

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2011, 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, March 8th, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Members present: Cody Hempel, Donald Jensen, Neil Peterson, Oliver “Skip” Swanson, and Darryl Tveitbakk. Members absent: none.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan presented the bids for equipment rental, culvert supplies, and fuel for 2011. The bids were opened at 10:00 a.m. as duly advertised and the name of each bidder was read aloud. Motioned by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to have the County Engineer tabulate the bids and return next meeting with an abstract and recommendations for approval. Motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Don Jensen brought forward a letter of congratulations to the management and staff of the Human Services Dept. for perfect performance in meeting the Minnesota Dept. of Human Services financial reporting requirements for calendar year 2010.

Michael Moore, Thief River Falls Community Development Director and Executive Director of Jobs, Inc., discussed the Tax Abatement Program. The previous program ran from January 1st, 2006 to December 31st, 2010. A discussion was held on any changes that the County would like to see in the program and if the County is interested in continuing with a Tax Abatement Program. The County Board would like to see some changes if the program was to continue.

County Assessor Adeline Olson presented an Abatement under the Local Option to Disaster rule. Nelson Land Investment, LLC had their shop destroyed by fire on February 8th, 2011. The Assessor is requesting to lower the value on the property by \$77,800 for taxes payable 2012 to reflect the 37 days before the fire. Motioned by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the Local Option to Disaster Abatement on parcel #R16.047.010.00 owned by Nelson Land Investments, LLC, reducing the value of the property \$77,800 for taxes payable 2012. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve payment of the Human Services warrants totaling \$76,855.47 and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion unanimously carried.

WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$83,435.17
Road & Bridge	\$24,170.29
Solid Waste Facility	\$ 1,288.08

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$1718.02 were also approved.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to adjourn the Board meeting to 9:00 a.m. on March 22nd, 2011. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor
Pennington County

Donald Jensen, Chairman
Board of Commissioners