

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 8<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, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Members present: Cody Hempel, Donald Jensen, Neil Peterson, Oliver “Skip” Swanson, and Darryl Tveitbakk. Members absent: none.

Chairman Swanson requested that Commissioner Peterson be appointed to the Highway Committee in his place and asked that he and Commissioner Tveitbakk trade appointments to the Association of Minnesota Counties Policy Committees. Commissioner Tveitbakk would represent Pennington County on the General Government Policy Committee and Commissioner Swanson would represent Pennington County on the Public Safety Policy Committee.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, that upon request of Commissioner Swanson, Commissioner Peterson replace Commissioner Swanson on the Highway Committee. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, that Pennington County’s representatives on the Association of Minnesota Counties Policy Committee be changed as follows. Motion unanimously carried.

General Government Policy Committee – Commissioner Tveitbakk  
Public Safety Policy Committee – Commissioner Swanson

County Sheriff Ray Kuznia updated the County Board on Dispatcher Adam Tongen and stated that a benefit will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at The Eagles in Thief River Falls.

Sheriff Kuznia presented the Joint Powers Work Release Agreement for fiscal year 2013. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve the Joint Power Agreement between Pennington County and the Dept. of Corrections for Work Release service for fiscal year 2013, beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Motion unanimously carried.

Sheriff Kuznia asked for authority to exceed the thirty-hour compensatory time cap written in the Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS) contract for Deputy Sheriff Melissa Skjerven so that she can complete fraud investigations for the Human Services Dept. Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to allow Deputy Sheriff a one-time variance of compensatory time accrued over the LELS language, not to exceed 120 hours, to allow for additional time needed for fraud investigation. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Sheriff discussed personnel issues in the Sentence to Serve Crew Leader position and the pending Juvenile Crew Leader selection.

The County Board discussed the possible change of the County Coroner position into a Medical Examiner position.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan discussed the progress of the Right-of-Way Acquisition on CSAH#31. All acquisitions are needed before bids can be approved.

Engineer Flaagan presented petitions to clean County Ditch #37, #41, and #62.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to accept the petition and authorize the cleaning of County Ditch #37 in Wyandotte Township between Sections 3, 2, and south through Section 22. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to accept the petition and authorize the cleaning of County Ditch #41 on the south side of Section 36, Goodridge Township. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to accept the petition and authorize the cleaning of County Ditch #62 along the south side of Sections 13, 14, and through Section 22 and 21 in River Falls Township. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the Five-Year Road & Bridge Plan as submitted on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012, with the inclusion of some testing and options to repair County Road #81. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to accept the 2011 County Highway Department Annual Report. Motion unanimously carried.

Mike Carpenter, of Carpenter's Corner, met with the County Board regarding an Application for Optional 2:00 a.m. Liquor License. The application requires the County to state if they allow the sale of alcoholic beverages until 2:00 a.m. Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the Application for Optional 2:00 a.m. Liquor License for Carpenter's Corner. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the minutes of April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 as written. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve payment of the Human Services warrants totaling \$113,018.82, the Auditor & Manual warrants for April, 2012 totaling \$736,639.47, and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion unanimously carried.

WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$56,878.23
Road & Bridge	\$24,442.73
Solid Waste Facility	\$ 623.00

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$2,046.34 were also approved.

The County Board discussed a request from The Spikedown Club to use the Auditorium gym for a volleyball camp and tournament for three days in June and also in the mornings from July 9<sup>th</sup> to July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Monday through Thursday. The Spikedown Club usually uses the school gymnasium but due to construction it will not be available this year. Volleyball is an activity that the Auditorium has been used for in the past.

A discussion was held on the use of the Auditorium gymnasium and when it was available. The County Board asked the County Auditor to contact Architect Bruce Schwartzman of BKV Group to revisit what needs to be done to make the Auditorium accessible.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the request of The Spikedown Club to use the Auditorium gym as requested after filing a waiver of liability approved by the County Attorney. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Attorney then discussed improvements needed in the District Courtroom and asked the Building Committee to meet to discuss them.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to adjourn the Board meeting to May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor  
Pennington County

Oliver Swanson, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners