

**MINUTES
OF THE
PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

North Pine Government Center, 1602 Hwy 23 No., Sandstone, Minnesota

Chair Hallan called the meeting to order at 10:00 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, at 904 Calle Cruz Roja, Barrio Obrero, Arecibo PR, a location open and accessible to the public. County Attorney Reese Frederickson appeared via interactive technology. Commissioner Josh Mohr arrived at 10:04 a.m.

The meeting was live streamed on YouTube.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Chair Hallan requested the following revision to the agenda:

- A. Consent Agenda Item 3.A.i - Excluded Bingo Permit Application – Correction of year of events to reflect **2023**.
- B. Regular Agenda Item 2 – Child Abuse Prevention Month - Correction of resolution number on the resolution document to reflect **2023-19**.

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to adopt the amended Agenda. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. 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. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to approve the Minutes of the March 7, 2023 regular county board meeting and Summary for publication, and March 14, 2023 Special Meeting-Committee of the Whole Minutes. 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. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Mohr arrived at 10:04 a.m.

Minutes of Boards, Committees and Correspondence

Minnesota Management & Budget Notification of Compliance with local Government Pay Equity Act – March 10, 2023

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to acknowledge the Minutes of Boards, Committees and Correspondence. 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.

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve the amended Consent Agenda. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve February, 2023 Cash Balance

Fund	February 28, 2022	February 28, 2023	Increase/Decrease
General Fund	4,462,588	4,662,992	200,404
Health and Human Services Fund	2,346,262	3,097,523	751,261
Road and Bridge Fund	2,817,201	3,285,113	467,912
Opioid Settlement	0	254,694	254,694
COVID Relief	2,503,513	3,365,683	862,170
Land	2,461,114	2,691,411	230,297
Self Insurance	501,726	501,497	(229.48)
TOTAL (inc non-major funds)	17,387,406	20,278,010	2,890,604

2. February 2023 Disbursements/Claims Over \$2,000

Approve the February 2023 disbursements including the individual listing of claims over \$2,000, and 510 claims under \$2,000 or not needing approval totaling \$439,535.95 as follows: Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc, 29,698.57; AIR PURIFICATION & ENERGY CONS INC, 3,820.91; Aml Cleaning Service, Inc, 4,000.00; Anderson Electric, 18,434.93; Anoka Co Juv Ctr, 16,610.00; ANOKA COUNTY TREASURY OFFICE, 12,875.00; Arlen Krantz Ford Inc, 8,469.20; Askov Deep Rock, 4,140.64; Askov Deep Rock, 7,864.95; Beaudry Oil & Propane, 49,985.84; BLAINE LOCK & SAFE INC, 5,160.00; BlueCross BlueShield of Minnesota, 223,699.30; BONKS SAND & GRAVEL, 8,027.50; Cavallin Inc, 2,440.80; Central Mn Council On Aging, 2,534.00; Central Mn Jobs & Training Services, 16,412.19; Chamberlain Oil Co., Inc, 2,835.54; Champ Software Inc, 13,122.00; CIT, 5,920.00; CLOQUET RIVERSIDE RECYCLING, INC, 10,000.00; COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA, 45,724.31; DHS State Operated Services, 23,560.00; DIAMOND DRUGS INC, 2,749.55; DLT SOLUTIONS LLC, 6,162.75; East Central Energy Of Braham, 12,100.64; ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, 16,651.00; Family Pathways - North Branch, 4,270.00; FERGUSON SAFETY PRODUCTS, 2,227.89; Fieldstone Apartments LLP, 3,240.00; FLEETPRIDE, 2,147.82; G&N Enterprises, 3,347.00; GUARDIAN, 8,781.42; Hopkins Sand & Gravel Inc, 17,852.71; Interstate Power Systems Inc, 2,672.00; JONES CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INC, 9,762.50; Kris Engineering, Inc, 9,362.16; KRONOS SAASHR INC, 2,652.19; LHB INC, 7,456.70; LITTLE FALLS MACHINE INC, 2,799.11; LOFFLER COMPANIES-131511, 3,368.57; MAPPINGSOLUTIONS, 5,730.00; MEDICAREBLUE RX, 12,321.00; MEDSURETY, LLC, 18,134.91; Mille Lacs Band Family Services, 9,039.53; Minnesota Elevator, Inc, 9,172.36;

MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES CORP, 15,267.10; MINNESOTA POWER, 4,349.76; MISSISSIPPI HEADWATERS BOARD, 2,000.00; Mn Life Insurance Company, 4,678.90; Mn Petroleum Services, Inc, 2,050.00; MN SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION, 8,825.42; MPJ ENTERPRISES LLC, 8,810.00; Nexus-Kindred Family Healing, 8,445.28; North Homes Inc, 11,748.14; Northland Business Systems, 3,402.25; Nuss Truck Group Inc, 41,751.79; OFFICE OF MN.IT SERVICES, 5,124.08; OWENS COMPANIES INC, 10,385.25; PDQ.COM CORPORATION, 4,200.00; PREMIER SEALCOATING & SNOW REMOVAL, 5,350.00; Rabe Excavating, LLC, 3,420.00; Regents Of The U Of Mn, 10,165.56; Reliance Systems, 4,122.50; Roberts Excavating, 13,850.00; Sandstone Napa, 2,262.56; SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP, 118,924.80; Solid Oak Financial Services, LLC, 3,905.00; SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT LLC, 28,873.08; SWATMOD LLC, 17,764.00; TEAMSTERS JOINT COUNCIL 32, 62,385.00; Todd Elliott Excavating, 5,080.00; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC, 54,669.74; UNITEDHEALTH GROUP, 44,926.95; VC3 INC, 7,225.00; Verizon Wireless, 10,703.00; Village Ranch Residential Facility, 9,338.74; WELIA HEALTH, 10,892.69; WILLOW WINDS APARTMENTS, 2,865.00

3. **Applications**

Approve the following application:

A. **Excluded Bingo Permit**

- i. Pathfinder Village – St. Croix Owner Association to conduct bingo on May 27, July 1, August 5, and September 2, 2023 at Pathfinder Village, 49200 State Highway 48, Hinckley, Minnesota (Clover Township). Authorize Auditor-Treasurer to sign application.

4. **Pine County Commissioners' Expense Claim Forms**

Approve commissioner expense claim forms.

5. **Donations**

Accept the following donation:

- A. \$9,160 donation from the Pine County Veterans Council for the remaining balance owing on the purchase of a new veterans' van.

6. **New Hire**

- A. Approve the hiring of Marady Koland as a case aide, effective March 22, 2023, \$20.57 per hour, Grade 5, Step 2.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Personnel Committee Report**

Commissioner Mohr provided an overview of the March 13, 2023 Personnel Committee meeting. The Personnel Committee made the following recommendations:

A. **Veterans Services**

- i. Acknowledge the resignation of part-time Veterans Service Officer Michael Harshman, effective February 22, 2023. The position and job description are currently in review and will be brought back at a later date for approval and backfill.

B. Sheriff's Office

- i. Acknowledge the resignation of Deputy Brandon Sell, effective March 9, 2023, and approve backfill of the position and any subsequent vacancies that may occur due to internal promotion or lateral transfer.

C. Sheriff's Office - Corrections

- i. Acknowledge the resignation of Corrections Officer Arianne Grubbs, effective February 25, 2023, and approve backfill of the position and any subsequent vacancies that may occur due to internal promotion or lateral transfer.

Motion by Commissioner Mohr to approve the Personnel Committee Report. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. 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.

