

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2015, 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, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Members present: Cody Hempel, Darryl Tveitbakk, Donald Jensen, Neil Peterson, and Oliver “Skip” Swanson. Members absent: None.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ken Yutzenka, Human Services Director, presented the Human Services Committee Consent Agenda for March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. On a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, the following recommendations of the Pennington County Human Service Committee for March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 are hereby approved. Motion unanimously carried.

SECTION A

- I. To approve the February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Human Service Committee meeting minutes as corrected.
- II. To approve the Agency’s personnel actions as presented.
- III. A. To approve the following Behavioral Health Purchase of Service Agreements with Sanford Health, including:
  - 1) The comprehensive services agreement.
  - 2) The residential services (Pathfinders and Northern Lights) agreement.
  - 3) The temporary confinement and chemical dependency services agreement.
- B. To approve the 2015 Minnesota Family Investment Program and Diversionary Work Program Employment and Training Services agreement as presented.
- C. To approve acceptance of the CY 2015 Adult Mental Health CSP funding grant.

SECTION B

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

Ken Yutzenka also informed the County Board that an Office Support Specialist has submitted their resignation. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to authorize the advertising, interviewing, and selection of a candidate to fill the full-time position of Office Support Specialist. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to internally post the position of Social Worker-Care Coordinator. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve extending the Lutheran Social Services contract to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 on an hourly basis. Motion unanimously carried.

Christine Anderson, Economic Development Director, gave a report to the County Board. She reported there will be 150-200 housing units built here this year. She has talked with developers interested in building here and has also submitted a downtown redevelopment proposal. Christine participated in the Day at the Capital event. The County Board thanked Christine for her report.

Marc Bloomquist, MN Dept. of Corrections, and County Attorney Alan Rogalla asked the County Board to pass a resolution approving the establishment of a drug court in Pennington County.

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

### **RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Pennington County Board of Commissioners hereby approve Pennington County offering a Drug Court for individuals who meet the eligibility requirements.

Bruce Schwartzman, BKV Group, Inc., presented the Pennington County Facility Assessment Overview and the Summary and Recommendations. The County Board discussed the need for another public information meeting, setting a tentative date/time of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Information to be discussed is the Courthouse Expansion plans and its impact on the Old Arena and the Auditorium. This will be discussed at the April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Board meeting.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan noted that all bids opened today at 4:00 p.m. will be held over for the April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 County Board meeting.

Engineer Flaagan then made a recommendation that the bidders for 2015 fuel, culvert supplies, and equipment rental be approved as submitted.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the fuel, culvert supplies, and equipment rental bids as received on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

The following fuel bid by Farmers Union Oil Co. was accepted as submitted as shown below.

**FUEL SUPPLY FOR 2015:**

	Gasohol	No.1 Low Sulphur	No.2 Low Sulphur	Diesel Sulphur
Farmer's *	\$.10-	\$.10-	\$.10-	\$.10-
Union Oil **	\$.10-	\$.10-	\$.10-	\$.10-

\* Delivered

\*\* Dealer Pump

Equipment rental bids were received and accepted from the following persons or businesses and the County Engineer was directed to use the lowest bid available.

Glen Jensen Construction	Garry Gravel	Triple D Construction
Beito Repair	Wright Const.	K&K Trucking
Thygeson Const.	Sellin Bros.	Art Laudal & Son, Inc.
Quam Excavating	Jeff Olson Const.	Brummond Excavating
Olson Const. – TRF	Nelson Excavating	

The bid of True North Steel for culvert supplies was accepted as submitted and the County Engineer was directed to use the low bid for specific culverts.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to authorize the County Engineer to advertise for three, seasonal employee positions. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to set the hearing for the Five-Year Road and Bridge Plan for April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the Township Road Maintenance Agreements and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion unanimously carried.

Peter Nelson, Pennington County SWCD, discussed making application for a grant from the Board of Water and Soil Resources to do an inventory of Shore land Buffer Strips in the County. Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to authorize the Pennington County SWCD to apply for a grant to inventory Shore land Buffer Strips from the Board of Water and Soil Resources. Motion unanimously carried.

Bryan Malone, Pennington County SWCD District Manager, presented two MN Wetland Conservation Act Notice of Decision applications.

The first application is from Farmers Union Oil Co. asking to fill .17 acre of wetland at their C-Store, A&W, and Truck Stop on Highway 59 S. in Thief River Falls. They agree to purchase .34 acres of wetland credits from Bank Account #1147 in Roseau County. Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the

Notice of Decision from applicant Farmers Union Oil Co. and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Motion unanimously carried.

The second application was from Ryan Eberhardt who is building a home in Smiley Township. The project falls under the 2000 sq. ft. De Minimus Exemption. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to approve the Notice of Decision for applicant Ryan Eberhardt and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Board discussed the legislation to change the County Program Aid formula. No action was taken.

The County Board discussed the move to eliminate or cap the deduction on tax-exempt municipal bond as part of the President's Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Proposal. Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to send a letter asking that any proposal altering tax exempt status of municipal bonds be rejected. Motion unanimously carried.

County Sheriff Ray Kuznia met with the Board regarding personnel in the Sheriff's office and the Jail staff.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve Betty Coauette moving from the position of full-time Dispatcher/Jailer to full-time Corrections Officer effective April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to post the position of full-time Dispatcher/Jailer to fill the position vacated by Betty Coauette. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to hire Mark Halverson for the position of full-time STS Crew Leader effective April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to hire Alex Thibert for the position of part-time Deputy Sheriff effective March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve the County Board minutes of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as written. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve payment of the Auditor & Manual warrants for February, 2015 totaling \$881,218.21, the Human Services warrants totaling \$75,627.86, and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion unanimously carried.

WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$ 46,874.67
Road & Bridge	\$178,633.84

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$373.53 were also approved.

Commissioner Hempel reported that the Technology Committee is surveying employees regarding computer training, such as Microsoft Excel, that they would like to have.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to make a one-time appropriation of \$500.00 to Thief River Forward to cover business expenses incurred during the Thief River Falls Day Capital, with payment to be made to the Thief River Falls Chamber of Commerce. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to adjourn the Board meeting to April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor-Treasurer  
Pennington County

Darryl Tveitbakk, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners