

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th, 2020 9:00 A.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 September 29th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Members Present: Darryl, Tveitbakk, Don Jensen, Bruce Lawrence and Neil Peterson. Present via Zoom: Cody Hempel. Members absent: None.

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

Emergency Management Director Erik Beitel gave an update on the Pennington County CARES Grant Programs. A power point presentation was shown outlining the two new programs that will be available beginning October 12th, 2020.

The Cares committee has met and looked at other programs throughout the nation and came up with a modified business relief program and a nonprofit relief program. The new programs will run from October 12th, 2020 through October 23rd, 2020.

Mr. Beitel requested the Board to authorize the Cares Committee to begin Round 2 and approve the two new programs. Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to allow the Cares Committee to begin Round 2 of the Cares Grant programs. Upon roll call vote: Lawrence – Aye, Jensen – Aye, Tveitbakk – Aye, Peterson – Aye and Hempel – Aye. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Erik Beitel then requested the County Board to allocate the remaining \$434,000 of unallocated funds from the \$1.784M Cares funding received by Pennington County. Mr. Beitel also requested any funds received by other local government units be allocated to the CARES Grants. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence to allocate the remaining \$434,000 and any funds received by other local government units to the CARES Grant. Upon roll call vote: Lawrence – Aye, Jensen – Aye, Tveitbakk – Aye, Peterson – Aye and Hempel – Aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Peterson thanked the Cares Committee for everything they have done.

Auditor-Treasurer Jennifer Herzberg presented the 2021 budgets. Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the following resolution and proposed levy of 1.4851%. Upon roll call vote: Lawrence – Aye, Jensen – Aye, Tveitbakk – Aye, Peterson – Aye and Hempel – Aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Pennington County Board of Commissioners have reviewed the 2021 budgets submitted by the various departments; and

WHEREAS, the proposed levies have been reduced by the amount to be received from the State of Minnesota for the following: County Program Aid - \$883,146 (estimated)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed budgets for 2021 are approved and that the following proposed levies be adopted:

	Levy Before CPA	CPA*	Net Levy After CPA
Revenue	\$6,909,769	\$575,546	\$6,334,223
Road and Bridge	\$1,268,500	\$105,624	\$1,162,876
Welfare	\$2,425,681	\$201,976	\$2,223,705
G.O. Jail Bond	\$758,317	0	\$758,317
G.O. Justice Center CIP Bond	\$376,740	0	\$376,740

*County Program Aid

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Hempel to change the December 8th, 2020 County Board meeting to 5:00 p.m. with the Truth in Taxation Budget meeting being held at 6:00 p.m. Upon roll call vote: Lawrence – Aye, Jensen – Aye, Tveitbakk – Aye, Peterson – Aye and Hempel – Aye. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the 2021 County Budget as written. Upon roll call vote: Lawrence – Aye, Jensen – Aye, Tveitbakk – Aye, Peterson – Aye and Hempel – Aye. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to extend the lease between Pennington County and TRFAHA for the Old Arena by an additional 7 years. Upon roll call vote: Lawrence – Aye, Jensen – Aye, Tveitbakk – Aye, Peterson – Aye and Hempel – Aye. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to renew the lease between Pennington County and St. Bernard's for their use of the Auditorium gymnasium for a period of one year. It was noted that should they use the space for other activities that they should come to the County Board with a request. Upon roll call vote: Lawrence – Aye, Jensen – Aye, Tveitbakk – Aye, Peterson – Aye and Hempel – Aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Tveitbakk read a card from Judge Yon thanking the County Board for allowing the Courts to use the Justice Center Board room for the recent jury trial.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to adjourn the Board meeting to Tuesday, October 13th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Upon roll call vote: Lawrence – Aye, Jensen – Aye, Tveitbakk – Aye, Peterson – Aye and Hempel – Aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Herzberg, Auditor-Treasurer

Darryl Tveitbakk, Chairman

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