

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 25TH, 2013, 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, June 25th, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Members present: Donald Jensen, Neil Peterson, and Darryl Tveitbakk. Members absent: Cody Hempel and Oliver “Skip” Swanson

Ken Yutzenka, Human Services Director, presented the consent agenda from the June 18th, 2013 Human Services meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Tveitbakk, and seconded by Commissioner Jensen, the following recommendations for June 18th, 2013 are hereby adopted. Motion unanimously carried.

SECTION A

- I. Approval of the May 21, 2013 Human Service Committee meeting minutes.
- II. A. To adopt the Minnesota Merit System Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action guidelines as the agency’s required 2013-2015 formal EEO/AA plan.
B. To adopt a resolution supporting the agency’s recommending approving Blue Plus and UCare as managed care organizations providing managed care services in Pennington County.
C. Approval to renew annual Group Residential Housing Agreement provider agreements with county GRH providers effective 07/01/2013.

SECTION B

- I. To approve payment of the Agency’s bills.

County Attorney Alan Rogalla discussed with the County Board a recent advanced personnel training he attended. He stated his concern regarding the County’s health plans and the new Affordable Health Care Act. Employers must be in compliance by January 2014. His concern was regarding our part-time and seasonal employees. It was stated that Pennington County already offers health insurance for those employees, but on a prorated basis by the number of hours worked. Which means the more hours that are worked the less the percentage would be. The County Board requested that Rob Blankenfeld from Thune Insurance attend the next personnel Committee meeting.

County Attorney Alan Rogalla also discussed that all County liens will expire on December 31, 2013 and they state there will be a 30 day notice if not going to renew. He commented that the Building Committee is planning to meet with TRFAHA to discuss the future plans of the arena.

He also stated that the mapping for Code Red should soon be done with implementation and training to follow.

Howard Person, Pennington County Solid Waste Officer, discussed with the County Board that Mar-Kit Landfill will go over capacity set by Minnesota Pollution Control Agency before our contract expires in 2015. The following resolution was moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk to support Mar-Kit Landfill for additional capacity from MPCA.

Resolution for Kittson, Marshall, Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Koochiching, Red Lake, and Pennington

WHEREAS, Pennington County directs all of its mixed municipal solid waste to the Mar-Kit Landfill under a waste delivery contract with Mar-Kit Joint Powers Board, and

WHEREAS, the Mar-Kit Landfill will exhaust the landfill capacity granted by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Permit prior to the expiration of the delivery contract in 2015, and

WHEREAS, Pennington County supports Mar-Kit's requests that the MPCA grant additional Certificate of Need (CON) for additional capacity at the Landfill on a short-term basis so that services to the County are not interrupted, and

WHEREAS, Pennington County is in the process of preparing a Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (CSWMP) Update per Minn. Stat. 115A.46, and

WHEREAS, the new CSWMP is the document upon which a long-term, (2015-2025), CON may be authorized and calculated by MPCA, and

WHEREAS, Pennington County intends to continue to operate a solid waste management system that meets the requirements of State law: specifically, that Pennington County will continue to reduce its dependence on land disposal by utilizing a variety of landfill abatement programs, and

WHEREAS, Pennington County will continue to coordinate planning its future solid waste management system with neighboring Counties, and

WHEREAS, Pennington County will work with MPCA to determine the need for additional land disposal capacity through its new CSWMP, and now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, Pennington County pledges to use its best efforts to continue to operate a solid waste management system that reduces the need for a practice of land disposal, to formulate and adopt a new CSWMP in 2014, and to support the Mar-Kit Landfill's development of a short-term request for a Certificate of Need for Additional Land Disposal Capacity, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Pennington County, without committing to deliver waste to Mar-Kit after the expiration of the existing delivery contract in 2015, will

adopt a new CSWMP that fulfills MPXA’s need for information to determine the need for land disposal capacity for the period from 2015 to 2025.

Howard Person also mentioned an outbreak of leafy spurge on the Pembina Trail. Half of the outbreak is DNR and the other is private land. The remedy could either be beetles or spray.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan and Financial Assistant Supervisor Kathleen Herring met with the County Board to review the Lean Process. The Lean Process is to standardize work processes.

The County Board reviewed the bids received for the following aggregate base project CP 57-13-05-81. The following complete bids were received:

Davidson Construction	\$115,577.50
K & K Trucking	\$ 99,184.50
Thygeson Construction Co.	\$ 83,523.00

Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve the bid of Thygeson Construction for the aggregate base project of CR81 as the lowest and best bid received in the amount of \$83,523.00. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Board the reviewed the bids received for the following County Wide Striping project CP 57-13-04. The following complete bids were received:

AAA Striping Service Co.	\$101,458.24
Sonni Specialties	\$115,980.11
Swanston Equipment Co.	\$100,721.08
Traffic Marking Service Inc.	\$100,529.08

Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commisisoner Tveitbakk to approve the bid of Traffic Marking Services Inc. for the County Wide Striping project CP 57-13-04 as the lowest and best bid received in the amount of \$100,529.08. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Board discussed with the County Engineer the possibility of approving the wheelage tax for Pennington County.

Mike Flaagan brought to the County Board renewal of the Greenview Inc. contract with Pennington County. Commissioner Tveitbakk moved, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the Greenview Inc. contract for July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 for \$12.85 per hour. Motion unanimously carried.

A petition was received by the County Engineer to clean 1 mile of CD 36. There is an issue with the location of the 1 mile on whether it is part of the ditch system. The County

Board directed the Engineer to do more research to find the original determination of benefits on the ditch.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve payment of the Human Services warrants totaling \$229,832.08, and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion unanimously carried.

County Revenue	\$65,239.09
Road & Bridge	\$16,553.68
Ditch Funds	\$ 4,030.17

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$43.60 were also approved.

Moved by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the June 11, 2013 minutes as written. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk to adjourn to 10:00 a.m. July 9, 2013. Motion carried.