

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 2019, 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, February 26th, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. Members present: Donald Jensen, Cody Hempel, Bruce Lawrence, Neil Peterson, and Darryl Tveitbakk. Members absent: None.

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

Julie Sjostrand, Social Services Supervisor, presented the Pennington County Human Service Committee Consent Agenda. On a motion by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner Hempel, the following recommendations of the Pennington County Human Service Committee for February 19th, 2019 are hereby adopted. Motion carried.

SECTION A

- I. To approve the January 15th, 2019 Human Service Committee Meeting minutes.
- II. To approve the agency's personnel actions.
 - A. To approve the CY 2019 Residential Treatment Services and the Clinical Services/Community-Based Services Purchase of Service agreements between Sanford Behavioral Health and Pennington County Human Services as presented.
 - B. To approve and enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Human Services to accept the CY 2019 Children's Mental Health Screening Grant as awarded.
 - C. To approve the "Pennington County Licensed Family Child Care Variance Guidelines" brochure as presented.

SECTION B

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

Colleen Hoffman, representing Hoffman, Philipp & Knutson, PLLC, presented the Engagement Letter for the 2018 Pennington County Audit. Our 2017 Audit is presently being reviewed by an independent audit firm and should be completed shortly. Colleen explained the Board of Accountancy findings which required the additional reviews. The firm has had discussion with new State Auditor Julie Blaha and a meeting will be set up with them and the six private auditing firms doing County audits in the near future.

After discussion was completed, Commissioner Peterson motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to authorize the Chairman and Auditor-Treasurer to sign the

Engagement Letter with Hoffman, Philipp & Knutson, PLLC to complete the 2018 Pennington County Audit. Motoin unanimously carried.

County Sheriff Ray Kuznia met with the County Board regarding Personnel recommendations. For Part-Time Corrections Officer he recommends Christopher Berg and Jon Erickson. For Full-Time Corrections Officer he recommends the transfer of Gregory Martinez and Alaina Juve.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to hire Christopher Berg as Part-Time Corrections Officer effective February 27th, 2019. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to hire Jon Erickson as Part-Time Corrections Officer effective February 27th, 2019. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve the transfer of Gregory Martinez from Part-Time Corrections Officer to Full-Time Corrections Officer effective February 27th, 2019. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the transfer of Alaina Juve from Part-Time Corrections Officer to Full-Time Corrections Officer effective February 27th, 2019. Motion carried.

Peter Nelson, Pennington County SWCD, presented the Resolution to adopt and implement the Amended Red Lake River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

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

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT THE AMENDED RED LAKE RIVER COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

Whereas, the Pennington County has been notified by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources that the Red Lake River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan Amendment has been approved according to Minnesota Statutes §103B.101, Subdivision 14 and §103B.801, and Board Resolution #18-14:

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, the county hereby adopts and will continue implementation of the approved Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for the area of the county identified within the Plan.

Be it Further Resolved, after the adoption of the Plan, the county shall amend existing water and related land resources plans and official controls as necessary to conform them to the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

Be it Further Resolved, after the adoption of the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan or amendments to the plan, Pennington County shall notify local units of government within Pennington County or the Red Lake Watershed District. The local

units of government are required to submit existing water and related land resource plans and official controls within 90 days to the county for review as per Minnesota Statutes, Section 103B.325.

Be it Further Resolved, that within 180 days, the county shall review the submitted plans and official controls and identify any inconsistencies between the local plans and official controls and the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Pennington County shall specify applicable and necessary measures to bring the local plans and official controls into conformance with the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

Be it Further Resolved, if a local unit of government disagrees with any changes to its plan, the local unit has 60 days after receiving the county's recommendations to appeal the recommendations to the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

Be it Further Resolved, after receiving the recommendations of the county, or a resolution of an appeal, a local unit of government has 180 days to initiate revisions to its plan or official controls. The new or revised plans and official controls must be submitted to the county for review and recommendations.

At this time the County Board took up the request for funds from the North Country Food Bank. Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to appropriate \$5,000 per year for 5 years to the North Country Food Bank. Motion carried.

The County Board then discussed the proposal for Mar-Kit to purchase a 2012 Grizzly 240-T100 Two Ram Baler and a conveyor at a cost of \$300,000. Theresa Blakely, representing Les's Sanitation, noted that the SCORE funds come from part of the Solid Waste Assessment fee on all resident's garbage bills. It is then distributed back to the Counties from the MNPCA. The baler would lead to greater efficiencies in recycling efforts. The County Board stated there needs to be another conversation with Steve Nordhagen and ask what other alternatives there may be. This item was held over to the next County Board meeting.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to issue a replacement warrant for lost warrant #185025 issued to Leads Online on January 11th, 2019 in the amount of \$1,188.00 without issuance of an indemnifying bond. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the Board minutes of February 12th, 2019 as written. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve the Human Services warrants totaling \$100,594.66 and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion carried.

County Revenue	\$52,577.40
Road & Bridge	\$80,425.26

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$369.02 were also approved.

County Auditor-Treasurer Ken Olson noted that he is sending a letter to the Townships regarding purchasing new Election Vote Tabulators for the 2020 State General Elections. We have received grant funds from the State of Minnesota that will fund up to 50% of the cost of the machines.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to adjourn the Board meeting to Tuesday, March 12th, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor-Treasurer
Pennington County

Bruce Lawrence, Chairman
Board of Commissioners