

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 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, September 9th, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Members present: Neil Peterson, Cody Hempel, Oliver “Skip” Swanson, Darryl Tveitbakk, and Donald Jensen. Members absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Executive Director Lee Meier and Pennington County Representative Kermit Genereux of the NW MN Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) gave an update on the HRA activities in Pennington County. They also reviewed a breakout of levies collected through 2014 and the return on investment from the use of these levies. Legislation has continued their levy authority through 2019.

County Assessor Adeline Olson presented the 2015 County Assessor’s office budget.

Adeline Olson requested approval of a Veteran’s Exclusion application from Robert Brooten for taxes payable 2015. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to approve the application from Robert Brooten to allow for the Veteran’s Exclusion Classification on Parcels R25.01605710 and R25.01305610. Motion unanimously carried.

Human Services Director Ken Yutrzenka presented the resignation of an Office Support Specialist and asked to be authorized to fill the vacant position. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to authorize the Human Services Director to advertise, interview, and fill the position of Office Support Specialist. Motion unanimously carried.

Ken Yutrzenka presented the Support Services Agreement between the Pennington County Family Service/Children’s Mental Health Collaborative and Northwestern Mental Health Center in Crookston, MN. Motioned by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve the Pennington County Family Service/Children’s Mental Health (Host Agency) Collaborative Support Services Agreement with the Northwestern Mental Health Center. Motion unanimously carried.

County Recorder Ken Schmalz then presented the 2015 proposed budget for the County Recorder’s office.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennington County Board hereby appoints the following Deputy County Auditor-Treasurer staff as the Absentee Ballot Board for the November 4th, 2014 General Election:

Julie Stennes
Jennifer Herzberg
Kevin Erickson
Julie Hansen
Linda Brown

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing Deputy Auditor-Treasurer staff also serve as the Mail Ballot Board and UOCAVA Absentee Ballot Board as recommended by the County Auditor-Treasurer.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that Pennington County enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for traffic safety projects during the period from October 1st, 2014 through September 30th, 2015.

The County Auditor-Treasurer is hereby authorized to execute such agreements and amendments as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the County of Pennington and to be the fiscal agent and administer the grant.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to approve the Cost-Share Assistance Contract Amendment (Contract No. FY12-03) which changes the completion date from 10/15/14 to 10/15/15 due to coordination of the CSAH #3 construction project now planned for 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Emergency Management Director Erik Beitel presented the 2015 proposed budget for his office.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve the Board minutes of August 26th, 2014 with one word change. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve payment of the Human Service warrants totaling \$178,325.84, and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion unanimously carried.

WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$30,678.83
Road and Bridge	\$77,546.74
Solid Waste Facility	\$ 797.00

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$1418.01 were also approved.

The County Board then held a discussion with Peter Nelson of the Pennington County SWCD regarding the Aquatic Invasive Species legislation and funding. At this time the SWCD is questioning how this fits into their program. Two County Commissioners will meet with the Pennington County SWCD to discuss the Aquatic Invasive Species program.

At 11:05 a.m. the Public Hearing on Amending the Pennington County Flood Plain Ordinance was called to order.

Peter Nelson, SWCD, stated that the Flood Plain Ordinance was being amended to include in Section 2.21 – the Letter of Map Revision issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Case No. 14-05-0815P, with an effective date of September 18th, 2014, including all attached maps, tables, and flood profiles. A new Flood Plain map along the Thief and Red Lake Rivers that includes the City of Thief River Falls and some of the surrounding area will be used for flood insurance rate purposes, planning, and zoning. No one in attendance at the hearing voiced any concerns.

The Flood Plain Ordinance Hearing was closed at 11:12 a.m. and the County Board meeting was called back to order.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve the amendment to the Flood Plain Ordinance as written. Motion unanimously carried.

County Sheriff Ray Kuznia and Sheriff's Secretary Becky Carlson presented the 2015 proposed Sheriff's budgets.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to enter into an agreement to join the Pine to Prairie Drug Task Force with the understanding that the Pennington County Sheriff's Office will provide a licensed peace officer and that all expenses will be split equally; 50% by each Pennington County and the City of Thief River Falls. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to authorize the County Sheriff to post internally for the position of Task Force Officer. Motion unanimously carried.

Sheriff Kuznia then discussed the Radio Board and progress on the Armor Radio System.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan discussed a petition to clean County Ditch #71 from the Red Lake River north for 2 ½ miles. Two culverts will need to be replaced. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to approve the cleaning of 2 ½ miles of CD#71 from the outlet in the Red Lake River. Motion unanimously carried.

Engineer Flaagan presented a petition to clean approximately 5 miles of County Ditch #96 along sections 2, 11, 14, and 23 in Sanders Township and Section 35 of Norden Township. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to approve cleaning of CD#96 as petitioned. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Ditch #16 meeting is scheduled for September 15th, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. in the County Board Room.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan was approved to attend a conference in Seattle, WA from October 28th to October 31st, 2014. There will be no cost to the County.

County Extension Agent Howard Person noted that the Regional Solid Waste Plan has been submitted to the MN Pollution Control Agency for review. Howard also mentioned that there has been more talk about mandating garbage collection and that the Transfer Station has received a renewed Storm Water permit. Mar-Kit Landfill has held a meeting on rates and we could be seeing an increase to \$50/ton. Work is still being done on the electronic waste rules and the bottle bill is still alive. A new permit for the demolition pit is being applied for.

Representative Dan Fabian and Deb Kiel then had a discussion with the County Board about the Army Corp 404 permit process and other topics.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to authorize the Personnel Committee, including the County Attorney, to negotiate all Union Contracts. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to adjourn the Board meeting to September 23rd, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor-Treasurer
Pennington County

Neil Peterson, Chairman
Board of Commissioners