

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 2011, 5:00 P.M.**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Pennington County Board of Commissioners met in the Pennington County Board Room in Thief River Falls, MN, on Tuesday, February 22nd, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Members present: Cody Hempel, Donald Jensen, Neil Peterson, Oliver “Skip” Swanson, and Darryl Tveitbakk. Members absent: none.

Ken Yutrzenka, Human Services Director, presented the consent agenda from the February 14th, 2011 Human Services Committee meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Hempel and seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, the following recommendations of the Pennington County Human Services Committee for February 14th, 2011 (detailed minutes on record) are hereby adopted:

SECTION A

- I. Approval of the January 18th, 2011 Human Services Committee meeting minutes.
- II. To accept the notice of resignation (due to retirement) from Connie Hamre, Financial Worker, effective 06/30/2011.
- III. To host a supported work placement (time-limited) funded through the Workforce Initiative Act (WIA) program.

SECTION B

- I. To approve payment of the Agency’s bills.

The County Board discussed Section C of the Human Services consent agenda. Human Services is requesting that they be authorized to post/advertise for one (1) Full-Time Equivalent Social Worker (Adult Services) and one-half (.5) Full-Time Equivalent Social Worker (Children’s Services) to fill an upcoming retirement vacancy and existing vacancy. Motioned by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to authorize Human Services to post/advertise for the positions listed above. Motion unanimously carried.

Marc Bloomquist, District 2 Supervisor for the MN Dept. of Corrections, and Mary Gerardy, Probation Officer for the Dept. of Corrections, met with the County Board to review the annual cost to provide Correctional Services to Pennington County under the Dept. of Correction method. Also presented was a statistical report for fiscal year 2010 for the NW MN Juvenile Center. Mr. Bloomquist also discussed the possible creation of an adult restitution fund to be run similar to the Juvenile Restitution Fund.

Debe Walchuk, Pembina Trail Resource Conservation & Development Association Coordinator, reviewed the 2010 Annual Report for the Pembina Trail RC&D and also provided copies of the MN Assn. of Resource Conservation and Development 2010 Annual Report. Federal funding for the program is in question at this time and we will know more later this year.

Howard Person, County Extension Officer, presented the 2010 Annual County Feedlot Officer and Performance Credit Report. Howard also provided a copy of a letter from the MN Pollution Control Agency regarding their annual review of the Pennington County Feedlot program stating the County is eligible to be fully-funded for its base grant and to receive a 2010 performance credit award. Motioned by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to acknowledge and approve the 2010 Annual Feedlot Report. Motion unanimously carried.

Howard Person reported on Solid Waste issues noting he had applied for a new Storm Water Permit for the transfer station and has completed the annual Solid Waste Recycling Report (SCORE). Mr. Person also mentioned that the National Honor Society from Lincoln High School have a recycling project in mind and have requested some space in the transfer station building to set up a sorting table. Howard is working with the Highway Dept. and Les's Sanitation on the project.

At 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Tveitbakk motioned, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to close the meeting pursuant to MN Statutes #13D.05 Subd. 2(b) for preliminary consideration of charges or allegations against an individual subject to the Board's authority. Motion unanimously carried.

At 7:04 p.m. Commissioner Hempel motioned, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to re-open the County Board meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan presented the following two quotes for doing an examination for asbestos and regulated waste abatement on the CSAH#3 bridge north of St. Hilaire.

WSN	\$1,289.80
ProSource	\$1,300.00

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to authorize WSN to do the examination for asbestos and regulated waste on the CSAH#3 bridge north of St. Hilaire. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, that passport applications be transferred to the County Treasurer's Office pending training and testing required to be a Passport Acceptance Agent. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the minutes of February 8th, 2011 as written. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve payment of the Human Services warrants totaling \$69,644.08, the Auditor and Manual warrants for January, 2011 totaling \$1,551,922.86, and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion unanimously carried.

WARRANTS	
County Revenue	\$96,401.89
Road & Bridge	\$ 8,489.06

Solid Waste Facility	\$ 49.00
Ditch Funds	\$30,195.00

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve the 2011 lease agreement with the City of Thief River Falls for the lease of 5,332 square feet of space in the Law Enforcement Center with a 2% increase over 2010 rates. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to recommend the reappointment of Michael Moore as Pennington County's Representative on the NW Private Industry Council Board. Motion unanimously carried.

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, and upon vote was unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Winter X Games is open to athletes around the globe to compete in; and

WHEREAS, the Winter X Games give athletes an opportunity for spirited competition and performance at the highest level in their sport; and

WHEREAS, Tucker Hibbert won the Gold Medal in the Snowmobiles SnoCross Competition; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Tweet won the Silver Medal in the Snowmobile SnoCross Adaptive Competition; and

WHEREAS, their hard work, talent, and dedication brought them this success and also brought recognition to the County of Pennington.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennington County Board of Commissioners recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of Tucker Hibbert and Jeff Tweet and congratulate them on winning medals at the 15th Winter X Games.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to purchase an American Flag and stand for the County Board Room. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to adjourn the Board meeting to 10:00 a.m. on March 8th, 2011. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor
Pennington County

Donald Jensen, Chairman
Board of Commissioners