

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26TH, 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, August 26th, 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.

Scott Sommers, Human Services Fiscal Supervisor, presented the Human Service Committee Consent Agenda. On a motion by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, the following recommendations of the Pennington County Human Service Committee for August 19th, 2014 are hereby adopted. Motion unanimously carried.

SECTION A

- I. To approve the July 15th, 2014 Human Service Committee meeting minutes.
- II. To approve the Agency’s personnel actions, as presented.
- III. To provide a statement of support to Sanford Thief River Falls, Medical Center, in their application to DHS for Rule 31 licensure to provide adult out-patient chemical dependency/substance abuse treatment services in Pennington County.

SECTION B

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

The County Board reviewed the letter of support for Sanford Thief River Falls Medical Center’s application for Rule 31 licensure to provide adult out-patient chemical dependency/substance abuse treatment services in Pennington County. The County Board Chairman was authorized to sign the letter on behalf of the County Board of Commissioners.

Barb Molskness, Greg Hilgeman, and Bryan Malone of the Pennington County SWCD met with the County Board to review their 2015 budget request. Barb explained the proposed budget expenditures and revenues which includes a request for an appropriation of \$98,853. The County Board will submit their request to the budget discussion.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve hiring Kelly Thygeson to fill the position of Full-Time Corrections Officer effective September 2nd, 2014. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the purchase of five used 800 MHZ squad car radios from the State Patrol for \$500 per unit. Motion unanimously carried.

Ken Olson, County Auditor-Treasurer, informed the County Board that Jaime Starren resigned from her part-time position in the Motor Vehicle Department and that another employee plans to go part-time early next year. The request is to hire a full-time employee in the Motor Vehicle Department now to learn the position. Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to advertise to fill a full-time position of Deputy Registrar in the Motor Vehicle Department. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the County Board minutes of August 12th, 2014 as written. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve payment of the Auditor and Manual warrants for July, 2014 totaling \$1,080,734.72, the Human Service warrants totaling \$112,802.41, and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion unanimously carried.

WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$54,410.83
Road and Bridge	\$87,027.56
Solid Waste Facility	\$ 927.50

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$6.43 were also approved.

County Attorney Alan Rogalla presented his 2015 proposed department budget. Also reviewed were the 2015 budgets for the Crime Victim Advocate Grant and the Crime Victim Emergency Fund.

Commissioner Hempel then made a recommendation to the County Board that Christine Anderson be hired as the Economic Development Director. Christine Anderson was one of the applicants interviewed by a committee made up of representatives from Job's Inc., the City of Thief River Falls, and Pennington County, and she is their recommended candidate. Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to hire Christine Anderson as the Pennington County Economic Development Director, pending the results of a background check. Motion unanimously carried.

At 5:30 p.m., the County Board Chairman called the Hearing on the Pennington County Tobacco Ordinance to order. Present for the hearing: Helen Anderson, Connie Hagen, Jim Efteland, Larry Kruse, Mike Barry, Jim Mattison, Pat Gerszewski, Jeff Olson, and Steve Olson.

A letter has been received from the National Association of Tobacco Outlets, Inc. and the County Board acknowledges that letter as part of the Hearing.

Comments were heard from Mike Barry, Jim Efteland, and Jim Mattison and included: what can be done when adults buy for minors; there should be more penalties for youth that use tobacco; don't feel employees that sell to someone underage should be fined; the retailers penalty is too high; there should be no restriction on what a single sale cigar should cost; there should be more penalties for adults or others selling to minors.

There didn't appear to be any objections to the training included in the Ordinance.

The Chairman noted that the County Board would take written comments concerning the Tobacco Ordinance for two weeks.

The Hearing was closed at 6:07 p.m. and the County Board meeting was called back to order.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan met with the County Board made a recommendation to Final the chevron project and the 2013 bituminous pavement project.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Contract No. 1401 (SP 088-070-038) 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 following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, and upon vote was unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Contract No. 1301 (Bituminous Paving) 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.

Engineer Flaagan asked to purchase a new Chevrolet Crew Cab pickup off the State Contract. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve the purchase of a new Chevrolet Crew Cab pickup off the State Contract bid, totaling \$28,011.50. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to purchase a Husqvarna riding lawn mower from Hubert's Outdoor Power for the County Highway Dept. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to set a hearing/informational meeting regarding County Ditch #16 for September 15th, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss costs to repair the ditch. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Engineer discussed installing GPS units in County equipment that would record history of the vehicle for three years. A company named Precise has quoted \$320/unit installed in Highway Department equipment and \$250/unit for autos plus \$40 for an antenna. Annual

software fee for the system is believed to be \$2,400. Precise hosts the software and stores the history. The County Engineer asked to hold any decision until he obtains a written quote.

Chairman Peterson then excused himself from the meeting at 6:23 p.m. and Vice-Chairman Tveitbakk assumed the Chair.

County Attorney Alan Rogalla informed the County Board that he had reviewed the One Watershed One Plan documents.

Motioned by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to adjourn the Board meeting to September 9th, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor-Treasurer
Pennington County

Neil Peterson, Chairman
Board of Commissioners