

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>, 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, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Members present: Cody Hempel, Donald Jensen, Neil Peterson, and Oliver “Skip” Swanson. Members absent: Darryl Tveitbakk

County Engineer Mike Flaagan asked for a motion to advertise for bids for SAP 57-631-05. Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to authorize the County Engineer and County Auditor to advertise for bids on SAP 57-631-05 to be opened on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Engineer presented three quotes for CP 57-12-06 (cracksealing):

Astech Asphalt Services	\$ 76,450
Bargen Inc.	\$110,750
Northwest Asphalt Inc.	\$ 81,500

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the quote of Astech Asphalt Services of \$76,450 as the lowest and best quote received for CP 57-12-06 (cracksealing). Motion unanimously carried.

The County Engineer presented three quotes for CP 57-12-04 (striping):

Sunny’s Specialties, Inc.	\$19,604.99
AAA Striping Service Co.	\$16,613.54
Traffic Marking Surfaces, Inc.	\$22,025.04

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the quote of AAA Striping Service Co. of \$16,613.54 as the lowest and best quote received for CP 57-12-04 (striping). Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to advertise for the position of full-time Assistant County Engineer. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Board reviewed a petition to clean the portion of County Ditch #42 through Sections 35 and 36 of Kratka Township for approximately 2.5 miles. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to accept the petition to clean CD#42 as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Board reviewed a petition to clean County Ditch #47 where it passes through Sections 6 and 7 of Deer Park Township and along the west and north sides of Section 32 of Highlanding Township. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to accept the petition to clean CD#47 as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to set the County Engineer salary at \$85,000 per year effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Motion unanimously carried.

Howard Person, Pennington County Solid Waste Officer, noted that the Solid Waste Committee has met and discussed the upcoming sale of Omega Inc. to O&S Systems, LLC. It is proposed that the same Operating and Facility Space Agreement that Omega Inc. operated under be offered to O&S Systems. O&S will have full use of the tipping floor and load-out area located in the south end of the building and use of the southwest corner and scale as described in the agreement. Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the Operating and Facility Space Agreement with O&S Systems, LLC effective upon completion of the sale of Omega Inc. Motion unanimously carried.

County Assessor Adeline Olson presented two abatements. The first is an abatement of market value under the Local Option to Disaster rule on parcel #19.04204940 owned by Joseph Appel. The detached garage was destroyed by fire on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Total reduction of market value for taxes payable 2013 would be \$8,500. Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the abatement of \$8,500 in market value on the property owned by Joseph Appel (parcel #19.04204940) for taxes payable 2013. Motion unanimously carried.

The second abatement request is for the property owned by Dave and Elizabeth Sjostrand located at 321 St. Paul Ave. S. (parcel #25.0108090). The property was eligible for the relative homestead classification. Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to abate the real estate tax on the above property for taxes payable 2011 and 2012 to reflect the adjustment due to a reclassification to relative homestead. Motion unanimously carried.

Amanda Grzadzielewski, representing the Northwest Private Industry Council/Workforce Investment Board, presented the two-year renewal of the NW Workforce Service Area Joint Powers Agreement effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, and upon vote was unanimously carried.

### **RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Pennington County approves the extension of the Joint Power Agreement of the NW Workforce Service Area, thereby designating the NW Regional Development Commission Board of Directors as the Local Elected Officials Board for the Workforce Investment Act, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve payment of the Human Services warrants totaling \$106,818.46, the Auditor and Manual warrants for March, 2012 totaling \$780,893.14, and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion unanimously carried.

## WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$77,844.39
Road & Bridge	\$24,536.66
Solid Waste Facility	\$ 1,297.97
Ditch Funds	\$ 3,116.43

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$1,862.61 were also approved.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the Law Enforcement Center Building Space Lease Agreement with the City of Thief River Falls for the years 2012 and 2013. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Board reviewed the final draft of the GIS Professional Services Agreement with Pro-West & Associates, Inc. Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the GIS Professional Services Agreement with Pro-West & Associates, Inc. and authorize the Chair and County Auditor to sign the agreement on behalf of Pennington County. Motion unanimously carried.

The estimate for replacement of 168.25 linear feet of concrete sidewalk on the south side of the courthouse was then discussed. The estimate includes 34 yards of concrete and other supplies to complete the job. The labor would be provided by the Sentence to Serve crew and the Building and Grounds Supervisor. Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the replacement of the sidewalk on the south side of the Courthouse at an estimated cost of \$5,879. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Auditor reviewed the proposal from AP Technology to install the SecureCheck Pro-7 upgrade for the County at a cost of \$2,520. Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the upgrade to SecureCheck Pro-7. Motion unanimously carried.

Doug Franke, representing the Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources, met with the County Board to discuss a possible land purchase in Bray Township. Also in attendance at this time were landowners and interested parties with concerns about this purchase. Mr. Franke noted that the MN DNR would be interested in working with the neighbors in this area on drainage concerns. The County Board indicated any agreements would need to be in writing. Discussion was held on setting up a committee to review land usage in this area and also of how to deal with the 'No Net Loss' resolution the County currently has on record. The Chairman then appointed Commissioners Peterson and Jensen, along with Tim Kern, Jarrod Kalsnes, Warren Hermreck, Larry Martinsen, and Doug Franke or other representatives of the landowners to a committee to review the land acquisition request, land usage in the area, and the 'No Net Loss' policy.

Representatives Deb Kiel and Dan Fabian gave an update on issues the legislature has been working on this session. Some of the items discussed were the photo id issue, market value exclusion, SSTS regulations, DNR land acquisitions, license fees and

agency permits. The County Board thanked the Representatives for their update and invited them back anytime.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to adjourn the Board meeting to April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor  
Pennington County

Oliver "Skip" Swanson, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners