

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 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, September 8th, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. Members present: Cody Hempel, Darryl Tveitbakk, Donald Jensen, Neil Peterson, and Oliver “Skip” Swanson. Members absent: None.

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

Ken Yutrzenka, Human Services Director, presented a County Child Care Assistance Plan and noted that after approval there is a 30-day comment period. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel to approve the County Child Care Assistance Plan as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Peterson to approve the Pennington County Human Services Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Guidelines. Motion unanimously carried.

Howard Person gave an update on the county’s Solid Waste Plan. He expects the plan to be approved soon. Howard noted that seven recycling containers had been purchased and used at the County Fair and that these containers are available for other events. There has been some discussion that an increase could be coming on the cost to pick up the recycling containers which is currently at \$50/ton. Howard Person also noted that the federal government has placed a fee on all paint sales.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan recommends the final on the shouldering project with final payment of \$7,214.15.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Contract No. 1505 has in all things been completed, and the County Board being fully advised in the premises;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we do hereby accept said completed project for and in behalf of the Pennington County Highway Department and authorize final payment as specified here in.

The County Board then discussed the one half cent sales tax option for funding Highway Department projects. Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen that a public hearing on implementing the one half cent sales tax via the Transportation Sales and Use Tax Law be held on November 17th, 2015 at 5:30 P.M. in the Joint Use Facility/Highway Department meeting room. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson to approve issuing a replacement warrant for lost warrant #97592 issued November 13th, 2013 to Pauline Johnson in the amount of \$267.32 without issuance of an indemnifying bond. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel to approve a fireworks permit to Red Lake Gaming/Zambelli Fireworks Internationale for a display at the Seven Clans Casino on September 26th, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

County Sheriff Ray Kuznia met with the County Board with the following personnel matters. The Sheriff recommends that Tiffany Lund be moved into the full-time Dispatch position and that we post and advertise for applicants for the part-time position that will be vacant after this move. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson to place Tiffany Lund into the full-time Dispatch position as recommended. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson to authorize the Sheriff to post and advertise for the part-time Dispatcher position. Motion unanimously carried.

The Sheriff then presented the resignation from Brady Meunier from the Juvenile STS Crew Leader position. He will continue to work as part-time Corrections Officer. Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to accept the resignation of Brady Meunier from the position of Juvenile STS Crew Leader. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson to authorize the Sheriff to advertise for the position of Juvenile STS Crew Leader. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Auditor-Treasurer asked the County Board to include a payment to Bergstrom Electric of \$27,120.40 for labor and material provided for the mechanical upgrade project in the Courthouse in the Commissioner Warrants today.

Bruce Schwartzman, representing the BKV Group, presented to the County Board two options for constructing a Justice Center and Jail Project, one at the current Law Enforcement Center site and one at a new site. Bruce Schwartzman also reviewed the previously discussed Courthouse addition plans. The County Board held a discussion on the pros and cons of each plan.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson that the County Board approve the BKV Group to draw up a schematic drawing of Option H, construction of a Justice Center and remodeling of the Law Enforcement Center on the present site. Motion unanimously carried.

Bruce Schwartzman noted that he will provide an estimate of costs for the schematic drawings.

The County Board then held discussion on the 2016 proposed levy taking into consideration the proposed 2016 budget. The following resolution was motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, and upon vote was unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Pennington County Board of Commissioners have reviewed the 2016 budgets submitted by the various departments; and

WHEREAS, the proposed levies have been reduced by the amount to be received from the State of Minnesota for the following: County Program Aid - \$702,364 (estimated)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed budgets for 2016 are approved and that the following proposed levies be adopted:

| | Levy Before CPA | CPA* | Net Levy After CPA |
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| Revenue | \$4,984,741 | \$402,516 | \$4,582,225 |
| Road and Bridge | \$1,295,603 | \$104,619 | \$1,190,984 |
| Welfare | \$2,417,704 | \$195,229 | \$2,222,475 |
| Highway Building Bond | \$152,040 | 0 | \$152,040 |

*County Program Aid

The County Board set December 9th, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. as the date and time to discuss the final 2016 budget and levy.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve payment of the Human Services warrants totaling \$131,475.43, the Auditor and Manual warrants for August, 2015 totaling \$2,903,861.84, and also the following Commissioner warrants including the payment for Bergstrom Electric. Motion unanimously carried.

WARRANTS

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| County Revenue | \$27,572.55 |
| Road & Bridge | \$ 8,881.91 |
| Solid Waste Facility | \$ 934.95 |
| Ditch Funds | \$29,050.00 |
| Capital Improvement | \$32,698.20 |
| Bergstrom Electric | \$27,120.40 |

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$977.31 were also approved.

Motioned by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the Board minutes of the August 25th, 2015 meeting as written. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to adjourn to 5:00 P.M. September 22nd, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor-Treasurer
Pennington County

Darryl Tveitbakk, Chairman
Board of Commissioners