OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

TUESDAY, JUNE 12TH, 2012, 10:00 A.M.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Pennington County Board of Commissioners met in the Pennington County Board Room in Thief River Falls, MN, on Tuesday, June 12th, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Members present: Cody Hempel, Donald Jensen, Neil Peterson, Oliver "Skip" Swanson, and Darryl Tveitbakk. Members absent: none.

Lori Marquis, County Highway Department Accountant, met with the County Board in regards to awarding the bid on SAP 57-631-05. It was noted that all permits were in place and Right-of-Way Agreements have been signed by all landowners except one, who expressed concern regarding the cleaning of Joint Ditch #14 and the effects this road will have on ditch drainage. After discussion the Board decided to hold awarding the bid on this project and to set a Special County Board meeting on June 19th, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. to take any action.

Godfred Svir, Highway Maintenance Foreman, presented bids for a new pay loader via the State Cooperative Purchase Contract with trade of a 1998 JCB pay loader. The following bids were presented:

Model	Base Price	Trade-In	Net Price
John Deere 544K	$135,392	$34,000	$101,392
Caterpillar 938K	$162,810	$27,500	$135,310

The County Board took no action on the bids for a new pay loader at this time.

County Recorder Ken Schmalz met with the County Board to discuss Credit Card services being offered in the County Recorder's office. A conference call was then held with Christopher Boardman, Wells Fargo Merchant Services, to discuss a proposal on provided credit card services and the applicable fees. The County Board asked that more information and other options be considered.

Commissioner Hempel reported on the procedure to be used to post County Board items on the County's website for future County Board meetings. All items posted will be public data.

Myron Jesme – Administrator, and Dale Nelson – President, of the Red Lake Watershed District, met with the Board to present the 2011 Annual Report and discuss the projects currently being worked on; including County Ditch #1 and the Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project. Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to accept the 2011 Red Lake Watershed District Annual Report as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the issuance of a Satisfaction of Mortgage Deed for Agnes Eidelbes and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve the Board minutes of May 22nd, 2012 as written. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve payment of the Human Services warrants totaling $235,333.04, the Auditor and Manual warrants for May, 2012 totaling $3,713,754.73, and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion unanimously carried.

County Revenue	$ 49,591.26
Road & Bridge	$222,475.98
Solid Waste Facility	$ 947.50
Ditch Funds	$ 109.29

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of $1,400.97 were also approved.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve issuance of a Fireworks Permit to Zambelli Fireworks for a fireworks display at the Seven Clans Casino on July 4th, 2012. Motion unanimously carried.

County Auditor Ken Olson presented a 2012 HAVA Operating Grant Contract for approval. The grant is for $6,367.44 to be used for defraying operating costs of the assistive voting and vote-counting election equipment in each polling place. Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve the State of Minnesota 2012 HAVA Operating Grant Contract as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of Pennington County. Motion unanimously carried.

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, and upon vote was unanimously carried.

STATE PARKS AND TRAILS FUNDING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The State Parks and Trails Legacy plan calls for a statewide system of parks and trails; and

WHEREAS, Greater MN Regional Parks and Trails have been underfunded for decades when compared to investments in the metro park system over that same time period; and

WHEREAS, The public expressed overwhelming support at 17 state-sponsored public meetings for the highest quality statewide regional projects possible as a preferred outcome of the 25 year plan; and

WHEREAS, The first round of park and trail legacy funding in 2009 was unfair to Greater Minnesota - with 43% of the funding dedicated to metro park needs, 43% dedicated to DNR park and trail needs and projects, while leaving only 14% funding for a statewide grants program which included Metro Parks. Of that 14%, 20% of those funds were given to the Metro Park Area; and

WHEREAS, The second round of park and trail legacy funding in 2011, produced better but still lopsided results with Greater Minnesota receiving 20% in dedicated legacy funding, while metro parks received 42% and DNR received 38%; and

WHEREAS, A 2011 inventory of Greater Minnesota park and trail needs resulted in $76 million in projects, and over $33 million in grant request - or more than four times the amount of the 2011 legacy grants awarded to Greater Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Greater Minnesota pre-legacy park and trail funding was spotty and scarce; and

WHEREAS, the Legacy Act has resulted in Greater Minnesota being charged by both the public and the state plan to build the highest quality statewide regional projects possible.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

- Pennington County believes Greater Minnesota should receive adequate funding to carry out the state plan and the public sentiment for high quality projects; and
- Pennington County believes the current Park and Trail Legacy splits of 43% metro, 37% DNR and 20% to Greater Minnesota are inherently unfair to Greater Minnesota and not enough to carry out the state plan or meet public expectations; and
- Pennington County believes the legacy funding splits at 43% metro, 37% DNR and 20% for the remaining 80 non-metro counties is not fair and will not provide the funding to allow Greater Minnesota to succeed in carrying out expectations of either the public or the state plan; and
- Pennington County believes the Greater Minnesota percentage of Legacy funding should increase to a level more equal to those of the metro area and DNR.

County Auditor Ken Olson presented a proposal from Hoffman, Dale & Swenson, PLLC for a contract renewal for the 2012-2016 Pennington County Audits at a reduced price of $23,500/year. Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve a five-year Audit Agreement with Hoffman, Dale & Swenson, PLLC as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to adjourn the Board meeting to June 19th, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor	Oliver Swanson, Chairman
Pennington County	Board of Commissioners