

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25<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, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. Members present: Darryl Tveitbakk, Donald Jensen, Cody Hempel and Oliver “Skip” Swanson. Members absent: Neil Peterson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Commissioner Tveitbakk and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ken Yutrzenka, Human Services Director, presented the consent agenda from the August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Human Service Committee meeting and recommends it be approved. On a motion by Commissioner Swanson, and seconded by Commissioner Jensen, the following recommendations of the Pennington County Human Service Committee for August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 are hereby adopted. Motion unanimously carried.

SECTION A

- I. To approve the July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 Human Service Committee meeting minutes.
- II. To approve the agency’s personnel items as presented.

SECTION B

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

Bryan Malone, Grant Nelson, Barb Molsknes and Peter Nelson, representing the Pennington County Soil and Water Conservation District, presented their 2016 budget and appropriation request. The request is for \$100,000, an increase of \$1,147.00. The County Board referred the request to the budget.

Bryan Malone then reviewed the Wetland Delineation and Classification in or near the lagoons at the Thief River Falls Regional Airport. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel to approve the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act Notice of Decision on Wetland Boundaries at the Thief River Falls Regional Airport lagoon area. Motion unanimously carried.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan presented quotes for a new pickup for the Highway Department Technician.

Northern Motors	\$28,776.70
Westside Motors	\$26,840.00
State Bid-Nelson Auto	\$24,200.00

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel to approve the purchase of a 2015 GMC Sierra from Nelson Auto through the state bid in the amount of \$24,200. Motion unanimously carried.

Kelly Taggart, representing the Violence Intervention Project, gave a report on the facility and how they assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Their building located in Thief River Falls can house up to 14 victims. Kelly reviewed the Safe at Home program and the principles of that program. They provide victim services, safe shelter, help with safety planning and support groups. County Board members are invited to tour the facility. Donations are appreciated, which includes some furniture and everyday items.

Nancy Vy Skocil, President, and Caryl Turnow, Senior Development Officer, representing the Northwest Minnesota Foundation met with the County Board. They gave a history of the foundation that was founded by the McKnight Foundation. In Pennington County they have awarded \$1,016,500 in grants, \$1,858,209 in business loans and \$678,721 in donations. They have also provided training for many participants and helped with the Active Early Childhood Coalition in Thief River Falls. For 2016, they are asking counties to appropriate an amount per capita ranging from \$0.10 to \$0.50 (\$1,400 to \$7,000). This is the first time they have made such a request. The County Board referred the request to the budget.

At this time the County Board met with the following departments concerning the 2016 Budget.

Ken Schmalz – County Recorder  
Adeline Olson – County Assessor  
Ken Olson – Motor Vehicle Budget  
Al Rogalla – County Attorney  
Misty Manderud and Susan Halvorson – Sheriff Department  
Erik Beitel – Emergency Management Director  
Ken Olson – Others

Motioned by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve a change order from Lee Plumbing & Heating to install a mixture of glycol in the new hot water heating system in the Courthouse for the sum of \$4,100. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson to issue duplicate warrants for the following lost warrants without issuance of an indemnifying bond. Motion unanimously carried. Warrant # 96243 issued March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 to Kirk Walton for \$104.90; warrant #166448 issued August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 to Randolph Wright for \$195.60.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel to abate the penalty and interest on Parcel #25.09002800 contingent upon the Thief River Falls

Building Inspector approving of a plan to repair the building so that it satisfies current building codes and safety requirements. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the minutes of the August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Board meeting as written. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to approve payment of the Human Services warrants totaling \$60,192.82, and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion unanimously carried.

WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$57,206.07
Road & Bridge	\$43,922.60
Solid Waste Facility	\$ 1,285.50
Capital Improvement	\$51,762.96

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$880.24 were also approved.

The County Board then further discussed the 2016 Budgets.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to adjourn to 10:00 A.M. September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor-Treasurer  
Pennington County

Darryl Tveitbakk, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners