

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND, 2020, 9:00 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 2nd, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.  
Members Present: Darryl Tveitbakk, Donald Jensen, Bruce Lawrence, Neil Peterson, and on-line Cody Hempel. Absent: None.

Others Present: County Engineer Mike Flaagan, Chief Deputy Sheriff Seth Vettleson, County Recorder Julie Hanson, Deputy Auditor Kevin Erickson, County Assessor Adeline Olson, Jail Administrator Dave Casanova, County Auditor-Treasurer Ken Olson, and from KTRF News Grant Nelson. Appearing on-line were The Times Reporter April Scheinoha, Department of Corrections Mark Bloomquist, Human Services Director Julie Sjostrand, Court Administrator Kathy Narlock, DMV Manager Kristi Rood, Emergency Manager Erik Beitel, Deputy Court Administrator, County Attorney Seamus Duffy, and Inter County Nursing Director Kayla Jore.

Erik Beitel reported that there had been 49 COVID – 19 tests taken in Pennington County with 43 coming back negative and 6 still being tested. No confirmed cases in Pennington County. We have received some surgical masks. Small business loans are available through the Federal Government.

Kayla Jore reported that there have been three children that have been confirmed with COVID – 19 in Minnesota. She also reviewed other state statistics. They have had several reports of children playing in groups or doing homework together.

Departments reporting that employees are working at home wherever possible.

Law Enforcement has been watching the river for ice jams and flooding.

The Jail Administrator reviewed procedure followed for safety of inmates. They currently have 50 face masks and 12 face shields.

Probation is screening clients before they meet with staff and are practicing social distancing when possible.

The DMV reported that driver's license holders will be granted a two-month extension past the end of the Emergency Declaration period to renew their license.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan presented a Grant Agreement for Local Road Improvement and upon roll call vote unanimously carried. Program funds for the round about to be constructed by the Challenger School. The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and upon roll call vote was unanimously carried.

PENNINGTON COUNTY RESOLUTION  
Exhibit E for Grant Agreement to State Transportation Fund  
(Local Road Improvement Program)  
Grant Terms and Conditions  
SAP 057-608-010

WHEREAS, Pennington County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for Local Road Improvement and

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

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$1,000,000.00 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 174.52 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 bridge 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.

Mike Flaagan reported one county road had water running over it and possibly two township roads.

Erik Beitel stated there was a Code Red Alert issued when the ice was jamming up the damn in Thief River Falls. It had to be opened up which caused a significant amount of water to be released down-stream. The forecast calls for 4 to 8 inches of snow coming today and tomorrow.

As per state regulation the STS crew will not be able to fill and/or transport sand bags. We will be asking for volunteers if needed.

Moved by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to adjourn to 10:00 a.m. on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor-Treasurer  
Pennington County

Darryl Tveitbakk, Chairman