

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JULY 22nd, 2014, 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, July 22nd, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Members present: Neil Peterson, Cody Hempel, Oliver “Skip” Swanson, Darryl Tveitbakk, and Donald Jensen. Members absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ken Yutrzenka, Human Services Director, presented the Consent Agenda from the July 15th, 2014 Human Service Committee meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, the following recommendations of the Pennington County Human Service Committee for July 15th, 2014 are hereby approved. Motion unanimously carried.

SECTION A

- I. To approve the June 17th, 2014 Human Service Committee meeting minutes.

SECTION B

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

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to place Maureen Monson in the position of Lead Social Worker effective August 1st, 2014. Motion unanimously carried.

Ken Yutrzenka reviewed the out-of-home placement cost for the first half of 2014. The net out-of-home placement costs are running \$155,217 less as compared to one half years cost in 2013. Mr. Yutrzenka then reviewed some of the strategies used to help control these costs.

Helen Anderson, Anita Cardinal, and Connie Hagen met with the County Board to go over the draft Tobacco Ordinance. After discussion on different sections it was decided to set a Hearing on the Tobacco Ordinance for August 26th, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. The County Auditor/Treasurer was asked to publish the Hearing Notice.

County Assessor Adeline Olson presented an Application for Abatement for Leif and Heather Spears on parcels R10.01304201 and R10.01304202, pursuant to the Market Value Exclusion for Veterans. This abatement would allow for exclusion of market value for taxes payable 2015. Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the Application for Abatement for Leif and Heather Spears for taxes payable 2015, pursuant to the Market Value Exclusion for Veterans. Motion unanimously carried.

Adeline Olson reported on the meeting with Enbridge Pipeline. They are attempting to persuade the Department of Revenue to lower their taxes.

Bryan Malone of the Pennington County SWCD presented a Wetland Delineation of the River View Townhomes area. Approximately 1.5 acres have wetland on them. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve the Wetland Delineation of River View Townhomes. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Board discussed the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid. The County has received \$9,772 for 2014 and will receive \$21,715 in 2015. The County Board was interested in knowing what the County's role is in preventing the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species and how the funds are to be spent. It is allowable to contract with the Pennington County SWCD to provide these services.

County Sheriff Ray Kuznia noted that Dante Steele applied for the Sentence to Serve Crew Leader position and would recommend him for the position. Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve the transfer of Dante Steele from Corrections Officer to Sentence to Serve Crew Leader. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to authorize the County Sheriff to advertise to fill the full-time Corrections Officer position that will be vacant by the transfer of Dante Steele. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Sheriff discussed the Jail Inspection report and the storm even from the night before.

Highway Department Accountant Lori Marquis noted that bids have been received and opened for SAP 057-603-036 for work on CSAH #3 just north of St. Hilaire. The bids came in much higher than expected and the County Engineer recommends that all bids be rejected. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to reject all bids received for SAP 057-603-036. Motion unanimously carried.

Lori Marquis reported that the software support for Simple Signs was set at an annual fee of \$300 and the support for Row Map is \$100 annually. Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve payment of the annual software support for Simple Signs and Row Map as submitted. Motion unanimously carried.

Davidson Construction asked to be allowed until November 1st, 2014 to remove any remaining gravel due to them and remove equipment of the County's gravel pit in Norden Township. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to allow Davidson Construction until November 1st, 2014 to exit the County's gravel pit and to pay \$500 to the County for the additional three months. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to appoint Commissioners Swanson and Hempel to the Primary and General Election Canvassing Board. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to hold the Pennington County Canvassing Board meeting on August 15th, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. to canvass the results of the August 12th, 2014 Primary Election. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to approve Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota - Office the Secretary of State, which would allow for the County Auditor/Treasurer to act as Deputy Recount Official for the 2014 Primary and General Elections. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to permit the use of the parking lot behind the Old Arena for the Street Wizards Car Show and Cruise-In Motorcycle Show on Saturday, August 2nd, 2014. This is part of the River Fest 2014 activities presented by the Thief River Falls Chamber of Commerce. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve the Professional Service Agreement with Cheryl Peterson to provide office help to the County Coroner. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve payment of the Human Services warrants totaling \$170,651.26, the Auditor and Manual warrants for June, 2014 totaling \$4,521,073.56, and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion unanimously carried.

WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$46,090.16
Road and Bridge	\$12,283.35
Solid Waste Facility	\$ 300.00
Capital Imp. Special Revenue	\$ 2,059.12

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$11.62 were also approved.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the Board minutes of July 8th, 2014 as written. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Auditor/Treasurer discussed with the County Board passing a Reimbursement Resolution that would allow the County to reimburse itself with future bond proceeds for project expense paid with reserves prior to issuance of bonds if or when needed for the Mechanical System upgrade. No action was taken at this time.

Commissioner Tveitbakk discussed possibly considering a Solar Panel Farm Ordinance.

Motioned by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to adjourn the Board meeting to August 12th, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor-Treasurer
Pennington County

Neil Peterson, Chairman
Board of Commissioners