

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 2012, 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, February 14th, 2012 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 following bids for a new motor grader off the State Cooperative purchasing contract with trade of a 2001 Caterpillar motor grader and the purchase of a roller attachment as an option.

	<u>Ziegler, Inc.</u> (Cat 140M)	<u>RDO Equipment</u> (J.D. 770 GP)
Gross Bid	\$265,825.00	\$241,085.00
Trade Allowance	\$ 93,670.00	\$100,000.00
Purchase price (less trade)	\$172,155.00	\$141,085.00
Sales Tax	<u>\$ 11,835.66</u>	<u>\$ 9,699.59</u>
Net Bid	\$183,990.66	\$150,784.59
Roller (optional)	<u>\$ 35,886.63</u>	<u>\$ 24,180.47</u>
Total w/Roller	\$219,877.29	\$174,965.06
Low-Hour Machine Deduct	\$ 6,500.00	\$ NA

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the purchase of a new John Deere 770 GP from RDO Equipment and the roller option for the bid price of \$174,965.06. Motion unanimously carried.

Engineer Flaagan then asked to set up a Public Hearing to discuss improvements to CSAH #31 west of Trunk Highway #59, known as project SAP 57-631-05. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to hold a Public Hearing on SAP 57-631-05 on March 15th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Joint Use Facility. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to authorize the County Engineer and County Auditor to advertise for bids for the following six bridge replacement projects, with bids to be opened on April 10th, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. Motion unanimously carried.

- SAP 57-598-046
- SAP 57-598-047
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- SAP 57-598-051

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to authorize the County Engineer to advertise for bids for spraying of cattails for 2012. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Engineer also reported on the OSHA inspection the County recently had. No violations were found at the Highway Dept. One violation was found at the Law Enforcement Center and two at the Courthouse.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to authorize the issuance of a duplicate warrant to replace lost warrant #93896 issued to Jodell Bakke on February 1st, 2012 without issuance of an indemnifying bond. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Peterson to reappoint Gladys Hallstrom to a three-year term on the MN Red River Valley Development Association Board of Directors beginning March, 2012. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Board then reviewed the DNR Right-of-Entry Authorization for Watercraft Inspections form. This authorization gives the DNR permission to conduct watercraft inspections and decontaminations on water accesses where the County is the managing authority. This is being done to contain the spread of invasive species such as zebra mussels and Eurasian Watermilfoil. Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve the DNR Right-of-Way Authorization for Watercraft Inspections form as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the hiring of Betty Richards as a full-time Dispatcher/Jailer beginning February 20th, 2012. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve payment of the Auditor and Manual warrants for January, 2012 totaling \$1,114,923.03, the Human Services warrants totaling \$207,550.11, and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion unanimously carried.

WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$140,712.84
Road & Bridge	\$ 38,402.21
Solid Waste Facility	\$ 1,528.76
Ditch Funds	\$ 6,588.06

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$1169.31 were also approved.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the Board minutes of January 24th, 2012 as written. Motion unanimously carried.

The Northwestern Minnesota Juvenile Center Statistical Report for fiscal year 2011 was available for review. The Commissioners requested copies for their review.

The Commissioners discussed purchasing a computerized device for the County Board with the Technology reimbursement funds. The Technology Committee members will make a recommendation as to what device should be purchased.

The County Auditor then made a request to fill a vacant position in his office. After discussion this was referred to the Personnel Committee.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to adjourn the Board meeting to February 28th, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor
Pennington County

Oliver Swanson, Chairman
Board of Commissioners