

**MINUTES OF PINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Highway and Road Tour
Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
North Pine Government Center
1602 Hwy. 23 No., Sandstone, Minnesota**

Chair Steve Hallan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Josh Mohr, and Matt Ludwig. Also present were County Engineer Mark LeBrun, Assistant County Engineer Aaron Gunderson, and County Administrator David Minke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

1. Annual Report & 2023-2024 Construction

County Engineer Mark LeBrun reviewed the Highway Department Annual Report. Drainage was discussed and it was noted that sometimes installing a larger culvert will create downstream problems.

LeBrun reviewed the 2022 vehicle purchase and noted the delays in vehicle delivery. Fleet service costs have increased. It was noted that regular maintenance costs as well as major repairs and bodywork have stressed the budget.

The state has indicated its desire to turn back State Highway 123 which runs east and north from Sandstone to State Highway 23. The state would keep the bridge over the Kettle River.

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to accept the Highway Department Annual Report. Second by Commissioner Mohr. Motion passed 3-0.

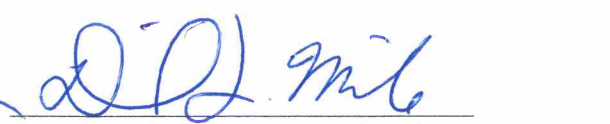
At 10:05 a.m. commissioners boarded a bus for the road tour.

2. Road Tour

All present joined the road tour and traveled roads north and east and west of Sandstone.

With no further business, Chair Hallan adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.


Stephen M. Hallan, Board Chair
Pine County Board of Commissioners


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