

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 27th, 2012, 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, March 27th, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Members present: Cody Hempel, Donald Jensen, Neil Peterson, Oliver “Skip” Swanson, and Darryl Tveitbakk. Members absent: none.

Scott Sommers presented the Pennington County Human Services consent agenda. On a motion by Commissioner Tveitbakk and seconded by Commissioner Hempel, the following recommendations of the Pennington County Human Services Committee for March 19th, 2012 (detailed minutes on record) are hereby adopted:

SECTION A

- I. Approval of the February 21st, 2012 Human Service Committee meeting minutes.

SECTION B

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

Pennington County Engineer Mike Flaagan, MnDOT District Engineer Lou Tasa, MN State Patrol Captain Michael Hanson, and Northern MN TZD Coordinator Holly Kostrzewski met with the County Board.

Lou Tasa reviewed the 2012 Construction Program for MnDOT District 2. Projects in Pennington County include the Greenwood Street and Truck Highway 32 intersection project in Thief River Falls.

Holly Kostrzewski and Captain Michael Hanson discussed the Northwestern MN ‘Towards Zero Deaths’ Program. The mission of the program is to create a culture for which traffic fatalities and serious injuries are no longer acceptable through the integrated application of education, engineering, enforcement, and emergency medical and trauma services. They asked Pennington County to be a fiscal agent for the TZD program. They also provided information regarding the workshop to be held on June 20th, 2012 at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Thief River Falls. There will be an Office of Traffic Safety Grant of up to \$25,000. Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, for Pennington County to be the fiscal agent for the Traffic Safety Grant for the Northwestern MN ‘Towards Zero Deaths’ Program. Motion unanimously carried.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan presented the abstracts for the bids opened March 13th, 2012 for fuel, culvert supplies, and equipment rental for 2012. The County Engineer made a recommendation to approve the bids as received.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the equipment rental bids received from the following persons or businesses and direct the County Engineer to use the lowest bid available. Motion unanimously carried.

Nelson Bros. Excavation	TR Excavation	Glen Jensen
Ralph McKeever Const.	Beito Repair	Garry Gravel
Wright Construction	Hedeen Const.	K&K Trucking
Quam Excavating	Thygeson Const.	Olson Const. of TRF
Art Laudal & Son, Inc.	Triple D Const.	Sellin Bros.
Brummond Excavating	Rude Construction	Jeff Olson Construction
Davidson Construction		

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to accept the fuel bid of Farmers Union Oil Co. as submitted and shown below. Motion unanimously carried.

FUEL SUPPLY FOR 2011:

	Gasohol	No.1 Low Sulphur	No.2 Low Sulphur	Diesel Sulphur
Farmer's *	\$.10-	\$.10-	\$.10-	\$.10-
Union Oil **	\$.08-	\$.08-	\$.08-	\$.08-

* Delivered

** Dealer Pump

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to accept the Johnson-Fargo Culvert, Inc. bids for culvert supplies and instruct the County Engineer to use the low bid for specific culverts. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to hold the Five-Year Road & Bridge Construction Plan Hearing on April 24th, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the 2012 Township Road Maintenance agreement and to authorize the Chairman and County Auditor to sign the same on behalf Pennington County. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to authorize the County Engineer to purchase Right-of-Way for SAP 57-631-05 and to authorize payment by Auditor's warrant. Motion unanimously carried.

A Personnel Committee meeting was set for March 28th, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Chairman Swanson then excused himself from the Board meeting to attend the NW Regional Development Commission meeting, turning the Chair to Vice-Chairman Commissioner Hempel.

Deb Sletten, MCIT Loss Control Consultant, presented the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust Annual Report to Pennington County. Deb Sletten also did a safety inspection of the Auditorium earlier this afternoon. The County Board thanked her for the report.

Van Swanson, representing the Pennington County 4-H clubs, made a request from the remaining Pembina Trail RC&D Funds of \$2,550 for the following items:

Knowledge Bowl References	\$ 650.00
Taco Cooler	\$1,200.00
Dog Rally Project	\$ 300.00
Foodstand Cooler	\$ 400.00

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to fund up to \$2,550 to the Pennington County 4-H for the foregoing items from the Pembina Trail RC&D funds. Motion unanimously carried.

Avis Kinnell, Co-Director of the Pioneer Village, gave a report of the activities at the Pioneer Village and when they will open for the season. She thanked the County Board for their annual appropriation and made a request of \$2,000 from the Pembina Trail RC&D funds to build some displays. Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve up to \$2,000 from the remaining Pembina Trail RC&D funds to the Pioneer Village for construction of displays. Motion unanimously carried.

County Sheriff Ray Kuznia presented Amendment Number Three to the Food Service Management Agreement between Pennington County and A'Viands, LLC which includes a 2% increase to inmate meals. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve Amendment Number Three to the A'Viands, LLC Food Service Management Agreement for 2012. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to authorize the County Sheriff to advertise for a part-time STS Juvenile Crew Leader. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Sheriff then discussed STS Crew Leader Neal Peterson's request to go half-time for five months. He would also fill in for vacations when necessary. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve Neal Peterson's request to go half-time as STS Crew Leader for a five-month period. Motion unanimously carried.

Sheriff Kuznia discussed the need to purchase a van for the Sentence to Serve Crew as the current van is in bad shape. They are looking for good used passenger vans.

The Law Enforcement Committee is trying to set a date for a meeting to negotiate a building lease amount with the City of Thief River Falls.

Doug Franke, representing the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, discussed a request they have received to purchase 950 acres of land in Bray Township in Sections 18, 19, and 30. The MN DNR would be interested in those properties for prairie restoration and to provide hunting opportunities. The property comes out of CRP in 2012. Also presented were letters from Jarrod Kalsnes and Tim Kern requesting the sale. Commissioner Jensen noted that Pennington County currently has a 'no net loss' policy regarding purchases of this nature. Doug Franke noted they were looking for an answer today.

Commissioner Tveitbakk left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Warren Hermreck, constituent present for the land acquisition issue, noted he owns land next to this property and if the acquisition happens he will be unable to drain his property, thereby he objects to the acquisition. No action was taken at this time.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve payment of the Human Services warrants totaling \$52,329.27 and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion unanimously carried.

WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$110,041.23
Road & Bridge	\$ 5,040.43

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$7.80 were also approved.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the Board minutes of March 13th, 2012 as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to set the public hearing on redistricting of County Commissioner Districts for April 24th, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Pennington County Courthouse, County Board Room. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Auditor presented a proposal to set up Wi-Fi capabilities in the Courthouse, Human Services, and Highway Department buildings in specified locations. Cost of equipment and installation is \$5,936.56. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to authorize the purchase and installation of Wi-Fi as outlined in the proposal. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Board then spent some time discussing the use of the Auditorium building. MCIT will be sending a report of any safety issues in the building.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to adjourn the Board meeting to April 10th, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor
Pennington County

Oliver "Skip" Swanson, Chairman
Board of Commissioners