

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 25th, 2019, 5:00 P.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, June 25th, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Members Present: Donald Jensen, Bruce Lawrence, Neil Peterson, Cody Hempel, and Darryl Tveitbakk. Members absent: None

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

Ken Yutzenka, Human Services Director, and Julie Sjostrand, Social Services Supervisor, presented for approval the Human Services Consent Agenda from the May 21st, 2019 Human Services Committee meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, the following recommendations of the Pennington County Human Service Committee for May 21st, 2019 are hereby adopted. Motion carried.

SECTION A

- I. To approve the May 21, 2019 Human Service Committee Meeting minutes.
- II. To approve the agency's personnel actions as presented.
- III. A. To approve the "Every Student Succeeds Act" (ESSA) Service Agreement between Thief River Falls Public Schools and Pennington County Human Services as presented.
B. To approve, via resolution, Pennington County Human Services' recommendations regarding the consideration of Blue Plus, Medica, and UCare as potential Managed Care Organizations providing health care services in Pennington County.

SECTION B

- I. To approve payment of the Agency's bills.

Ken Yutzenka then asked that the County add a second Social Services Supervisor to the staff and noted that there would be a savings to the County by adding a second supervisor versus adding three positions previously vacated.

Motion made by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to create a second Social Services Director Position. Motion carried.

County Attorney Seamus Duffy stated, per Kristi, that there is no need to start over with applications because the position is a mirror to the position previously posted, and close in time, so the position may be filled from the candidates already interviewed.

Commissioner Tveitbakk made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to fill both supervisor positions from those interviewed earlier today, pending background checks. Motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to promote Jason Thompson to the Lead Eligibility Worker position at Social Services. Motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Jensen motioned, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to thank Ken Yutrzenka for all his years of service to Pennington County. Motion unanimously carried.

County Engineer, Mike Flaagan, asked to set a joint ditch meeting with Marshall County for work to be done on JD#18 on July 10th, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the Pennington County Government Center Meeting Room A.

County Engineer, Mike Flaagan, requests to set a bid opening for bridge and bridge approaches for August 27th, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Pennington County Government Center Meeting Room A.

Commissioner Peterson motioned, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to authorize the County Auditor and County Engineer to advertise for bids for the construction of CSAH#8 bridge and approach work to be opened at 10:00 a.m., August 27th, 2019 at the Pennington County Government Center Room A. Motion carried.

Pennington County Sheriff Ray Kuznia stated that a PREA Audit is due and could be done by Darnell Carlson, Negen's Investigative Service, at \$75.00 per hour. The contract will not exceed \$3,800.

Commissioner Hempel moved, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to enter into a contract with Negen's Investigative Service to conduct a PREA audit at \$75.00 per hour, not to exceed \$3,800. Motion carried.

Sheriff Kuznia discussed an app that Dispatch can send out to callers to the LEC to record video and then the Sheriff's Department will own the video. Payment will come out of the 911 grant. The first year is free and the second year is \$500 per month.

Commissioner Hempel motioned, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, upon County Attorney Seamus Duffy's approval of the contract, to agree to purchase the app for Dispatch. Motion carried.

Sheriff Kuznia requested to hire a part-time corrections officer position by using the interview list from last week.

Commissioner Jensen motioned, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve hiring a part-time corrections officer from the interview list from last week. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jensen motioned, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to investigate the cost to move the radio and paging systems to the new State of Minnesota Radio Tower when completed. Motion carried.

Carpenter's Corner has submitted an application for a Liquor License and has asked what the license fee will be for the remainder of the year.

Commissioner Hempel motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the Liquor License for Carpenter's Corner at a fee of \$1200.00 which will require proof of a Liquor Liability form. Motion carried.

Commissioner Peterson moved, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve the purchase of electronic voting equipment from ES&S as proposed. Motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to contribute \$1,000.00 to the Goodridge Historical Society Appropriation. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve the minutes of June 11th, 2019 as written, and also the minutes of the Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the Human Services warrants totaling \$137,137.96 and the following Commissioner warrants.

| WARRANTS | |
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| County Revenue | \$ 78,992.44 |
| Road & Bridge | \$ 91,993.40 |
| Solid Waste Facility | \$ 2019.49 |

Commissioner Peterson motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to send a letter of support for Enbridge Line 3 to Mr. Wolf of the PUC, also to Governor Walz, and to make the letter public. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to adjourn the Board Meeting to Tuesday, July 9th, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor-Treasurer
Pennington County

Bruce Lawrence, Chairman
Board of Commissioners