

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2014, 8:00 AM**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Pennington County Board of Commissioners met in the Pennington County Board Room in Thief River Falls, MN, on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. Members present: Donald Jensen, Neil Peterson, Cody Hempel, Oliver “Skip” Swanson, and Darryl Tveitbakk. Members absent: none.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

County Assessor Adeline Olson presented Abatement Applications for Aaron Miller and Heather Walbeck Diardo.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson to approve the application of abatement for the Aaron Miller property, Parcel #14.03514100, reducing the value of the parcel for taxes payable 2014 due to a shed destroyed by high winds in 2013. Motion unanimously carried.

Moved by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the application of abatement for the Heather Walbeck Diardo property, Parcel #16.04102430, reducing the value of the parcel for taxes payable 2014 due to two garages and a breeze way destroyed by high winds on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Motion unanimously carried.

Inter County Nursing Director Anita Cardinal met with the County Board to discuss an open position on the Inter County Nursing Service Board. Commissioner Hempel moved, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk to appoint Don Aandal to the Inter County Nursing Board for a 2-year term. Motion unanimously carried.

Inter County Nursing Director Anita Cardinal also gave an update on the Quinn County Board. There has been people interviewed for the Quinn County Director position and their selection will be sent to DHS for approval.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk to approve the February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 minutes as written. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Erik Beitel met with the County Board to discuss a quote from North American Rescue for tourniquets. Commissioner Tveitbakk moved, seconded by Commissioner Hempel to purchase 23 tourniquets and holders for city and county patrol use from North American Rescue. Motion unanimously carried.

Other items that were discussed by Mr. Beitel was that the EEOC activation training was last week and all emergency personnel was contacted, there will be an active shooter training scheduled with the school and Law Enforcement, and he is also looking at hiring consultants for Pennington County's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Tveitbakk and Emergency Management Director Erik Beitel are to meet before the next County Board meeting to discuss a chain of command resolution and present it at the March 11 County Board meeting.

County Sheriff Ray Kuznia met with the County Board to discuss the position of part-time Deputy Sheriff. Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk to approve Dustin Coauette for the position of part-time Deputy Sheriff contingent upon passing the medical and psychological exams as well as the background check. Motion unanimously carried.

They also discussed ARMOR grant moneys for emergency radios. The County Sheriff would like to bid for dispatch and then complete the rest of the patrol cars if grant money is available.

Commissioner Tveitbakk moved, seconded by Commissioner Hempel to approve payment of the Human Service warrants totaling \$119,718.32 and the following commissioner warrants. Motion carried.

#### WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$66,156.54
Road & Bridge	\$ 9,635.98
Ditch	\$ 21.19
Capital Improvement	\$ 1,100.00

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$383.68 were also approved.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan brought before the Board a resolution for deficient bridges requiring replacement or rehabilitation.

Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk to approve the following resolution. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the County of Pennington has determined that the following deficient bridges on the CSAH, County Road and Township systems are a high priority and require replacement or rehabilitation within the next five (5) years, and

<u>Bridge No</u>	<u>Road No</u>	<u>Est. Project Cost</u>	<u>Town Bridge</u>	<u>Bond</u>	<u>Proposed Year</u>
L0251	CR 55	\$150,000		\$150,000	2014
L0257	CR 59	\$ 75,000		\$ 75,000	2014
L0264	CR 75	\$ 85,000		\$ 85,000	2014
93203	CR 65	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	2014

**WHEREAS**, local roads play an essential role in the overall state transportation network and local bridges are the critical component of the local road systems, and

**WHEREAS**, State support for the replacement or rehabilitation local bridges continues to be crucial to maintaining the integrity of the local road systems and is necessary for the County and the Townships to proceed with the replacement or rehabilitation of the high priority deficient bridges described above, and

**WHEREAS**, Pennington County intends to proceed with replacement or rehabilitation of these bridges as soon as possible when State Transportation Bond Funds are available.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Pennington County commits that it will proceed with design and contract documents for these bridges immediately after being notified that funds are available in order to permit construction to take place within one year of notification.

Bray Township Road Hearing is set for March 11, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Hempel to set the bituminous overlay bid letting for April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 10:00 am. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk to sell a 1994 Ford pickup on k-bid and to sell 3 wood mowers a 2004, 2005, and 2007 at Mckercher's Auction. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Swanson to authorize the County Chairman and the County Auditor to sign the Township Maintenance Agreements for 2014. Motion carried.

A BWSR Hearing is set for March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. The Pennington County Board of Commissioners does not feel they need to have a person on the BOWSR board.

The Pennington County Board of Commissioners would like the City/County Breakfast meeting moved to March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Dees' Kitchen.

There was discussion that Job's Inc wants an executive committee formed.

Commissioner Hempel moved, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk to purchase an Apple TV box for the projector in the County Board room. Motion carried.

At 9:00 am the following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, and upon vote was unanimously carried.

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, a Pennington County employee, Gerry Mattison, has asserted a personnel matter involving the Pennington County Highway Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pennington County Board will be seeking confidential legal advice from Kristi Hastings, the attorney retained to represent the County on litigation strategies and possible settlement proposals relative to the personnel matter with the purpose to avoid and/or minimize litigation concerning this matter; and

**WHEREAS**, the legal advice would be limited to litigation strategies, settlement proposals, with no other public business discussed.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Minnesota Statute §13D.05, Subd 3(b), the Pennington County Board by motion, is permitted to close this open meeting to exercise its attorney-client privilege.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Pennington County Board of Commissioners by motion may close the County Board meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 9:00 am and recesses to seek confidential legal advice from Kristi Hastings concerning litigation strategies and possible settlement proposals relative to the personnel matter brought against the Pennington County Highway Department.

At 9:45 am Commissioner Tveitbakk moved, seconded by Commissioner Hempel to close the closed meeting and resume the regular County Board meeting. Motion carried.

