

**MINUTES
OF
PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
Special Meeting – Committee of the Whole
Strategic Planning
Tuesday, January 12, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
Board Room, 635 Northridge Drive NW, Pine City, Minnesota**

Commissioner 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 and County Attorney Reese Frederickson. 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, at a location open and accessible to the public, and participated from 904 Calle Cruz Roja, Barrio Obrero, Arecibo PR.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

1. Review Progress on 2021 Goals

Commissioners reviewed 2021 priorities/goals and accomplishments.

- Economic Development
- Broadband Access
- County Attorney Office workload
- Wetland Bank Development
- Sales Tax for Transportation
- Sheriff’s Office Staffing
- Solid Waste/Dumping
- Outdoor Recreation/Trails
- Re-establish Local Government Officials meetings (when possible)
- 2022 Levy / Service Levels
- Pandemic Response/Lessons Learned/Organizational & Community Resilience

2. Department Presentations

The following department representatives provided an overview of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats and Priorities for their departments:

Probation.....Terry Fawcett
Human ResourcesJackie Koivisto
Information TechnologyRyan Findell
Health and Human Services.....Becky Foss

Chair Hallan called a recess for lunch at 11:57 a.m.

The board reconvened at 12:27 p.m.

County Sheriff.....Jeff Nelson
County Sheriff/Jail.....Rod Williamson

County Attorney.....Reese Frederickson
Auditor/Treasurer.....Kelly Schroeder
Highway/Public Works.....Mark LeBrun

Chair Hallan called a recess at 2:55 p.m.

The board reconvened at 3:07 p.m.

3. Brainstorm Strategic Issues for 2022

The commissioners identified the following issues for consideration:

- Broadband Access
- Community Health / Youth / 4-H / Blue Zones
- 2023 Levy
- Mental Health
- Land/sell while value is high
- County Attorney Office Workload
- Legislative Priorities—Legislative presence
 - SSIS/other programs
 - Probation funding
 - Highway funding
- Group Homes / transitional housing (need for)

4. Rank Strategic Issues/Develop Goal Statements

The proposed strategic issues for 2022 will be reviewed and refined at a future meeting.

5. COVID-19 Update / Discussion

OSHA Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS) for COVID-19 vaccine, testing and masking was discussed.

6. Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.


Stephen M. Hallan, Chair
Pine County Board of Commissioners


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