

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 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, October 11th, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Members present: Cody Hempel, Donald Jensen, Neil Peterson, Oliver "Skip" Swanson, and Darryl Tveitbakk. Members absent: none.

Mike Moore, Thief River Falls Community Development Director, presented a Revised Tax Abatement Program. The revised program would extend the program that ended 12/31/2010 for an additional five years until 12/31/2015. The construction cost of a new house cannot exceed \$160,000 to qualify and the abatement is not transferable if property is sold in first three years. Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to adopt the new Revised Tax Abatement Program as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan met with the County Board recommending the following actions.

The following resolution was motioned by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, and upon vote was unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Contract No. (CSAH# bituminous overlay) has in all things been completed, and the County Board being fully advised in the premises,

NOW THEN, BE IT RESOLVED, that we do hereby accept said completed project for and on behalf of the Pennington County Highway Dept. and authorize final payment as specified herein.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to replace Bridge No. 94234 contingent upon approval of the Red Lake Watershed District. Motion unanimously carried.

Engineer Flaagan discussed the cleaning of CD#42, CD#47, and CD#58. He will be checking into the possibility of cleaning the outlet of CD#58.

Bryan Malone, Pennington County Soil & Water Conservation District Administrator, presented an application from Kurt Wiseth for a de minimus exemption for work in a wetland involving 200 sq ft. Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve the permit application for Kurt Wiseth to work in a wetland. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion was also held with Bryan Malone regarding the Wetland Bank.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the issuance of a duplicate warrant to replace lost warrant #163945 issued to Bill

Wightman for \$400.00 on September 16th, 2011 without issuance of an indemnifying bond. Motion unanimously carried.

It was noted that the Association of Minnesota Counties Annual Conference will be held on December 5th, 6th, and 7th, 2011 in Minneapolis, MN and that the AMC Fall District III meeting was scheduled for October 20th, 2011 in East Grand Forks, MN.

The County Board then discussed nominations for positions open on the NW Regional Development Commission. A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to nominate Karen Lincoln and Dante Steele for the positions of Minorities Public Interest on the NW Regional Development Commission. Motion unanimously carried.

The Road, Bridge, and Culvert Committee will meet October 28th, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. at the Pennington County Highway Dept. Office and then proceed to tour County Roads, Bridges, and Culverts.

County Auditor Kenneth Olson presented the Minnesota Snowmobile Trails Assistance Program Maintenance and Grooming Agreement for fiscal year 2012. Grant funds in the amount of \$27,310.50 for the Thief River Falls Sno-Drifters and \$43,446.90 for the Goodridge Trailblazers Snowmobile Club were included in the agreement. Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the Minnesota Snowmobile Trails Assistance Grant Agreement and authorizes the Chairman and County Auditor to sign the Agreement on behalf of Pennington County. Motion unanimously carried.

Pursuant to MN Statutes Section 462.428 and Section 462.428 Subd. 2:
The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, and upon vote was unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the term of Commissioner Kermit Genereux expires effective October 10th, 2011;

BE IT RESOLVED, the County Board of Pennington County does appoint Kermit Genereux to serve as Commissioner of the NW MN Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority for a period of 5 years starting October 10th, 2011.

The County Board discussed the updated County Personnel Policy with some wording changes being recommended regarding vacations. Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve the Pennington County Personnel Policy as updated with changes as discussed. Motion unanimously carried. After the changes are incorporated the final draft of the Policy will be distributed to all Pennington County Employees.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve payment of the Human Services totaling \$123,749.49, the September, 2011 Auditor and

Manual warrants totaling \$704,440.13, and also the following Commissioner warrants.
Motion unanimously carried.

WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$75,596.71
Road & Bridge	\$31,505.25
Ditch Funds	\$ 931.00

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$508.54 were also approved.

The County Auditor stated that the County had received Notices of Desire to Negotiate from the Law Enforcement and Highway Dept. Union Representatives. The Personnel Committee will arrange a date and time to meet with those unions.

Motioned by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to adjourn the Board meeting to October 25th, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor
Pennington County

Don Jensen, Chairman
Board of Commissioners