

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 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, November 12th, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Members present: Donald Jensen, Neil Peterson, and Darryl Tveitbakk. Members absent: Cody Hempel and Oliver “Skip” Swanson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Peter Nelson, Pennington County Soil and Water Conservation District, presented the FY 2014 State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement. Mr. Nelson noted that the amount of the grant for the MPCA SSTS Upgrade had increased to \$37,900. Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk to approve the FY 2014 State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement in the total amount of \$98,621. Motion unanimously carried.

Tony Dorn Jr. and Tom Goddard representing TRFAHA were present at the County Board meeting to discuss the lease of the Old Arena. Because only three members of the County Board were in attendance they decided to be placed on the next County Board Agenda November 26th, 2013 at 5:05 p.m.

County Auditor Kenneth Olson presented the 2014 Snowmobile GIA Maintenance and Grooming Grant Agreement effective July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Moved by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the FY 2014 Snowmobile GIA Maintenance and Grooming Grant and authorize the Vice-Chairman and County Auditor to sign the agreement in behalf of Pennington County. Motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk to approve the agreements with Red Lake County, Norman County and Marshall County to share server and maintenance costs for GIS data for a three year period as proposed. Motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk to approve the Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc (esri) license Agreement for use of ARC GIS. Motion unanimously carried.

Moved by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to issue a duplicate warrant #97298 to Amy Beckius-Johnson for \$72.72 without furnishing an indemnifying bond to replace the original check destroyed in the mail. Motion carried.

The County Board discussed the public hearing being held on November 13th, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bremer Bank Building in Warren, MN to discuss redistribution of the

Middle-Tamarac-Snake River Watershed District managers. Commissioner Peterson will attend.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan made a request that the County Board approve resolutions approving the Bridge Board Grant terms.

Commissioner Tveitbakk introduced the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Jensen and upon vote was unanimously carried.

**Resolution For Agreement to State Transportation Fund (Bridge Bonds) Grant
Terms and Conditions SAP 57-598-047**

WHEREAS, Pennington County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for construction of Bridge No.57J37; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this bridge is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$46045.00 by reason of the lowest responsible bid;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Pennington County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, subdivision 5, clause (3), and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate, and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the bridge but not required.

Commissioner Jensen introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk and upon vote was unanimously carried.

**Resolution For Agreement of State Transportation Fund (Bridge Bonds) Grant
Terms and Conditions SAP 57-098-048**

WHEREAS, Pennington County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for construction of Bridge No.57J36; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this bridge is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$43,601.00 by reason of the lowest responsible bid;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Pennington County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, subdivision 5, clause (3), and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate, and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the bridge but not required.

The County Board then discussed with the County Engineer the billable rates to Townships for motor grader, mower, and the minimum charge, along with the minimum charge for individual driveway plowing and grading.

Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Tveitvakk to set the rates of Township Road & Ditch Maintenance as follows:

Motor Grader	\$90/Hour
Mower	\$85/Hour
Minimum Charge	\$50

Motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Tveitvakk to set the minimum rate for snowplowing and grading individual driveways at \$45. Motion unanimously carried.

Mike Flaagan then discussed leasing a mower tractor instead of owning. The Highway Committee will review this item further.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan noted that Maintenance Foreman, Mike Stennes probation period has been completed. Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitvakk to move Maintenance Foreman Mike Stennes to step 3 effective the day after the probation period was completed. Motion unanimously carried.

The Ditch Petition to clean County Ditch #16 one mile south of the Seven Clans Casino was discussed. The County Board would like to see a survey completed of the whole system.

The County Board then reviewed quotes for a new Sheriff's Squad off the State of Minnesota Bid Specs. The following quotes were received:

Thief River Ford	-	2014 Ford Explorer AWD Police	-	\$26,495.00
Northern Motors	-	2014 Tahoe 4WD	-	\$32,345.85
Westside Motors	-	2014 Dodge Durango SSV V6	-	\$27,975.00
Westside Motors	-	2014 Dodge Durango SSV V8	-	\$30,343.00

Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitvakk to approve the purchase of a 2014 Ford Explorer AWD Police package for \$26,495.00 plus tax and license from Thief River Ford. Motion unanimously carried.

Moved by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement between the Land of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging and Northwest Sentence to Serve (contract # 314-14-003B-428) for Chore Services for Older Americans for the period of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014. Motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Tveitbakk moved, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve payment of the Human Service warrants totaling \$204,912.93, the Auditor and Manual warrants for October 2013 totaling \$1,661,922.58, and the following Commissioner warrants. Motion carried.

WARRANTS	
County Revenue	\$135,245.82
Road & Bridge	\$ 48,735.29
Solid Waste Facility	\$ 10,813.46
Ditch Funds	\$ 12,795.00
Forfeited Tax	\$ 271.42

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$1,815.58 were also approved.

Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk to approve the minutes of October 22nd, 2013 as written. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk to approve the 2014 Crime Victim Services Grant Agreement between the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs and the Pennington County Attorney's Office (contract # A-CVS-2014-PENNAO-00103) effective October 1st, 2013 to September 30th, 2014 that will provide \$71,455 for this program. Motion unanimously carried.

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Jensen and moved its adoption, Commissioner Tveitbakk seconded the motion and upon vote was unanimously carried.

Resolution approving Emergency Management Performance Grant 2013

BE IT RESOLVED; That the Pennington County Board of Commissioners approve The Emergency Management Performance Grant 2013 between Pennington County and the State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety Homeland Security And Emergency Management Division,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the County Board Vice Chairman – Neil Peterson and the Pennington County Auditor/Treasurer – Kenneth Olson be authorized to sign the agreement in behalf of Pennington County.

The County Auditor mentioned that we have an invoice from Neopost for Postage Meter Rental that needs to be paid by November 25th, 2013 but needs to be corrected and is

asking that the Auditor's Office have authority to pay Neopost by Auditor warrant after the correction is received. Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk to authorize the Auditor/Treasurer Office to pay Neopost for Postage Meter Rental by Auditors Warrant. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to adjourn to 5:00 p.m. November 26th, 2013. Motion carried.