

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 12th, 2019, 10:00 A.M.
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD ROOM JUSTICE CENTER**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Pennington County Board of Commissioners met in the Pennington County Justice Center Board Room in Thief River Falls, MN, on Tuesday, March 12th, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. Members present: Donald Jensen, Bruce Lawrence, and Neil Peterson. Members absent: Cody Hempel and Darryl Tveitbakk.

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

Assistant Engineer, Mike Stennes, opened the bids for 2019 fuel supplies, culvert supplies, and equipment rental as advertised. The following bidders submitted bids.

True North Steel - Culverts
Farmers Union Oil - Fuel Supplies
Equipment Rental Bids Received from:
Nelson Excavating Thygeson Construction Inc.
Olson Construcion, TRF K&K Trucking
Beito Repair Triple D Construction
Wright Construction Weleski Excavating
Ryan Anderson Service

The bids will be tabulated and brought back to the March 26th, 2019 County Board Meeting for award.

Levy Bergstrom, Pennington County Soil & Water Conservation District and County Feedlot Officer, presented the 2018 County Feedlot Officer Annual Report. Moved by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to accept the 2018 County Feedlot Officer Report and authorize the Chairman to sign the report. Motion carried.

Levy Bergstrom informed the County Board that he will be leaving his position with the Pennington County SWCD on March 25th, 2019. The County Board wished him well in his new job.

Steve Nordhagen and Theresa Blakely, Les's Sanitation Service, presented an Operating & Facility Space Agreement Addendum between the County of Pennington and Les's Sanitation Inc. Under the amendment, the County would pay Les's Sanitation \$75,000.00 per year from the SCORE Grant Funds for providing recycling services for the years 2019 through 2023. The County would also use \$75,000.00 of SCORE Grant Funds for improvements needed in the Solid Waste Transfer Building to allow for the installation of a two ram baler to be purchased and maintained by Les's Sanitation. Commissioner Peterson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Operating & Facility Space Agreement Addendum

upon revision being requested regarding maintenance being written into the agreement. Motion carried.

Tim Willianson, Natural Resources Specialist, MNDNR Division of Parks & Trails, Jack Pellinen, Hayes Lake State Park, and Ron Potter, National Off-highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC), met with the County Board to discuss the Border to Border Touring Route. The Border to Border Touring Route will cross the entire state from the North Dakota Border to the Shores of Lake Superior. The route will be used by licensed vehicles through the Department of Public Safety, Driver & Vehicle Services (DVS). The route is not being planned for all terrain vehicles (ATVS), off road motorcycles (OHMS), or off road vehicles (ORVS). In 2017 listening sessions were held to help develop a draft route. In 2018 additional sessions were held on the modified draft route. The DNR is now looking for feed back from the counties and townships. After a final projected alignment is in place, it will be submitted to the DNR'S Environmental Review Unit for assessment of potential impacts. The County Board asked about maintenance of these roads. It was also stated that county roads receive no gas tax funds and it is not fair for counties to pay for maintenance on these roads if funding is not available. The MNDNR will be meeting with the County Engineer about these concerns and the proposed route.

County Auditor-Treasurer Ken Olson presented a letter from Springsted Inc. stating they will merge with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause LLP and will operate it's public sector advisory business under the name Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors. They are requesting that we consent to the assignment of our contract with Springsted to Baker Tilly. Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the addendum to consent to assignment of the agreement for Municipal Advisor Services dated 6/24/2016 from Springsted Inc. to Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the Board minutes of February 26th, 2019 as written. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the Human Services warrants totaling \$56,746.94 and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion carried.

County Revenue	\$332,060.24
Road & Bridge	\$ 35,399.58
Solid Waste	\$ 1,366.25
Ditch Funds	\$ 22.68

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$2,662.83 were also approved.

County Sheriff, Ray Kuznia, asked to advertise for a part-time Dispatch/Jailer. Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to authorize the County Sheriff to advertise for a part time Dispatch/Jailer. Motion carried.

The Sheriff noted that STS was being called to clean roofs. This involves a huge liability risk to the County and they are trying not to clean roofs. The STS has purchased a new snowblower that can be used at and around County Buildings.

Pennington County Sheriff Ray Kuznia presented Amendment Number Seven to the Food Service Management Agreement between Pennington County and Summit Food Service, LLC (formerly Aviands). The pricing per meal was amended to a sliding scale after the inmate population exceeds twenty. Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve Amendment Number Seven to the Food Service Management Agreement between Pennington County and Summit Food Service, LLC effective January 1st, 2019. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to auction surplus county equipment on the public surplus site. Motion carried,

County Engineer, Mike Flaagan, would like to commend the Thief River Falls School District for hosting the first ever Northwest Minnesota Teen Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) Regional Conference held March 12th, 2019.

Mike Flaagan said the new bridge plans have been submitted to MnDOT State Aid for review and the road plans for that project will be submitted this week.

The Highway Department was out cleaning snow on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday from the last snow event.

Interviews for the Extension Office Manager position were held and an offer has been made to the top candidate. Moved by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to authorize the hiring of the top candidate, if accepted, in order to get the position filled as soon as possible. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to adjourn the Board meeting to Tuesday, March 26th, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor-Treasurer
Pennington County

Bruce Lawrence, Chairman
Board of Commissioners