

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 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, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Members present: Cody Hempel, Donald Jensen, Neil Peterson, Oliver “Skip” Swanson, and Darryl Tveitbakk. Members absent: none.

Myron Jesme and Dale Nelson, Administrator and Chairman of the Red Lake Watershed District Board, respectively, presented the 2010 annual report of projects and financial statement. Also discussed was the improvement projects on CD#1 and the RLWD project 13 (Lateral to CD#75).

Colleen Hoffman of Hoffman, Dale & Swenson, PLLC presented the Pennington County Annual Audit and 2010 Financial Statement. It was noted that the new accounting standards from the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 54 were implemented. Ms. Hoffman complimented the staff of Pennington County for the work they do to provide the information required for the financial statement. No problems were found while conducting the audit. The County Board thanked Ms. Hoffman for the report and also expressed their appreciation to the staff at Pennington County for the information they provide for the Annual Financial Statement and Audit.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan gave an update on the following construction and ditch cleaning projects: St. Hilaire Bridge Re-decking, CSAH #6 re-grading, CD#43, and also the ditch cleaning on CD#57, JD#1, CD#38, and JD#13.

Engineer Flaagan then presented a new petition to clean four additional miles of JD#13 which will require another meeting of the Joint Ditch Board. A meeting of the JD#13 Board was set for August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. in the County Board Room of the Pennington County Courthouse.

Engineer Flaagan then provided two quotes for re-shouldering various County State Aid Highways.

Davidson Construction	\$120,358.80
Thygeson Construction	\$ 71,406.90

Motioned by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to award the bid for re-shouldering to Thygeson Construction for \$71,406.90 as the best and lowest bid received. Motion unanimously carried.

Engineer Flaagan reported that the re-graveling of County Roads cost \$27,111.30 and re-graveling of County State Aid roads cost \$80,829.50.

Motioned by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to amend the County Road & Bridge budget by the following lines items: Aggregates - \$65,000, Cutting Edges - \$12,000, Road Materials - \$20,000, Building Improvements - \$40,000.

The following line items will be increased: Road Construction - \$128,000, Brush and Weed Control Chemicals - \$5,000. Motion unanimously carried.

Engineer Flaagan also noted that we are looking at rebuilding one mile of CR#81 south of Trunk Highway #1.

Deanna Patenaude and Jan Aamodt, representing the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of the Red River Valley, gave a report on the participating volunteers from Pennington County. They also reviewed the Bone Builder and Grocery to Go Programs. They are requesting that the County continue funding the RSVP program at the same level as in previous years, which is \$1,000.

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

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the policy of the State of Minnesota as declared in Minnesota Statutes 353.63 is to give special consideration to employees who perform hazardous work and devote their time and skills to protecting the property and personal safety to others; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes Section 353.64 permits governmental subdivisions to request coverage in the Public Employees Police and Fire plan for eligible employees of police departments whose position duties meet the requirements stated therein and listed below.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Pennington County Board of Commissioners hereby declares that the position titled Deputy Sheriff – PT currently held by David R. Olson, meets all of the following Police and Fire membership requirements:

1. Said position requires a license by the Minnesota peace officer standards and training board under sections 626.84 to 626.863 and this employee is so licensed;
2. Said position's primary (over 50%) duty is to enforce the general criminal laws of the state;
3. Said position charges this employee with the prevention and detention of crime;
4. Said position gives this employee the full power of arrest; and
5. Said position is assigned to a designated police or sheriff's department

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this governing body hereby requests that the above-named employee be accepted as a member of the Public Employees Police and Fire Plan effective the date of this employee's initial Policy and Fire salary deduction by the governmental subdivision.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve payment of the Human Services Warrants totaling \$152,659.23, the Auditor and Manual Warrants for June, 2011 totaling \$4,083,905.25, and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion unanimously carried.

WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$ 98,865.04
Road & Bridge	\$152,309.13
Solid Waste Facility	\$ 1,790.43
Ditch Funds	\$ 515.46

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$1,685.33 were also approved.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve the minutes of June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 as written. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve the following salaries, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Motion unanimously carried.

County Attorney	\$96,900
County Auditor	\$78,100
County Recorder	\$57,500
County Sheriff	\$74,900
County Treasurer	\$57,000

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to hold the County Commissioner’s salary at \$18,500 effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to set the County Board per diem at \$65 for meetings less than 4 hours and \$100 for meetings over 4 hours; also to establish a technology reimbursement for County Commissioners not to exceed \$60/month, all effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hempel discussed a 2012 appropriation to the Multi-Events Center of \$2,500. This should be included in the 2012 budget.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to adjourn the Board meeting to July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor  
Pennington County

Donald Jensen, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners