

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2015, 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, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Members present: Cody Hempel, Donald Jensen, Neil Peterson and Oliver “Skip” Swanson. Members absent: Darryl Tveitbakk.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Don Jensen and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Bryan Malone, Pennington County Soil & Water Conservation District Manager, asked that the County Board approve a Professional Land Survey Services Contract with Widseth Smith Nolting and Associates, Inc. to update the existing survey of the County’s proposed wetland bank property in Section 34 of High Landing Township to ensure it meets all of the new standards from the Conservation Easement Boundary scope of work provided by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources. The cost of the survey is \$1,700.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve the contract for Professional Land Survey Services with Widseth Smith Nolting and Associates, Inc. as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

County Engineer Mike Flaagen met with the County Board to give an update on the County Highway Department projects. The grading job north of St. Hilaire is just getting started. The crack sealing project started Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The Toward Zero Death grant application has been submitted. Mowing on the top cut of the ditches is in process. The other projects will start at a later date.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to approve a permit for display of fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in the field east of the Seven Clans Casino. Red Lake Gaming is the applicant and Zambelli Fireworks Internationale is the operator. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Board discussed the June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 public information meeting regarding the use of or demolition of the Auditorium and/or Old Arena for a Courthouse expansion. The County also reviewed correspondence from Bruce Schwartzman, BKV Group regarding taking another look at an option that includes the building of a Judicial Center and remodeling of the Courthouse and an addition to the Jail at the Law Enforcement Center. This option had been looked at previously and the County Board felt it was in the County’s best interest to look at that option again.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to request the BKV Group develop an updated estimate of the cost and a preliminary plan of building a Judicial Center either as a second floor of the Law Enforcement Center or as a new building just south of the Law Enforcement Center. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve a permit for display of fireworks for Premier Pyrotechnics, Inc. applicant and Jeffrey Krein agent for July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 or if inclement weather July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at 16223 130<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Thief River Falls, MN from 3:00 pm until 15 minutes past dark. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve payment of the Human Services warrants totaling \$129,445.72, and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion unanimously carried.

WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$35,751.43
Road & Bridge	\$83,013.92
Solid Waste Facility	\$1,184.50
Ditch Funds	\$42,522.42
Capital Improvement	\$14,581.65

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$260.00 were also approved.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the Board minutes of the May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 10:00 a.m. County Board meeting and the June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 public information meeting as written. Motion unanimously carried.

It was asked that the Personnel Committee meet to discuss the Economic Development Director position, looking at the County's role as employer.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to adjourn the Board meeting to June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at 5:00 pm. Motion unanimously carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor-Treasurer  
Pennington County

Darryl Tveitbakk, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners