

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 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 Wednesday, December 10th, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Members present: Donald Jensen, Neil Peterson and Oliver “Skip” Swanson. Members absent: Darryl Tveitbakk and Cody Hempel

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ken Yutzenka, Human Service Director asked to fill the Social Worker position previously held by Rachelle Ruegemer. Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson to approve posting, interview and hiring a Social Worker to fill this recently vacated position. Motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Swanson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve up to 15 hours of overtime/straight time for Lori Waterworth to complete year-end duties for the position now vacated by the resignation of JoAnn Lerohl. Motion unanimously carried.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson to authorize the County Attorney to sign the Agency Agreement with Wells Fargo. Motion carried.

Commissioner Swanson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the following cigarette licenses. Motion carried.

Petro Pumper, Inc. – Thief River Falls
Farmers Union Oil Cenex – Goodridge
Kruse In of St. Hilaire, Inc.

County Auditor-Treasurer Ken Olson presented Liquor and 3.2 off sale licenses for approval. Commissioner Swanson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the following Liquor and 3.2 off sale licenses for 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Kruse In	-	Off Sale 3.2
Petro Pumper, Inc./Falls Stay & Play	-	On Sale 3.2
Petro Pumper, Inc.	-	Off Sale 3.2
Thief River Falls Golf Club	-	On Sale Club Liquor License with Sunday Sales

County Assessor, Adeline Olson presented the following applications for abatements. Louis M. Krueger, III – Parcel ID #19.02714701, garage destroyed by fire 10/11/2014. Recommend reducing Taxable Market by \$2,000 for taxes payable 2015. Moved by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the abatement for

Louis M. Krueger, III via the local option to disaster provisions and reduce the taxable market value of Parcel ID #19.02714701 by \$2,000 for taxes payable 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

David A. Vraa, Parcel ID #14.02106400, qualifies for Veterans Exclusion. Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson to approve the application of abatement for David A. Vraa by extending the Veterans market value exclusion classification. Motion unanimously carried.

Gloria Jean Simon has applied for the Special Homestead Classification for the Blind/Disabled and qualifies for this classification. The abatement is for taxes payable 2013 and 2014 totaling \$970. Commissioner Swanson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the application for abatement of \$466 for 2014 taxes and \$504 for 2013 taxes for Gloria Jean Simon on Parcel ID #25.02104250 as per the Special Homestead Classification for the Blind/Disabled. Motion carried.

Wade Johnson, Parcel ID #25.06207600-25.06207800 qualifies for the Special Homestead Classification for the Blind/Disabled effective taxes payable 2015. This is strictly a classification change. Moved by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the application for abatement to allow the Special Homestead Classification for the Blind/Disabled to be extended to Wade Johnson Parcel ID #25.06207600-25.06207800 for taxes payable 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Eric Beitel, Parcel ID #25.05500410, qualifies for the market value exclusion for Veterans classification for taxes payable 2015. Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Swanson to approve the application for abatement for Eric Beitel Parcel ID #25.05500410 allowing for the Market Value Exclusion Classification for taxes payable 2015. Motion carried.

County Auditor/Treasurer Ken Olson submitted three applications for duplicate warrants to be issued for lost warrants.

Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Swanson to approve issuance of a replacement warrant for the original warrant #169823 issued to James Hulteen, on October 25th, 2013 for \$52.46 without issuance of an indemnifying bond. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson to approve issuance of a replacement warrant for original warrant #94669 issued to Angela Wheeler (Cervantes) on June 14th, 2012 for \$224.01 without issuance of an indemnifying bond. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson to approve issuance of a replacement warrant for original warrant #93270 issued to Connie Hesse on October 21st, 2011 for \$404.00 without issuance of an indemnifying bond. Motion carried.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennington County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' request to acquire a 33 acre parcel which is part of the SW1/2, Section 5, Township 152 North, Range 45 West (Polk Centre Township) from the private landowner.

The County Board reviewed the classification of Tax Forfeited Property in Bray Township, Polk Centre Township and Numedal Township. The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson and upon vote unanimously carried.

PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Pennington, State of Minnesota, desire to offer for sale certain parcels of land that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes, and

WHEREAS, said parcels of land have been viewed by the County Board of commissioners and have been classified as non-conservation lands as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennington County Board of Commissioners hereby certify that all parcels of land on the attached list have been viewed and comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 85.012; 92.41; 282.01, Subd 8; and 282-018 and other statutes that require the withholding of tax forfeited lands from sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pennington County Board of Commissioners hereby request approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the sale of said lands.

FORFEITED REAL ESTATE
Bray Township

	<u>Section</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Range</u>
Govt. Lot 1	5	153	45
SE1/4NE1/4	5	153	45
SE1/4	8	153	45
NE1/4	17	153	45
SE1/4	17	153	45
E1/2SW1/4	17	153	45
W1/2NW1/4	20	153	45
E1/2SW1/4	20	153	45
W1/2NW1/4 & W1/2SW1/4	29	153	45

Norden Township

	<u>Section</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Range</u>
E1/2SE1/4	7	154	44
NW1/4 & NW1/4SW1/4	17	154	44
SE1/4NE1/4 & NE1/4SE1/4	18	154	44

Polk Centre Township

NE1/4NW1/4, NE1/4	19	152	45
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County Sheriff, Ray Kuznia made a recommendation to hire Misty Manderud for the position of part-time Sheriff's Clerk. She can work 15 hours per week. Christi Halbasch will continue to do dictation and gun permits. Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson to hire Misty Manderud for 15 hours per week for the part-time Sheriff's Clerk. Motion carried.

The Sheriff noted that no applications were received for the part-time Juvenile Sentence to Serve Crew Leader position and it will be re-advertised.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson to authorize the Sheriff to advertise for a full-time Deputy Sheriff to fill the vacancy related when assigning a deputy to the Task Force. Motion carried.

The Sheriff then presented quotes for a new patrol vehicle. Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson to approve the purchase of 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD from Northern Motors, through the State Contract bid for \$33,240.40. Motion carried.

Sheriff Kuznia also stated that the County Board will need to appoint a member to the Task Force Committee.

Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Swanson to approve payment of the following Commissioner Warrants and Human Service Warrants totaling \$96,453.48. Motion carried.

WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$ 34,495.28
Road & Bridge	\$ 31,062.58
Solid Waste Facility	\$ 2,645.10
Ditch Funds	\$ 43,177.50

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$609.69 were also approved.

Moved by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the minutes of November 25th, 2014 as written. Motion carried.

At 6:00 PM the County Board Chairman recessed the County Board meeting and called the 2015 Budget and Levy hearing to order.

Present at the meeting were Adeline Olson – County Assessor, Ken Yutrzenka – Human Service Director, Mike Flaagan – County Engineer, Ray Kuznia – County Sheriff, The Times Reporter – April Scheinoha, and County residents – Martin C. Johnson, Richard V. Anderson, Gary Senum and Kelly Lundeen. County Auditor/Treasurer – Kenneth Olson was then called upon to review the summary budget and levy comparisons from 2014 to 2015. The proposed levy was a 4.34% increase over 2014.

The Chairman then asked for questions from those present.

The hearing was closed at 6:25pm and the County Board meeting called back to order.

The County Board then discussed the budget and levy further and decided to make an adjustment to lower the levy to a 4.2% increase and to include a budget for Capital improvements.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Pennington County Board of Commissioners has reviewed the department budgets for 2015 at several County Board meeting and at this time finds no further changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following budgets for 2015 are approved.

FUND	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	+/-RESERVE
General Revenue	\$7,032,483	\$7,164,532	\$-132,049
Road & Bridge	\$5,774,547	\$5,774,547	\$ 0
Welfare	\$4,843,209	\$4,843,209	\$ 0
Debt Service	\$ 158,310	\$ 141,150	\$ 17,160
Solid Waste Facility	\$ 62,000	\$ 64,000	\$ 2000
Ditch Maintenance	\$ 152,000	\$ 152,000	\$ 0
Tax Forfeiture	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 0
Capital Improvement		\$ 860,000	\$-860,000

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Pennington County Board of Commissioners has reviewed the proposed levy for 2015 and the proposed Real Estate Tax Statements have been sent as required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the final property tax levies for 2015 is approved as follows:

FUND	Levy Before CPA*	CPA	Levy After CPA
General Revenue	\$4,608,711	\$398,009	\$4,210,702
Road & Bridge	\$1,295,603	\$111,889	\$1,183,714
Welfare	\$2,417,704	\$208,793	\$2,208,911
Bonded Debt Fund	\$ 156,410	\$ 0	\$ 156,410
<u>Total Levy</u>			<u>\$7,759,737</u>

(CPA-County Program Aid)

Moved by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to adjourn to 5:00 p.m. December 30th, 2014. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor-Treasurer
Pennington County

Neil Peterson, Chairman
Board of Commissioners