2. Child Abuse Prevention Month

Children Services Intake Social Worker Bonnie Rediske provided a lapel pin to commissioners in recognition of child prevention month. Eight hundred fifty-seven reports were made to Pine County Child Protective Services in 2022, and Rediske provided information on partnering agencies and prevention activities being offering during April 2023 - Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve Resolution 2023-19 proclaiming April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Pine County, and authorize Board Chair and County Administrator to sign. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. 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.

3. 2022 Presentation of Out-of-Home Placement Report

Probation Director Terry Fawcett provided information regarding court-ordered juvenile placements in Pine County. Fawcett provided information regarding costs, placement reduction strategies, budget busters, placement types and facilities utilized, placement expenditures, use of East Central Regional Juvenile Center, community alternatives, and the Evening Reporting Center. Total bed days used in 2022 at ECRJC was 295 (under-utilized 70 days). Placement expenditures for 2022 was \$378,278, up from \$201,625 in 2021.

4. Pine City Township Subdivision and Platting Ordinance

Land and Resources Manager Caleb Anderson stated that in 2022 Pine City Township adopted a moratorium temporarily prohibiting land subdivisions in order to conduct a study on subdivisions and develop an ordinance. The Pine County Subdivision and Platting Ordinance requires the county to review any proposed township ordinances regulating land subdivisions and affirm that the regulations are at least as restrictive as the county. The Pine County Zoning Board reviewed the proposed township ordinance and recommended the county board adopt a resolution affirming that the township ordinance is as restrictive as the county ordinance. The county is enrolled in the National Flood Insurance Program, which requires the county approve land subdivisions within the 100 year floodplain. Because the township's proposed ordinance affects the county's statutory obligations, the county has proposed that a Memorandum of Understanding be entered defining the roles of the township and the county.

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve (1) Resolution 2023-06 acknowledging the Pine Township Platting and Subdivision Ordinance contains regulations at least as restrictive as Pine

County, and (2) the Memorandum of Understanding Between Pine County and Pine City Township Regarding Zoning, Land Subdivision and Platting and Other Official Controls in Pine City Township. 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; District 2-Commissioner Mohr/Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

5. **Opioid Settlement Update**

County Administrator David Minke provided an overview of the opioid settlement. Resolution 2023-21 identifies five new opioid settlements: Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart, and approves the Amended Minnesota Opioids State Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement, approves the Participation Agreement and Release of Claims with each of the five parties, and authorizes County Attorney Reese Frederickson and other staff to execute all documents necessary to ensure Pine County’s participation in the settlements.

Settlement Name	National Total	Duration	Pine County’s Portion
Teva	\$4.25 Billion	13 years	\$198,702
Allergan	\$2.37 Billion	7 years	\$109,459
CVS	\$5 Billion	10 years	\$243,034
Walgreens	\$5.7 Billion	15 years	\$264,274
Walmart	\$3.1 Billion	6 years	\$137,627

Pine County Sheriff’s Office Investigator Drew Abrahamson, a member of the East Central Drug Task Force, provided an overview of the drug overdose and death data for Pine County. Pine County has experienced six overdose deaths, and 16 reported overdoses, since January 1, 2023.

Community Health Services Administrator Sam Lo provided an overview of the Opioid Lawsuit Settlement, stating as of February 28, 2023, Pine County has received \$254,694.20 in settlement funds. Lo stated Pine County Chemical Health Coalition is serving as an advisory committee and serves as a platform where community partners can bring ideas for using the funds. The public health department shall serve as the lead agency and chief strategist. Lo outlined the three approved uses of the settlement funds:

- (1) Treatment: support people in recovery, connections to resources, address needs of criminal justice-involved people, address needs of perinatal population, caregivers, families
- (2) Prevention: prevent overprescribing, prevent misuse of opioids, prevent overdose deaths and other harms
- (3) Other: leadership, planning, coordination, training, research, responding to secondary trauma for first responders

Request for funding: Treatment (pre-arrest and jail): \$54,750 for staffing and supplies; Prevention (Community Education and Media Campaign) \$6,510 for staffing and supplies.

Commissioner Waldhalm asked about communication with municipalities for input on distribution of settlement funds. Lo stated an Opioid Forum community event has been scheduled for April 26, 2023, 5:00 p.m., at the Grand Casino Hinckley Ballroom, to learn about what is happening in our community surrounding the opioid epidemic.

Motion by Commissioner Lovgren to approve Resolution 2023-21 approving the Amended State Subdivision Agreement; approve the Participation Agreement and Release with each party; and authorize County Attorney Reese Frederickson and other staff to execute all

documents necessary to ensure Pine County's participation in the settlements. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. 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.

Motion by Commissioner Mohr to approve Resolution 2023-18 Authorizing the Expenditure of a Portion of the Opioid Lawsuit Settlement Funds. Treatment (pre-arrest and jail) : \$54,750 for staffing and supplies; and Prevention (Community Education and Media Campaign) \$6,510 for staffing and supplies. 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.

6. **Commissioner Updates**

Kettle River Policy Committee: Commissioner Ludwig stated the county attorney provided a presentation to the policy committee. Governance was discussed.

Chemical Health Coalition: Commissioner Lovgren stated Narcan training will be taking place in April.

Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Service: Commissioner Lovgren stated a lot of trainings are being held.

East Central Solid Waste Commission: Chair Hallan stated ECSWC is purchasing a new truck and running into supply chain issues. They continue to work toward the Certificate of Need to obtain a permit from the Pollution Control Agency in order to dig/open another cell.

East Central Regional Library Trustees Board: Commissioner Lovgren stated there are seven new members on the board; training was provided for the new members.

Arrowhead Counties Association: Commissioner Ludwig was unable to attend.

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe meeting: Commissioner Lovgren stated the meeting included the county sheriff and tribal chief of police. Discussion of continuing monthly ongoing meetings with MLBO to keep the relationship and communication open.

Lakes & Pines Community Action Council: Chair Hallan stated funding for housing and homelessness was discussed.

Other

A. Chair Hallan testified at the capitol last week on higher education. Great support/20 testifiers were present.

B. Commissioner Lovgren reported on the possibility of sale of tax-forfeit property through online public auctions.

C. Commissioner Lovgren attended a webinar on opioid use.

D. NACO Telecommunications and Technology Committee: Commissioner Lovgren stated it is important to get the ReConnect program into the Farm Bill. Also discussed the large amount of scams and how that is affecting people.

E. Agriculture Meeting with Representative Pete Stauber: Commissioner Lovgren stated well attended with good conversation. Items included in the Farm Bill were discussed.

F. AMC Probation WorkGroup: Commissioner Ludwig stated AMC Executive Director Julie Ring met with Commissioner of Department of Corrections Paul Schell. The DOC is not going to oppose the probation funding. Whether or not to eliminate probation fees was discussed.

G. Nemadji 1W1P: Commissioner Ludwig stated the second biennium budget was set. New commissioners on the board. Discussion of Net Lake sewer compliance.

7. **Other**

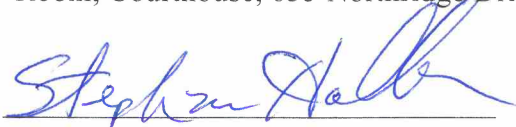
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8. **Upcoming Meetings**

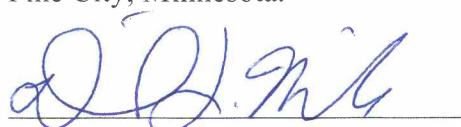
Upcoming meetings were reviewed.

9. **Adjourn**

With no further business, Chair Hallan adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m. The next regular meeting of the county board is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., Board Room, Courthouse, 635 Northridge Drive NW, Pine City, Minnesota.



Stephen M. Hallan, Chair
Pine County Board of Commissioners



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