

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 10TH, 2014, 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, June 10th, 2014 at 10:00 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.

Roxanne Gilbertson and Patty Norman, representing Sanford Chemical Dependency Services, met with the County Board to discuss chemical dependency/detox services. They have worked with Human Service Director Ken Yutrzenka and Social Worker Supervisor Julie Sjostrand on services they could provide and what is needed. Sanford asked if the County Board would support the needs assessment process for Rule 31 licensure. The County Board supported the continuation of the process.

Kristi Harms presented the Northwest Regional Library Profit/Loss Budget Overview for 2014. She noted that State funding has continued to decrease with some possibility of increased funding in 2015. The NW Regional Library will be looking for a 5% increase from Counties in 2015. She reported that usage of the library continues to increase. Kristi will be back in August to make a formal request for funding.

The County Board held discussion on the agreement between the City of Thief River Falls, Jobs Inc., and Pennington County to fund an Economic Development Director position.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve the agreement to obtain the services of an Economic Development Director between the City of Thief River Falls, Jobs Inc., and Pennington County as written and forward the agreement to the City of Thief River Falls and Jobs Inc. for their approval. Motion unanimously carried.

County Sheriff Ray Kuznia presented a proposal from Blair Lund for painting the hallways and stair wells in the Law Enforcement Center for \$1,475.00. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to authorize the painting of the Law Enforcement Center as proposed by Blair Lund for \$1,475.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Sheriff Kuznia reviewed the ARMER Radio Project Summary from Rey Freeman Communication Consulting. The revised pricing removes the Microwave Radio System and the tower. It now includes fiber optic connectivity service through Sjoberg’s for fifteen years. The long-term cost of the project has been reduced \$71,074 and the initial cost has been reduced \$111,574. Mr. Freeman recommends we approve the contract with Motorola for the MCC Consoles at a total cost of \$305,150. Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to approve the contract with Motorola for purchase and installation of the MCC 7500 Dispatch Center at a total cost of \$305,150, contingent upon County Attorney

approval of the contract language. Motion unanimously carried. The County Board also would like clarification on sales tax regarding radio equipment.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan made a recommendation to place Mike Stennes into the position of Assistant County Engineer effective June 16th, 2014 at step 2 of the pay scale. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to move Mike Stennes into the position of Assistant County Engineer at step 2 effective June 16th, 2014 and that the position be salaried. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to authorize the County Engineer and County Auditor-Treasurer to advertise for bids for SAP 57-603-036; bids to be opened July 17th, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Engineer Flaagan stated that a petition has been filed to clean one-mile of JD #25-3 with all required signatures. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve the petition and authorize the cleaning of one-mile of JD#25-3. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve the 5-year Road & Bridge Plan as presented on May 27th, 2014. Motion unanimously carried.

Engineer Flaagan gave a report on current projects: CSAH #23 is done; milling on Evan's road and Dewey Ave. in progress with paving to start in 2 weeks; CSAH#31 scheduled to start in July; a supplemental bid for paving in the Fair Grounds has been accepted.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Tveitbakk motioned, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to close the County Board meeting pursuant to MN Statute §13D.05 for consideration of allegations against an individual subject to the Board's authority.

At 11:36 a.m. Commissioner Hempel motioned, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to re-open the County Board meeting to regular session. Motion unanimously carried.

Bruce Schwartzman, presenting the BKV Group, informed the County Board that no bids were received for replacement of the mechanical systems in the Courthouse and only one bid was received for the electrical work. It was decided to rebid the project in February, 2015.

Bruce Schwartzman also reviewed options for additions to the Courthouse and estimates for each.

Bryan Malone of the Pennington County SWCD met with the Board regarding an application for utility installation in a wetland. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve the application for utility installation in a wetland. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the hiring of Julie Hansen for the Deputy Recorder/Auditor-Treasurer position effective July 1st, 2014 at step 2 of the pay scale. Motion unanimously carried.

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, and upon vote was unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that Pennington County Crime Victim Services will enter into a cooperative agreement with the Office of Justice Programs in the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

The Pennington County Attorney and Pennington County Crime Victim Coordinator are hereby authorized to execute such agreements and amendments as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of Pennington County Crime Victim Services.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the Board minutes of May 27th, 2014 as written. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve payment of the Human Service warrants totaling \$115,976.66 and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion unanimously carried.

WARRANTS	
County Revenue	\$53,086.38
Road & Bridge	\$50,087.33

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$1,350.54 were also approved.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to adjourn the Board meeting to June 24th, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor-Treasurer
Pennington County

Neil Peterson, Chairman
Board of Commissioners