

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 28TH, 2020, 5:00 P.M.

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, April 28th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Members Present: Darryl Tveitbakk, Cody Hempel, Donald Jensen, Bruce Lawrence, and Neil Peterson. Absent: None.

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

Julie Sjostrand, Human Services Director, presented the consent agenda from the April 21st, 2020 Human Services Committee meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Jensen, and seconded by Commissioner Hempel, the following recommendations of the Pennington County Human Service Committee for April 21st, 2020 are hereby adopted. Motion carried.

SECTION A

- I. To approve the March 17th, 2020 Human Service Committee Meeting minutes.
- II. To approve the agency's personnel action as presented.

SECTION B

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

Bryan Malone, Pennington County SWCD Administrator, presented the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act Application from Farmers Coop Grain & Seed. Farmers Coop Grain & Seed are requesting approval of their delineation of wetland boundaries and replacement plan. This project (Northern Extension) is an expansion of a previous project (Original Project) involving the construction of a unit train siding to provide improved ability to ship agricultural products from the greater Thief River Falls area. The Northern Extension will require replacement of .375 acres of wetland to be replaced at a 2 to 1 ratio for a total of .7508 acres of replacement needed. Moved by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the wetland delineation and wetland replacement plan for the project named the TRF Railroad Siding Extension. Motion carried.

Bryan Malone then reviewed the Black River Impoundment wetland replacement plan. It has been calculated that 5.03 acres of wetland need to be replaced at a 1 to 1 ratio. Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the Black River Impoundment wetland replacement plan of 5.03 acres. Motion carried.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan then presented the Pennington County Five-Year Road & Bridge Plan for approval. He had added the intersection of CSAH #27 and CSAH #28 in the fifth year

of the plan. Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to adopt the Five-Year Road & Bridge Construction Plan as presented. Motion carried.

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

**For Agreement to State Transportation Fund Local Bridge Replacement Program
Grant Terms and Conditions SAP 057-598-055**

April 28, 2020

WHEREAS, Pennington County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for construction of Bridge No.57J43; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this bridge is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$167,521.90 by reason of the lowest responsible bid;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Pennington County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate, and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the project but not required. The proper county officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the 2020 Township Maintenance Agreements as presented. Motion carried.

Mike Flaagan then discussed a petition to clean 1.5 miles of CD #41 along Section 11 and Section 14 of Highlanding Township. Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to accept the petition to clean a portion of CD #41 and order the work done. Motion carried.

Erik Beitel, Emergency Management Director, gave a COVID-19 update reviewing the Minnesota Department of Health numbers. Marshall, Pennington, Red Lake, and Roseau Counties still have one confirmed case each. Erik has been working with the Northland Community College Foundation for use of student housing in case we have isolation needs. We do not have a completed transportation plan at this time.

Kayla Jore, Inter County Nursing Director, reported the conditions around us have stayed the same. Any surge in cases could be conditioned on how soon things open up. Cloth masks work for now, but that could change as things progress.

County Sheriff Ray Kuznia recommends hiring Ginger Alby for the position of Full-Time Dispatcher/Jailer. Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to hire

Ginger Alby to fill the position of Full-Time Dispatcher/Jailer effective April 29th, 2020. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to accept the resignation of Gregory Martinez from the position of Corrections Sergeant effective May 10th, 2020. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to internally post to fill two Full-Time Corrections Positions. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to advertise for applications to fill two Part-Time Corrections Officer Positions. Motion carried.

The County Board then reviewed a draft resolution establishing Pennington County as a Second Amendment Dedicated County. After a review of the wording, the Chairman will make the suggested changes and return the resolution for review.

The County Board discussed the final payment to C.L. Linfoot on their contract for the Justice Center Project. They have completed the fix on the roof but have not replaced damaged tile. Commissioner Lawrence moved, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve payment of the final payment to C.L. Linfoot by the County Auditor upon receiving their agreement that they will pay for the ceiling tiles. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to approve the PWA Maintenance Services Agreement and Technical Support Agreement with ProWest Associates effective May 1st, 2020 to April 30th, 2021. Motion carried.

The County Board then reviewed a proposal for a bike rack for the Pennington County Justice Center. Bike TRF will be on the rack. Moved by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to purchase a bike rack to be placed at the Pennington County Justice Center. Motion carried.

County Board Chairman Daryl Tveitbakk made the following proclamation.

Proclamation for Bike Month

WHEREAS, the bicycle is a sound form of transportation and excellent for recreation and enjoyment of Thief River Falls; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of May, BikeMn, Bike Thief River Falls, and the League of American Bicyclists, will be promoting bicycling during the month of May 2020; and

WHEREAS, these groups are also promoting bicycle tourism year-round to attract more visitors to enjoy our local restaurants, hotels, retail establishments, and cultural and scenic attractions; and

WHEREAS, these groups are also promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities and improve health and safety for everyone on the road;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Darryl Tveitbakk, Chair of the Pennington County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 2020 as Bike Month in Pennington County, and I urge all residents to join me in this special observance.

Moved by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to approve the minutes of April 14th, 2020 as written. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve payment of the Human Service Warrants in the amount of \$52,787.19 and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion carried.

WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$ 120,683.43
Road & Bridge	\$ 12,474.84
Ditch Funds	\$ 46.07

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$22.85 were also approved.

The County Board then discussed a resolution asking the Governor to open bars, restaurants, retail, and other businesses following the CDC guidance. No action was taken.

Moved by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to adjourn to 10:00 a.m., May 12th, 2020. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor-Treasurer
Pennington County

Darryl Tveitbakk, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

