

**MINUTES
OF THE
PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 1, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.
Board Room, Courthouse, Pine City, Minnesota**

Chair Hallan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present were Commissioners Josh Mohr, Terry Lovgren and Matt Ludwig. Also present was County Administrator David Minke. Due to out-of-town commitments, Chair Steve Hallan and Commissioner J.J. Waldhalm joined the meeting via interactive technology, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.02. Commissioners were seen and heard at the meeting via electronic means, at locations open and accessible to the public, and participated from

Chair Hallan: Panera Bread, 700 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, Florida

Commissioner Waldhalm: 904 Calle Cruz Roja, Barrio Obrerero, Arecibo PR.

County Attorney Reese Frederickson 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.

Chair Hallan called for public comment. There was no public comment.

Chair Hallan requested the following revisions to the agenda:

Addition to Regular Agenda 2.1: Legislative Update Discussion/Consideration for Commissioners and County Administrator to attend the AMC Legislative Conference March 2-3, 2022 in St. Paul.

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to adopt the amended Agenda. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan: District 3-Commissioner Lovgren/Aye; District 4-Commissioner Waldhalm/Aye; District 5-Commissioner Ludwig/Aye; District 1-Chair Hallan/Aye; District 2-Commissioner Mohr/Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve the Minutes of the January 18, 2022 county board meeting and Summary for publication. Second by Commissioner Mohr. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan: District 4-Commissioner Waldhalm/Aye; District 5-Commissioner Ludwig/Aye; District 1-Chair Hallan/Aye; District 2-Commissioner Mohr/Aye; District 3- Commissioner Lovgren/Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence

Pine County Chemical Health Coalition Minutes – January 10, 2022

Pine County Historical Society correspondence – January 21, 2022

Pine County Land Surveyor Monthly Report – January 2022

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to acknowledge the Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence. Second by Commissioner Mohr. 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.

Commissioner Ludwig asked about the cancellation of outstanding warrant process (Consent Agenda Item #2). County Auditor-Treasurer Kelly Schroeder explained the requirement and process for cancellation of outstanding warrants.

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Commissioner Mohr. 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Commissioner Expense Claim Form**
Approve Commissioner Expense Claim Form.
2. **Cancellation of 2019 Outstanding Warrants**
Approve the cancellation of 2019 outstanding warrants.
3. **2022-23 Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant**
Approve the 2022-23 Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant in a total amount of \$9,024 (\$4,512 each fiscal year). The grant period is July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023. There is no match requirement. Authorize Board Chair and County Administrator to sign.
4. **Final Payment Contract #2101**
Approve the final payment to Landwehr Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$8,749.90 for Contract #2101 related to SAP 058-599-047, Windemere Township box culvert located on Rush Blvd., 0.7 miles west of Military Road, and authorize County Administrator to sign the Certificate of Final Contract Acceptance.
5. **New Hire**
Approve the hiring of:
 - A. Eligibility Worker Danielle Snedeker, effective February 7, 2022, Grade 6, Step 1, \$20.49 per hour.
 - B. Social Worker Morgan Foxx, effective February 22, 2022, Grade 10, Step 2, \$26.99 per hour, contingent upon successful background check.
 - C. Part-time Dispatcher Coltin Brown, effective February 14, 2022, Grade 7, Step 1, \$21.77 per hour, contingent upon successful background check.
6. **Training**
Consider approval of the following training:
 - A. Social Worker Cassie Peterson to attend the Minnesota Social Services Association Conference, March 16-18, 2022 in Minneapolis. Registration \$195, Meals \$60, Total \$255.
 - B. Senior Agent Jami Tuve Anderson to attend Crisis Intervention training at Minnesota Correctional Facility-Stillwater, April 25-29, 2022. Registration \$0, Lodging \$431.84. Total cost: \$431.84.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Ordinance 2022-05 Amending the Shoreland Management Ordinance – Public Hearing

Land and Resources Manager Caleb Anderson explained Ordinance 2022-05 would amend the Pine County Shoreland Management Ordinance regarding land use districts (floodplain and zoning district designations), amend the official county zoning map, and address variance voluntary mitigation opportunities.

Chair Hallan opened the public hearing at 10:16 a.m. There being no public comment, Chair Hallan closed the public hearing at 10:16 a.m.

Commissioner Waldhalm requested additional information relating to the variance and appeal process.

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve Ordinance 2022-05 Amending the Pine County Shoreland Management Ordinance and the updated Pine County Shoreland Management Ordinance. Second by Commissioner Mohr. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan: District 2-Commissioner Mohr/Aye; District 3-Commissioner Lovgren/Aye; District 4-Commissioner Waldhalm/Aye; District 5-Commissioner Ludwig/Aye; District 1-Chair Hallan/Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

2. FY Clean Water Fund One Watershed, One Plan Program Grant Agreement

Land and Resources Manager Caleb Anderson requested approval of the Clean Water Fund One Watershed, One Plan Program Grant Agreement, and professional services contracts with Pine and Carlton Soil and Water Conservation Districts. This \$194,434 grant will fund future projects, to be completed by June 30, 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to approve the FY 2022 Clean Water Fund One Watershed, One Plan Program Grant Agreement, subcontracts with the Soil & Water Conservation Districts of Pine and Carlton counties, and designate the Pine County Auditor/Treasurer as the grantee's authorized representative. Second by Commissioner Mohr. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan: District 3-Commissioner Lovgren/Aye; District 4-Commissioner Waldhalm/Aye; District 5-Commissioner Ludwig/Aye; District 1-Chair Hallan/Aye; District 2-Commissioner Mohr/Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

2.1 Legislative Update / AMC Legislative Conference

Chair Hallan stated Minnesota's 2022 Legislative Session started January 31st with a \$7.7 billion budget surplus. Commissioners identified items of priority for discussion with legislators to include County Probation Officer reimbursement, upgrading of the SSIS Health & Human Services software program, payment in lieu of taxes formula, mental health initiative, and public safety aid.

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to approve attendance at the AMC Legislative Conference by any commissioner desiring to attend and county administrator David Minke, March 2-3, 2022. Second by Commissioner Lovgren. A Roll Call vote was called by Chair Hallan: District 4-Commissioner Waldhalm/Aye; District 5-Commissioner Ludwig/Aye; District 1-Chair Hallan/Aye; District 2-Commissioner Mohr/Aye; District 3-Commissioner Lovgren/Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Commissioner Updates

Arrowhead Counties Association: Commissioner Ludwig stated Senator Bak is carrying the PILT bill; there is an additional \$3 million for the northern counties. Arrowhead is optimistic on county probation funding with bi-partisan support. Mental health funding (AMHI Reform and Moose Lake Alternative Funds) are uncertain.

Snake River Watershed Management Board & 1W1P Policy Committee: Commissioner Lovgren stated the Board appointed the Chair and Vice Chair for 2022. Also discussed were eight projects (4 are proposed Pine County projects).

Lakes & Pines Community Action Council: Chair Hallan stated Lakes & Pines has lost two board members in the last two months, and the executive director will be retiring this fall.

Lower St. Croix Partnership (1W1P): Chair Hallan stated the organizational structure of the partnership was reviewed. Several projects are being implemented.

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe: Commissioner Lovgren stated items discussed included follow up on the placement of requested road signs, the need for emergency medical services in the eastern region of the county, the opioid settlement, the band's support of NLX, and the continued interest in a proposed additional interchange south of the Hinckley exit.

NLX: Commissioner Lovgren stated a new chairman was appointed; NLX is optimistic that funds will be available because of surplus money available.

Housing & Redevelopment Authority/Economic Development Authority: Commissioner Ludwig stated strategic planning, priorities and organizational discussion took place. The HRA/EDA want to focus on the county website and update with information.

Other:

Broadband: Chair Hallan stated he and Commissioner Lovgren continue to attend several broadband meetings per month. The county has an opportunity to receive a \$100,000 grant from the Blandin Foundation to do four, \$25,000 small projects. East Central Energy in the process of a large study and if they receive grant funding, will begin to build out broadband in their 14-county service area.

Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI): Commissioner Lovgren stated appreciation to the county departments involved in working to keep juveniles out of unnecessary secure detention. Commissioner Ludwig stated the JDAI will not jeopardize public safety.

Northeast Minnesota Emergency Communications Board/Radio Advisory Committee: Chair Hallan stated the Chair and Vice Chair were appointed. Chief Deputy Scott Grice is Pine County's representative on the Radio Advisory Committee.

4. **Other**

None.

5. **Upcoming Meetings**

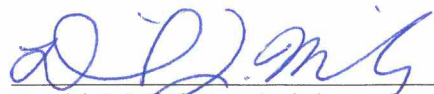
Upcoming meetings were reviewed.

6. **Adjourn**

With no further business, Chair Hallan adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m. The next regular meeting of the county board is scheduled for February 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the North Pine Government Center, 1602 Hwy. 23 No., Sandstone, Minnesota.



Stephen Hallan, Chair
Board of Commissioners
Josh Mohr, Vice Chair



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