, MPCA Representative. Land and Resources Manager Caleb Anderson, County Assessor/Recorder Lorri Houtsma, County Auditor/Treasurer Kelly Schroeder, Probation Supervisor Kevin Glass, Corrections Agent Devin Petersen, and Probation Director Terry Fawcett. Human Resources Manager Jackie Koivisto was present via electronic means.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Those present introduced themselves.

Chair Steve Hallan joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

**Solid Waste Update**

Land and Resources Manager Caleb Anderson reviewed the fees and solid waste services available to county residents, and provided an overview of the process to update the Pine County Solid Waste Ordinance, established in 1990. The board questioned what effect utilizing the solid waste management fee for enhanced garbage and recycling service has had on environmental conditions in other counties and inquired as to what the cost would be to make a significant enhancement on the county's environmental conditions and recycling rate. The board expressed that solid waste and recycling fees collected through property assessments may be preferable to user fees and recommended staff to bring some proposals or options to the Solid Waste Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee for recommendations to the County Board.

**Property Value Update**

County Assessor/Recorder Lorri Houtsma provided an update on current trends in property value increases and explained the appeal process. County Auditor/Treasurer Kelly Schroeder provided information relating to calculation of property values and the effect on taxes.

Chair Hallan called a recess at 11:06 a.m.

The county board meeting reconvened at 11:08 a.m.

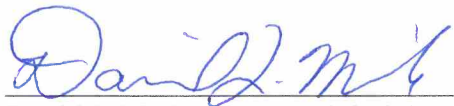
**Pre-Trial Release**

Probation Supervisor Kevin Glass and Corrections Agent Devin Petersen explained the Minnesota Pretrial Release Evaluation and Assessment Tool (MNPAT) process. This process is used to improve pretrial outcomes for defendants and provide consistent information to judges and attorneys. In 2021, 470 bail studies were completed.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.



Stephen M. Hallan, Chair  
Pine County Board of Commissioners



David J. Minke, County Administrator  
Clerk to County Board