

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

**May 9, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.
Courthouse Board Room
635 Northridge Drive NW
Pine City, Minnesota**

Chair Steve Hallan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Josh Mohr, Terry Lovgren, J.J. Waldhalm, and Matt Ludwig Also present were County Administrator David Minke and County Attorney Reese Frederickson.

Others present: Sheriff Jeff Nelson, Jail Administrator Rod Williamson, Chief Deputy Scott Grice, Pine County/East Central Task Force Inv. Drew Abrahamson, Inv. Barry Sjodahl, Inv. Brad Carlson, Sgt. Patrick Ellstrom, and Inv. Zach Libra.

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Chair Hallan welcomed those present.

Sheriff's Office Updates

The following presentations were provided by sheriff's office personnel:

- Inv. Andrew Abrahamson.....Overview of sheriff's office investigations/
cases and the East Central Drug and Violent
Offenders Task Force
- Inv. Barry Sjodahl.....Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT)

At 10:07 a.m. the county board meeting moved outdoors to the north parking lot of the Pine County Sheriff's Department where the Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) armored vehicle, SWAT van, and drones were available for viewing.

- Sgt. Patrick Ellstrom.....provided information on the MRAP vehicle
and equipment utilized by SWAT
- Inv. Brad Carlsonprovided information on the drones
currently used by the sheriff's office

At 10:55 a.m. the county board meeting returned indoors to the county board room.

- Inv. Brad Carlsonprovided additional information related to
the K-9 program, drone usage, as well as
other technology used in the investigation of
cases.

Chief Deputy Scott Grice.....Body Camera overview

Sheriff Jeff Nelson provided an overview on staffing, gun permits, and Emergency Management. Sheriff Nelson stated sheriff's office personnel additions for future consideration by the board to include the addition of a lieutenant, analyst, system coordinator, and additional deputy. Current sheriff's office budgetary concerns include staff overtime and the professional and technical services costs.

Jail Administrator Rod Williamson provided an overview of jail operations, jail medical budget, mental health services, staffing and budget.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.



Stephen M. Hallan, Chair
Board of Commissioners



David J. Minke, Administrator
Clerk to County Board