

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, 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, October 25th, 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 Human Services Committee consent agenda from the October 18th, 2011 meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Tveitbakk and seconded by Commissioner Peterson, the following recommendations of the Pennington County Human Services Committee for October 18th, 2011 (detailed minutes on record) are hereby adopted:

SECTION A

- I. Approval of the September 20th, 2011 Human Services Committee meeting minutes.
- II.
 - A. Approval of the Need Determination supporting the proposed transportation service rate increase for the Habilitation and Training Center.
 - B. Approval of the Agency’s 2012-2013 County MFIP Biennial Service Agreement and the Vulnerable Children and Adults Act (VCA) Service Plan as presented.
 - C. Approval of the Agency’s Emergency General Assistance (EGA) Plan as presented.
 - D. Approval to amend Purchase of Service Agreements affected by the 2011 Minnesota Legislature authorizing rate reductions for Continuing Care providers.

SECTION B

- I. Approval for payment of the Agency’s bills.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan presented a recommendation to increase equipment rental rates. Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the recommendation to increase equipment rental rates for Township blading and snowplowing, and also snowplowing individual driveways. Motion unanimously carried.

Engineer Flaagan also asked the County Board to consider discontinuing snowplowing private driveways. This would not start this winter season but possibly next year. The County Board took no action at this time.

It was then reported that the construction on CSAH#6 has been completed.

The members on the Aggregate Tax Committee then reported on the third quarter collections.

The County Auditor presented the Land of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging agreement to provide \$11,500 to the Sentence to Serve program for yard work, snow removal, etc. done for qualifying seniors. Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to approve the agreement with the Land of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to appoint County Auditor Kenneth Olson as the Delegate and Commissioner Tveitbakk as alternate to the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust. Motion unanimously carried.

County Assessor Adeline Olson presented two abatement requests. David and Elizabeth Sjostrand, parcel #R25.01219160, qualified for the Veteran's Exclusion but had not been notified. Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve an abatement on parcel #R25.01219160 providing for a refund of \$1,154.00 of 2011 taxes paid. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Assessor then requested an abatement of market value under the Local Option to Disaster for Daniel and Beatrice Narverud, parcel #R15.00603801. The attached garage was destroyed by a fire on October 23rd, 2011 and the abatement would reflect the value lost after that date prorated. Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve abatement of market value on parcel# R15.00603801 under the Local Option to Disaster rule. Motion unanimously carried.

Roy Plohocky, representing Colonial Life insurance, discussed the supplemental insurance plans they would like to offer Pennington County employees if authorized by the County Board. Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to authorize Colonial Life to make available supplemental insurance plans to County employees starting in 2012 and to present those insurance plans at the County employee open enrollment meetings. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Board then discussed offering a \$500 deductible Comprehensive Major Medical (CMM) health insurance plan to County employees in 2012 as an additional option to current plans. Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to offer the \$500 CMM Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance plan to County employees starting in 2012. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to appoint Commissioners Tveitbakk and Hempel to an Insurance Committee to discuss the future of County health insurance plans. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board that the Pennington County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the dissolution of the Pembina Trails RC&D effective November 18th, 2011.

The County Board reviewed information on the replacement of computer equipment in the Law Enforcement Center. This was referred back to the Technology Committee.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve payment of the Human Service warrants totaling \$73675.63, and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion unanimously carried.

WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$30,430.28
Road & Bridge	\$17,081.40
Solid Waste Facility	\$ 1,373.13
Ditch Funds	\$36,760.00

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$1,041.36 were also approved.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the Board minutes of October 11th, 2011 as written. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to adjourn the County Board meeting to November 8th, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor
Pennington County

Don Jensen, Chairman
Board of Commissioners