

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH, 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, November 25th, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Members present: Neil Peterson, Oliver “Skip” Swanson, Darryl Tveitbakk, and Donald Jensen. Members absent: Cody Hempel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Human Services Director Ken Yutrzenka presented the Consent Agenda from the November 18th, 2014 Human Service Committee meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, the following recommendations of the Pennington County Human Service Committee are hereby approved. Motion unanimously carried.

SECTION A

- I. To approve the October 21st, 2014 Human Service Committee meeting minutes.
- II. To approve the Agency’s personnel actions, as presented.
- III. A. To designate Pennington County Human Services and the Pennington County Sheriff’s Department as Pennington County’s Common Entry Point (CEP) to receive reports of suspected maltreatment of adults. This designation to remain effective until establishment of a statewide centralized CEP.
B. To renew the supervised visitation Purchase of Service Contract with Umbrella Tree Children’s Safety Center effective 01/01/15.

SECTION B

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

Mr. Yutrzenka reported that the Inpatient Unit for Behavior Health at Sanford reopened today. He also reported that Rachelle Ruegemer and JoAnn Lerohl tendered resignations effective December 2nd, 2014 and December 5th, 2014, respectively.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to accept the resignation of Rachelle Ruegemer effective December 2nd, 2014. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to accept the resignation of JoAnn Lerohl effective December 5th, 2014 and thank her for her many years of service to Pennington County. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Board approved payment of one and a half hours of overtime to Julie Sjostrand.

Doug Franke, Area Wildlife Manager for the MN Dept. of Natural Resources, discussed the MN DNR’s proposed purchase of a 33 acre parcel in the SW ¼ of Section 5, Polk Centre Township from Lorraine Dallmann. Mrs. Dallmann offered to sell this parcel during the conversations held

regarding a direct sale of State land to her. The MN DNR is very interested in acquiring this parcel and making it part of the Pembina Wildlife Management Area. The County Board has been asked to approve this sale. The County Board asked that the issue be brought to the December 2nd, 2014 Strategic Land Asset Management meeting.

Bruce Schwartzman, Managing Architect for the BKV Group, discussed rebidding the Mechanical System upgrade in the Courthouse. Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to authorize the BKV Group to advertise for sealed bids for replacement of the Courthouse Mechanical System to be opened February 10th, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Schwartzman also reviewed five options to add an addition to the Courthouse, refurbish the Auditorium, and/or remodel the Human Services building.

The County Board asked Mr. Schwartzman to provide a detailed layout of making the Auditorium accessible by installing an elevator and making all other required improvements to make the building usable as County Offices. He was also asked to include plans to remodel the Human Service Building and to look at Option D, which is an addition to the north end of the Courthouse and removal of the Auditorium. However, it was requested that the plans not include finishing of the space on the second and third floors. Bruce Schwartzman will submit a proposal for the requested work for this Board's consideration.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan requested final payment on the gravel crushing contract with Schenky, Inc. The project totaled \$87,600.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to approve and authorize final contract payment to Schenky, Inc. for gravel crushing. Motion unanimously carried.

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

RESOLUTION

SP 57-603-035, SP 57-070-004

Support for Funding through the Local Road Improvement Program

WHEREAS, Pennington County has applied for bonding through the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) for funding under the Routes of Regional Significance Account; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding is available; and,

WHEREAS, the amount of the bonding requested by the County is \$500,000 with a total project cost of \$1,600,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Pennington County does hereby support the project and will find the portion not covered by LRIP through its State Aid Construction Account.

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

DEFICIENT BRIDGES REQUIRING REPLACEMENT OR REHABILITATION

WHEREAS, the County of Pennington has determined that the following deficient bridges on the CSAH, County Road and Township systems are a high priority and require replacement or rehabilitation within the next five (5) years; and

Bridge No.	Road No.	Estimated Project Cost	Town Bridge	Bond	Proposed Year
L0251	CR 55	\$150,000		\$150,000	2015
L0264	CR 75	\$ 85,000		\$ 85,000	2015
93203	CR 65	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	2015
LT 10		\$ 80,000	\$80,000		2015

WHEREAS, local roads play an essential role in the overall state transportation network and local bridges are the critical component of the local road systems, and

WHEREAS, State support for the replacement or rehabilitation of local bridges continues to be crucial to maintaining the integrity of the local road systems and is necessary for the County and the Townships to proceed with the replacement or rehabilitation of the high priority deficient bridges described above, and

WHEREAS, Pennington County intends to proceed with replacement or rehabilitation of these bridges as soon as possible when State Transportation Bond Funds are available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Pennington County commits that it will proceed with the design and contract documents for these bridges immediately after being notified that funds are available in order to permit construction to take place within one year of notification.

Commissioner Jensen, Commissioner Peterson, County Engineer Mike Flaagan, and Auditor/Treasurer Kenneth Olson will meet to review Ditch balances and recommend Ditch Levies on December 16th, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to approve payment of the Human Services warrants totaling \$96,514.65, the Auditor & Manual warrants for October, 2014 totaling \$3,453,220.30, and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion unanimously carried.

WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$41,680.21
Road & Bridge	\$73,726.67
Ditch Funds	\$ 6,825.00

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$800.70 were also approved.

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

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the Board minutes of the November 18th, 2014 Special County Board meeting as written. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Board discussed the County's vacant position on the Northwestern Minnesota Juvenile Center Board.

The County Board appointed Commissioner Hempel as the County's Representative to select a Developer of the Noper Housing Project.

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennington County Board hereby approves the Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement between the Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative (MCCC) and Pennington County.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the purchase of two computers for the Motor Vehicle Office from Insight Technologies, Inc. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Board referred discussion on defibrillators in squad cars to the County Sheriff and the Law Enforcement Committee.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to adjourn the Board meeting to December 10th, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor-Treasurer
Pennington County

Neil Peterson, Chairman
Board of Commissioners