

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 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, October 14th, 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.

Marc Bloomquist, District 2 Supervisor of the MN Dept. of Corrections, met with the County Board to review the Community Action Plan which includes detail strategies for the provision of correctional services and to outline goals for the District 2 of the MN Dept. of Corrections Field Services Division. Discussion was held on Out-of-Home Placement costs and what is being done to reduce them. Also discussed was DWI Court which has had a 75% success rate and the possibility of getting a similar program called Drug Court in Pennington County.

Peter Nelson, Pennington County SWCD, presented the Memorandum of Agreement for the One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) for the Red Lake River Watershed as a pilot area. Parties to the agreement will need to appoint one representative of their governing board to a policy committee.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to authorize the Chairman to appoint a representative to the One Watershed, One Plan policy committee. Motion unanimously carried.

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that Pennington County approve and enter into the Memorandum of Agreement to prepare, adopt, and implement a comprehensive watershed plan in the Red Lake River Watershed through the One Watershed, One Plan Pilot area.

Chairman Peterson then appointed Commissioner Jensen to represent Pennington County on the Policy Committee.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve the 205 State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources MPCA County Feedlot Performance Grant Agreement. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Board was informed that the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources has approved the waiver of the requirement to complete the 5-year update to the Pennington County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan.

County Sheriff Ray Kuznia made a recommendation to hire Taylor Epema for the position of part-time Corrections Officer. Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve Taylor Epema for the position of part-time Corrections Officer beginning October 27th, 2014. Motion unanimously carried.

Ray Kuznia informed the County Board that part-time Sheriff's Clerk Kristi Halbasch has accepted other employment and requested to advertise to fill her position. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to authorize the Sheriff to advertise and interview for the position of part-time Sheriff's Clerk. Motion unanimously carried.

Sheriff Kuznia also noted he had ordered two Tough pads, mounts, and printers for the squad cars.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan presented petitions to clean parts of County Ditch #47 and County Ditch #41.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to approve cleaning 4+ miles of County Ditch #47 in Highland and Kratka Townships. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to approve cleaning two miles of County Ditch #41 as petitioned. Motion unanimously carried.

The Road, Bridge, and Culvert Committee will meet on October 24th, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. to go on a tour of County roads, bridges, and culverts.

Engineer Flaagan presented two quotes for a heating system for the Highway Dept. storage building.

Brodin Sheet Metal Inc.	\$5,695
Rain Care Co.	\$6,280

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve the quote of Brodin Sheet Metal Inc. for installation of a heating system in the Highway Dept. storage building. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve payment of the Human Service warrants totaling \$176,005.39, the Auditor and Manual warrants for September, 2014 totaling \$859,842.03, and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion unanimously carried.

WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$214,644.07
Road and Bridge	\$ 71,798.08
Solid Waste Facility	\$ 750.50
Ditch Funds	\$ 522.42

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$3,046.05 were also approved.

The County Board discussed the first Board meeting date in November as presently it lands on Veteran's Day. The first meeting in November was then rescheduled for November 12th, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve the Board minutes of September 23rd, 2014 as written. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Board then took up the Tobacco Ordinance as rewritten with the recommendations from the September 23rd, 2014 County Board meeting.

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

TOBACCO ORDINANCE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Pennington County, Minnesota, adopt the revised Pennington County Tobacco Ordinance in its entirety effective January 1st, 2015.

Pennington County Tobacco Ordinance Summary

Because the county recognizes that many persons under the age of 18 years purchase or otherwise obtain, possess, and use tobacco, tobacco products, tobacco related devices, electronic delivery devices, or nicotine or lobelia delivery products, such as sales, possession, and use are violations of both state and federal laws; because studies have shown that most smokers begin smoking before they have reached the age of eighteen (18) years and that those persons who reach the age of eighteen (18) years without having started smoking are significantly less likely to begin smoking have been known to be the cause of several serious health problems which subsequently place financial burden on all levels of government, this ordinance shall be intended to regulate the sale, possession, and use of tobacco, tobacco products, tobacco related devices, electronic delivery devices, or nicotine or lobelia delivery products for the purpose of enforcing and furthering existing laws, to protect minors against the serious effects associated with the illegal use of tobacco, tobacco products, tobacco related devices, electronic delivery devices, or nicotine or lobelia delivery products and to further the official public policy of the State of Minnesota in regard to preventing young people from starting to smoke as stated in Minn. Stat.144.391.

A full and complete copy of the Pennington County Tobacco Ordinance is available in the Pennington County Auditor-Treasurer's office.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to amend the Pennington County Personnel Policy to read that employees working 30+ hours per week will be eligible to participate in the County's health insurance plans. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to adjourn the Board meeting to October 28th, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor-Treasurer
Pennington County

Neil Peterson, Chairman
Board of Commissioners