

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, MAY 26<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, May 26<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 consent agenda from the May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Human Service Committee meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Jensen, and seconded by Commissioner Peterson, the following recommendations of the Pennington County Human Service Committee for May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 are hereby adopted. Motion unanimously carried.

SECTION A

- I. To approve the April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 Human Service Committee meeting minutes.
- II. To approve the agency’s personnel items as presented.
- III. A. To forward a Board Resolution in response to the 2016 statewide Managed Care Procurement process supporting the agency’s recommendation for Blue Plus, a Managed Care Organization, to provide managed health care services in Pennington County.  
B. To renew the Information Privacy and Security Agreement and the Business Associate Agreement between the Minnesota Department of Human Services and Pennington County Human Services.

SECTION B

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

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to cancel the June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Abatement Hearing. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Board reviewed two change orders to the mechanical systems upgrade projects. The change order adds DDC Controls for the new air handler unit and a PXC10T user interface at a total additional cost of \$13,304. Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to approve change order #1 as outlined above. Motion unanimously carried.

Change order #2 was the removal of the four (4) cabinet unit heaters resulting in a deduct of materials of \$2,400. Motioned by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve change order #2 as outlined above. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the Renewal Option with Government Management Group to prepare Pennington County's central services cost allocation plans for years ending 2015 and 2016 for an amount of \$2,850 per year. Motion unanimously carried.

Warren Larson, representing the Northern Dental Access Clinic, gave a brief overview of the services provided by the Northern Access Dental Access Center. It services low income people in the region with dental care and support services. He asked the County Board to pass a resolution of support seeking State Funding of a new facility to house the Northern Dental Access Center. The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, and upon vote was unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF NORTHERN DENTAL ACCESS CENTER**

**WHEREAS**, lack of access to dental care is a common challenge among people experiencing poverty and other life challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, the lack of adequate dental care negatively affects the health of individuals and the overall health of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, lack of access to dental care contributes to challenges in worker productivity, childhood learning, and social success among vulnerable and at risk people; and

**WHEREAS**, even though many dentists within the region work to meet the need for dental care by all residents, the growing demand among low income and at-risk people, along with reduced Medicaid payments, there remains a significant gap in dental care access in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, Northern Dental Access Center has successfully served more than 13,000 people in its first six years of operation, with dental care and the patient support services necessary to address barriers to care; and

**WHEREAS**, growing demographic projections indicate that the number of low income people who live in and around Pennington County will number more than 70,000 in the year 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the current Northern Dental Access Center facility is housed in a leased facility that has been expanded multiple times with no more capacity to grow in order to adequately meet the growing demand for care. Parking challenges, ADA compliance issues, high energy costs, lack of adequate administrative and storage space, and lack of patient privacy—all contribute to the growing need for a new facility ; and

**WHEREAS**, a new clinic with updated features and room for expansion will provide for greater number of patients served, higher efficiency in the use of public funds, allow for multiple community partnerships to better serve low income families with dental care and access to other resources to improve their overall health.

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Pennington County Board of Commissioners supports development of a new facility to house Northern Dental Access Center and its community partners to assure the organization's long term sustainability

and for the purposes of serving greater numbers of low income people in the region with dental care and support services to address barriers to care.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Pennington County Board of Commissioners encourages adjacent units of government to resolve similar support of Northern Dental Access Center's proposed expansion, as their constituents gain to benefit from increased access to dental care.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan gave an update on his meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and current construction projects.

The Road, Bridge, and Culvert Committee was rescheduled from May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 a.m. at the County Highway Dept.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve payment of the Human Services warrants totaling \$86,141.44, and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion unanimously carried.

WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$30,521.63
Road & Bridge	\$10,937.63
State Funds	\$ 821.43

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$99.47 were also approved.

A Technology Committee was tentatively scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup> or June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Bryan Malone, Pennington County SWCD District Manager, asked that the County Board approve the State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Acknowledgement/Consent of Deposit of Wetland Bank Credits. The account will be named Pennington County. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve and authorize the County Board Chairman to sign the Acknowledgement/Consent of Deposit of Wetland Bank Credits form on behalf of Pennington County. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the Board minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 10:00 a.m. meeting as written. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the Board minutes of the May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 5:42 p.m. meeting as written. Motion unanimously carried.

County Sheriff Ray Kuznia presented the State of Minnesota Joints Powers Agreements for Work Release Services and Institution Community Work Crew House Building Program and made a recommendation to approve both.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to approve the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement between the Commissioner of Corrections,

Department of Corrections – Work Release Unit, and the Pennington County Sheriff’s Office, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to approve the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement between the Commissioner of Corrections, Institution Community Work Crew House Building Program, and the Pennington County Law Enforcement Center, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Board discussed and approved the purchase of five (5) HP Pro-Desk computers through Insight Technologies at quoted cost of \$3,595 per the County Sheriff’s budget.

The Personnel Committee reported that the AFSCME Union Contract with the Human Services employees had been settled for a three-year period effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve the Labor Contract between Pennington County and AFSCME – Minnesota Council #65, Local #3452 for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to adjourn the Board meeting to the June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 Public Information Hearing scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the Joint Use Facility Meeting Room.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor-Treasurer  
Pennington County

Darryl Tveitbakk, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners