

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2016, 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, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Members present: Donald Jensen, Neil Peterson, Oliver “Skip” Swanson, Darryl Tveitbakk, and Cody Hempel. Members absent: None.

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

Levy Bergstrom, County Feedlot Officer, presented the 2015 Annual County Feedlot Officer Annual Report. Seven feedlot inspections were completed in 2015. Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve the 2015 Annual County Feedlot Officer Annual Report and Performance Credit Report and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the hire of Seth Tveiten for the position of Part-Time Dispatcher/Jailer effective February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Motion unanimously carried.

It was noted that the Northwestern Minnesota Juvenile Center Statistical Report for fiscal year 2015 was available for review online. Commissioner Jensen noted that Superintendent William Frey will be retiring in March and they are presently taking applications for the position.

Motioned by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to pay the legal description training fee of \$240 to Pro-West & Associates, Inc. by Auditor’s Warrant. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Auditor-Treasurer then reviewed a petition to abandon Branch 5 of Joint Ditch #13. This will be returned to the Joint Ditch Board for their review.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to appoint JoeAnna Larson as a Pennington County representative on the Inter-County Nursing Service Board. Motion unanimously carried.

Lou Tasa, MnDOT District 2 Engineer, gave a ‘Towards Zero Death’ (TZD) program update. TZD efforts continue but in the last year fatalities by automobile crashes showed an increase over the previous year. One theory is that there are more people driving gas prices decreasing. Other factors include distracted driving, such as texting and driving.

Mr. Tasa also reviewed the Construction Program for 2016 and 2017. 2017 plans include the reconstruction of a portion of Trunk Highway #1/U.S. Highway #59 urban streets in Thief River Falls. Mr. Tasa also noted that a second roundabout is planned for 2020 at

the intersection of Trunk Highway #1 and U.S. Highway #59 on the west edge of Thief River Falls. The County Board asked Engineer Tasa to consider a new bridge on the east side of Thief River Falls in future plans.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan presented a resolution requesting State Transportation Bond Funds for replacement of deficient bridges. The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, and upon vote was unanimously carried.

**DEFICIENT BRIDGES REQUIRING REPLACEMENT OR REHABILITATION**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Pennington has determined that the following deficient bridges on the CSAH, County Road and Township systems are a high priority and require replacement or rehabilitation within the next five (5) years, and

Bridge No.	Road No.	Estimated Project Cost	Town Bridge	Bridge Bonding	Proposed Year
93203	CR 65	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	2017
7078	CSAH 17	\$110,000		\$110,000	2017
L0264	CR 75	\$123,000		\$123,000	2017

**WHEREAS**, local roads play an essential role in the overall state transportation network and local bridges are the critical component of the local road systems, and

**WHEREAS**, State support for the replacement or rehabilitation of local bridges continues to be crucial to maintaining the integrity of the local road systems and is necessary for the County and the Townships to proceed with the replacement or rehabilitation of the high priority deficient bridges described above, and

**WHEREAS**, Pennington County intends to proceed with replacement or rehabilitation of these bridges as soon as possible when State Transportation Bond Funds are available.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Pennington County commits that it will proceed with the design and contract documents for these bridges immediately after being notified that funds are available in order to permit construction to take place within one year of notification.

The County Engineer then asked the County Board to allow the Highway Dept. to purchase the new model Frontier Precision Data Collector at the State Bid price of \$10,011 instead of the model approved at the last County Board meeting, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve the purchase of the new model Frontier Precision Data Collector using the State Contract at a price of \$10,011, and to rescind the Board motion made January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to purchase a Data Collector at a cost of \$8,561. Motion unanimously carried.

Bids were opened for milling and overlay projects on CSAH #7, #12, and #16 at 9:00 a.m. this morning. A tabulation and recommendation for award will be presented at the February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 County Board meeting.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve the following Board Ratification Statement. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board of Pennington County has ratified the Professional Services Agreement between Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative and Trimin Systems, Inc. for the maintenance and support of I.F.S.

The Agreement will be effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. This Agreement commits the participating members for the term of the contract and the financial obligations associated with this contract.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve payment of the following Commissioner warrants. Motion unanimously carried.

WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$86,994.75
Road & Bridge	\$21,579.45
Solid Waste Facility	\$ 2,902.28
Capital Improvement	\$41,302.04

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$2,438.21 were also approved.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the Board minutes of January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as written. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to adjourn to 5:00 p.m. on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. Motion unanimously carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor-Treasurer  
Pennington County

Donald Jensen, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners