

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013, 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, October 8th, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Members present: Cody Hempel, Donald Jensen, Neil Peterson, Oliver “Skip” Swanson, and Darryl Tveitbakk at 10:15 a.m. Members absent: none.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

County Engineer, Mike Flaagan, recommends finalizing the County Road 81 project done by Thygeson Construction Co. with final payment in the amount of \$93,170.50. The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Swanson and upon vote was unanimously carried.

WHEREAS: Project No. 57-13-05-81 has in all things been completed, and the County Board being fully advised in the premises,

NOW THEN BE IT RESOLVED, that we do hereby accept said completed project for and in behalf of the Pennington County Highway Department and authorize final payment as specified herein.

The County Engineer then gave a report on the status of the 2013 projects. County Ditch #41 cleaning has been completed and County Ditch #37 is in need of cleaning and riprap. Paving on the CSAH #23 (Oklee Rd) still needs to be completed.

The study has been completed on the amount of gravel in the SE1/4 Section 16 Black River Township. After a meeting with Minnesota Department of Natural Resource representatives it was decided that the County should remove the gravel as authorized and reclaim the pit.

Amanda Grzadzielewski, representing the Northwest Private Industry Council presented the nomination of Amber Hawkins as an Organized Labor Representative on the Northwest Private Industry Council. Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson to recommend approval of Amber Hawkins as an Organized Labor Representative on the Northwest Private Industry Council. Motion unanimously carried.

The Public Safety Committee would like to meet with the Thief River Falls Mayor and Administrator regarding the Emergency Management Director position. Commissioner Tveitbakk moved, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to give authority to the public safety committee to contact the City of Thief River Falls representative regarding making the Emergency Management Director position a full time position. Motion unanimously carried.

County Assessor Adeline Olson presented an application for abatement of market value under the Local Option to Disaster on parcel No. 25.03804250 owned by Larry and Sharon Johnson. The garage and part of the house was destroyed by fire on August 26th, 2013. Moved by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve reducing the market value by \$10,800 for taxes payable 2014 on parcel no. 25.03804250 owned by Larry and Sharon Johnson pursuant to the Application for Abatement Local Option to Disaster. Motion unanimously carried.

Moved by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to authorize the Chairman to sign Satisfaction of Mortgage Deed for Michelle and Lynn Baker and future Satisfaction of Mortgage Deeds when received so as not to jeopardize locking in of interest rates. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Board discussed the leases with TRFAHA, the Archery Club, the Rifle Club, and St. Bernard's. All current leases expire on December 31st, 2013.

Commissioner Tveitbakk moved, seconded by Commissioner Peterson to approve payment of the Human Service warrants totaling \$182,283.80, the Auditor and Manual warrants for August 2013 totaling \$1,152,427.85, and the following Commissioner warrants. Motion unanimously carried.

WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$ 62,497.40
Road & Bridge	\$ 84,918.72
Solid Waste Facility	\$ 745.50
Ditch Funds	\$ 7,215.00

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$1,485.21 were also approved.

Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk to approve the minutes of September 24th, 2013 as written. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk to set the salary of the Auditor/Treasurer at \$90,000 effective October 1st, 2013. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion were held regarding if the Inter County Nursing Service will be allowed to participate in the County Health Insurance plan or if they will be required to seek their own group plan. Discussion was also held on the County Coroner position.

Moved by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Peterson to adjourn to 5:00 p.m. October 22nd, 2013. Motion carried.