

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 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, November 22nd, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Members present: Cody Hempel, Donald Jensen, Neil Peterson, and Darryl Tveitbakk. Members absent: Oliver “Skip” Swanson.

Ken Yutrzenka, Human Services Director, presented the Human Services consent agenda. On a motion by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, the following recommendations of the Pennington County Human Service Committee for November 15th, 2011 (detailed minutes on record) are hereby adopted:

SECTION A

- I. Approval of the October 18th, 2011 Human Service Committee meeting minutes.
- II. Approval of the Agency’s personnel action as presented.
- III. A. Approval of Sanford Health’s proposed Group Residential and Mental Health Certification residential program rates for Pathfinders Children’s Treatment Center effective 01/01/2012.
B. To deny the request of Falls DAC, Inc. to renegotiate the Supported Employment service rates under the current Home and Community-Based Waiver Contract.

SECTION B

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

Bryan Malone, Pennington County SWCD Administrator, presented the Final Program Allocation and Contribution Report for fiscal year 2010 for the BWSR Natural Resource Grant. Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the Board of Soil & Water Resources Natural Resources Block Grant Final

Program Allocation and Contribution Report for fiscal year 2010 and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Malone presented the fiscal year 2012 plan and Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement. Motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve the Board of Water & Soil Resources Natural Resources Block Grant Program Allocation and Contribution plan for fiscal year 2012 and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the Fiscal Year 2012 State of Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Deputy Auditor Angie Philipp and County Recorder Ken Schmalz met with the County Board regarding website software that would allow property tax payments online and also possible access to other County Recorder's data. The Technology Committee is interested in The Schneider Corporation's beacon property management portal. County Engineer Mike Flaagan also joined the discussion which then included the need for GIS information. The Board made no decision on this item and is interested in more information.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to purchase three personal computer systems in the Motor Vehicle Dept. Motion unanimously carried.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan requested a resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Transportation to be appointed as Agent of Pennington County to accept Federal aid funds for eligible transportation projects. The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, and upon vote was unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minnesota Statute Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of Pennington County to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioner's Chairman and the County Auditor are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the County to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in "Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement No. 00057", a copy of which said agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

Engineer Flaagan requested to start upgrading the Highway Dept. radio equipment to a digital system similar to the Law Enforcement Center's equipment. A Federal law requires all radio systems to operate on a narrow band frequency by December 31st, 2012. The 2011 Highway Dept. budget has \$40,000 included for this upgrade and additional funds are included in the 2012 budget. The County Engineer recommends we purchase the new repeater, cable, and labor from Stone's Mobile Radio in 2011 for an estimated \$28,231.83 and the balance of the budget to purchase vehicle radios. The repeater would be placed on the County radio tower in Rocksbury Township and all equipment will be purchased off the State Cooperative purchase contract. Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the digital radio equipment for the Highway Dept. as outlined; up to the \$40,000 budgeted amount. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve the minutes of November 8th, 2011 as written. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve payment of the Human Services warrants totaling \$160,965.41 and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion unanimously carried.

WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$31,037.06
Road & Bridge	\$30,816.70
Solid Waste Facility	\$ 94.28
Ditch Funds	\$ 350.00

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$13.31 were also approved.

Commissioner Hempel mentioned that he has been asked to attend a meeting to discuss housing in Thief River Falls with representatives of the State of Minnesota.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan rejoined the meeting and asked that a resolution be passed listing deficient bridges for replacement. The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, and upon vote was unanimously carried.

DEFICIENT BRIDGES REQUIRING REPLACEMENT OR REHABILITATION

WHEREAS, the County of Pennington has determined that the following deficient bridges on the CSAH, County Road and Township systems are a high priority and require replacement or rehabilitation within the next five (5) years, and

Bridge No.	Road No.	Estimated Project Cost	Town Bridge	Bond	Proposed Year
LO257	CR59	\$75,000		\$75,000	2012
LO274	CR85	\$75,000		\$75,000	2012
92790	CR57	\$75,000		\$75,000	2012
94234	CR72	\$75,000		\$75,000	2012
93774	CR57	\$85,000		\$85,000	2012
93972	CR57	\$85,000		\$85,000	2012
94235	CR80	\$10,000		\$10,000	2012

WHEREAS, local road play an essential role in the overall state transportation network and local bridges are the critical component of the local road systems, and

WHEREAS, State support for the replacement or rehabilitation of local bridges continues to be crucial to maintaining the integrity of the local road systems and is necessary for the County and the Townships to proceed with the replacement or rehabilitation of the high priority deficient bridges described above, and

WHEREAS, Pennington County intends to proceed with replacement or rehabilitation of these bridges as soon as possible when State Transportation Bond Funds are available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Pennington County commits that it will proceed with the design and contract documents for these bridges immediately after being notified that funds are available in order to permit construction to take place within one year of notification.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve the 3-year Assignment of Securities in Lieu of Bond by Public Depository agreement with Northern State Bank and authorize County Auditor Kenneth Olson to sign the same on behalf of Pennington County. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Auditor presented two contracts for software support from the Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative. MCCC has negotiated five-year support contracts for Property Tax System Maintenance and Support and CAMA USA Maintenance and Support effective January 1st, 2012 through December 31st, 2016. This is the software currently used by the offices of the Auditor, Assessor, and Treasurer. Each County that intends to participate in these contracts must ratify the agreements.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to ratify the Property Tax System Maintenance and Support Agreement dated October 13th, 2011 between the Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative Tax User Group and ACS. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to ratify the CAMA USA Maintenance and Support Agreement dated October 13th, 2011 between the Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative CAMA User Group and ACS. Motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Tveitbakk discussed possible Manager/Supervisor training from the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to adjourn the Board meeting to December 13th, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor
Pennington County

Don Jensen, Chairman
Board of Commissioners