

Minutes
of
Truth in Taxation Hearing
Thursday, December 8, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Board Room, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, Minnesota

Chair Steve Hallan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Terry Lovgren, J.J. Waldhalm, and Matt Ludwig. Also present were County Administrator David Minke and Auditor/Treasurer Kelly Schroeder. Commissioner Josh Mohr was absent (excused).

Public in attendance: Geraldine Lynch, Ed Storebo, Patrice Winfield, Mark Olson, John McKenzie, Jim France, Traci LeBrun, Craig Saari, Kathy Saari, Richard Hall, Aubree Groscost, Kevin Hinze.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chair Hallan welcomed those in attendance and explained the purpose of the Truth in Taxation meeting.

Commissioner Lovgren moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. Motion carried 4-0.

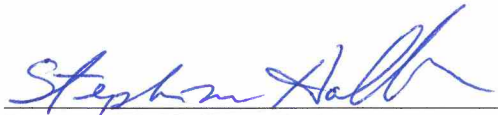
Administrator Minke presented the 2023 Pine County budget and property tax levy. Administrator Minke stated the total proposed tax levy is \$21,272,255, which is an increase of 3% over the 2022 property tax levy.

Commissioner Waldhalm commented that the levy could be reduced with the sale of tax forfeited/memorial forest land.

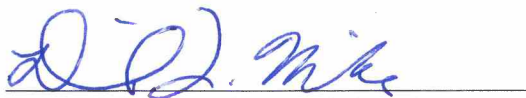
Chair Hallan called for public comment. Several individuals commented on the increase in land values, property tax valuations, real estate taxes payable, and the projected state budget surplus.

The final 2023 budget and levy will be presented at the December 20, 2022 county board meeting for consideration.

With no further discussion, Chair Hallan adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.



Stephen M. Hallan, Chair
Board of Commissioners



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