

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 12TH, 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, April 12th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Members present: Donald Jensen, Neil Peterson, Darryl Tveitbakk, Oliver “Skip” Swanson and Cody Hempel. Members absent: None.

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

County Engineer Mike Flaagan presented the following bids for SAP 057-598-052 (Bridge replacement on CR #55 – Black River Township).

Davidson Construction - \$137,289.50
Gladen Construction - \$146,903.50
Midwest Contracting - \$150,359.55
Olson Construction TRF, Inc. - \$130,515.17
Spruce Valley Corp. - \$172,778.70
Taggart Contracting, Inc. - \$148,542.50
Triple D Construction - \$147,866.00

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Swanson to approve and award the bid for SAP 057-598-052 to Olson Construction TRF, Inc. for \$130,515.17 as the best and lowest bid received. Motion unanimously carried.

Mike Flaagan mentioned that the Joint Ditch #13 Board will hold a ditch hearing on April 14th, 2016 at 8:00 A.M.

Ken Yutzenka, Human Service Director, requests approval of a 30 day leave of absence for Kathy Daniels. Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk to approve the 30 day leave for Kathy Daniels. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Hempel to approve payment of 5.5 hours of overtime for Julie Sjostrand. Motion unanimously carried.

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk and upon vote was unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPONSORSHIP OF SNOWMOBILE/CROSS
COUNTRY SKI TRAILS OPERATED BY THIEF RIVER FALLS SNO-
DRIFTERS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the county of Pennington act as the legal sponsor for an application for funding to the State of Minnesota Department

of Natural Resources for maintenance of snowmobile trails managed by the Thief River Falls Sno-Drifters.

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon approval of its application by the state, the County of Pennington may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Kenneth Olson, County Auditor-Treasurer, is hereby authorized to serve as the fiscal agent for the above referenced project.

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk and upon vote was unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPONSORSHIP OF SNOWMOBILE/CROSS
COUNTRY SKI TRAILS OPERATED BY GOODRIDGE TRAILBLAZERS
SNOWMOBILE CLUB**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Pennington County act as the legal sponsor for an application for funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for maintenance for Wapiti, 4-G North and 4-G River Road Snowmobile trails managed by the Goodridge Trailblazers Snowmobile Club.

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon approval of its application by the state, the County of Pennington may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman and County Auditor-Treasurer are authorized to sign such an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Auditor-Treasurer is hereby authorized to serve as the fiscal agent for the above referenced project.

County Sheriff Ray Kuznia informed the County Board that CIS had agreed to extending maintenance on the current software for a partial year. He also discussed the bill for the VPN one-time setup fee and service hosting and support fee from LETG. The County Board agreed to include this in today's Commissioner Warrants to be approved.

The Sheriff then discussed the jail inspection completed by the Department of Corrections. Due to the increase in inmates DOC is requesting another post be added to the jail staff. Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Peterson to authorize the County Sheriff to advertise for two part-time jailers. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk to authorize the County Sheriff to place Brady Meunier into a Deputy Sheriff position for prison transfers while Deputy Miller is on light duty. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Sheriff then reviewed the contract with Darnel Carlson, Negen's Investigative Services, to conduct the required PREA audit. The audit will be completed for a total cost not to exceed \$3,800.00. Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Peterson to approve the PREA auditor contract with Darnel Carlson of Negen's Investigative Service. Motion unanimously carried.

Economic Development Director Christine Anderson and Laura Stengrim met with the County Board to discuss the Red Lake River Corridor Joint Powers Agreement and appointment to the Red Lake River Corridor Board. Pennington County approved this Joint Powers Agreement in 2004 but no funds were available and the Joint Powers Board has been inactive. With legacy funds available, the Red Lake River Corridor would like to submit an application to be designated a regional park or trail. The following actions were taken.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk to approve the Red Lake River Corridor Joint Powers Agreement as submitted. Motion unanimously carried.

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk and upon vote was unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REGIONAL PARK OR TRAIL DESIGNATION
APPLICATION IN GREATER MINNESOTA**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Red Lake River Corridor Joint Board, as lead applicant, has the authority to act as legal public sponsor for the application described in the Request for Designation as a Regional Park or Trail in Greater Minnesota. As members of the Joint Powers Board, Pennington County we formally support and authorize the applicant's submission on behalf of the partnership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as lead applicant and joint applicant(s)/partners(s) we are fully aware of the information provided in the application and associated responsibilities, including long-term commitments as defined in the application and related master plan and supporting information as submitted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should Red Lake River Corridor receive formal designation as a Regional park or trail in Greater Minnesota by the Commission, that as joint applicant(s) we have the legal authority to enter into formal designation and funding agreements with the Commission for the referenced park or trail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that listed applicant and joint applicant(s)/partner(s) certify they will comply with all applicable laws and regulations associated with regional designation and any future grant funding for their respective portions of any project.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Peterson to appoint Commissioner Hempel as Pennington County's representative on the Red Lake River Corridor Joint Powers Board with Commissioner Swanson as the alternate. Motion unanimously carried.

It was noted that a conference presented by Riverland will be held on Wednesday, April 27th, 2016 at 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. at the University of Minnesota Crookston. The conference is titled "The Tourism Puzzle. Piecing it all Together".

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk to authorize the purchase of two M100's from Marshall County. Motion unanimously carried.

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Swanson and upon vote was unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INTENT TO CONSTRUCT A POTENTIAL FUTURE JAIL/LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

WHEREAS, Pennington County's (the "County") current courthouse and administrative buildings are separate from the county jail which requires the transport of prisoners outside for court and probation services. The County's current jail is also outdated and requires modernization; and

WHEREAS, the County has decided that it is more efficient and economical to consolidate court services, administrative services, law enforcement services and the jail at one new facility; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 641.21 requires that when a county board determines to purchase, lease or erect a new jail at an expense of more than \$15,000, it shall pass a resolution to that effect and transit a copy thereof to the Commissioner of Corrections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PENNINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

1. The Board of Commissioners of Pennington County has determined it is necessary to expend more than \$15,000 to erect a new criminal justice building which will include the construction of a jail.
2. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 641.21, County staff is authorized to transit a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of Corrections for its review and approval.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the Board minutes of March 22nd, 2016 as written. Motion unanimously carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve payment of the Human Services warrants totaling \$81,828.39 and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion unanimously carried.

WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$145,761.73
Road & Bridge	\$ 31,698.40
Highway Bond Fund	\$ 495.00
Ditch Funds	\$ 45.94
Capital Improvement	\$100,561.43

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$3,514.91 were also approved.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to adjourn to 5:00 p.m. on April 26th, 2016. Motion unanimously carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor-Treasurer
Pennington County

Donald Jensen, Chairman
Board of Commissioners