

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUSTICE CENTER BOARD ROOM
MARCH 11, 2025 – 10:00 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, March 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Members present: Seth Nelson, Bruce Lawrence, Roy Sourdif, David Sorenson, and Neil Peterson. Members absent: None.

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

The Chairman asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Hearing none, there was a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Citizens: None.

Motioned by Commissioner Sorenson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to approve the County Board minutes of February 25, 2025, as written. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to approve the Auditor & Manual warrants for February 2025 totaling \$1,580,809.03 and the following Commissioner warrants. Motion carried.

County Revenue	\$45,253.03
Road & Bridge	\$34,803.04
Solid Waste Facility	\$ 5,571.00
Ditch Funds	\$ 190.00

Meal reimbursements and per diems in the amount of \$2,920.88 were also approved.

Bryanna Grefthen – Pennington County SWCD

Bryanna Grefthen presented the annual year-end review of the Pennington County Feedlot Program which was completed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). It was noted that the county met 100% of non-inspection minimum program requirements. Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to approve the 2024 County Feedlot Officer Annual Report as presented. Motion carried.

Mike Flaagan – County Engineer

Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to grant a time extension to June 1st, 2025, to Jo Ellen Stock to become compliant with the requirements of the county buffer program. Motion carried.

Seth Vettleson – County Sheriff

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to authorize the County Sheriff to advertise for the position of Full-Time Deputy Sheriff. Motion carried.

County Auditor-Treasurer Items:

Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, to approve a quote from Garden Valley Technologies for the purchase of two new Dell Latitude 7230 Rugged Tablets in the amount of \$3,546.39 each to be used by the County Assessor's office. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, to approve a quote from Garden Valley Technologies for the purchase of a new Dell Latitude 5430 Rugged Laptop in the amount of \$2,899.00 for the Building & Grounds department. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to approve issuance of duplicate warrants to Cedar Lodge in the amount of \$600.00 to replace lost warrant #201988 dated February 14, 2025, and to Amber Vareberg in the amount of \$10.72 to replace lost warrant #200623 dated August 16, 2024; without issuance of indemnifying bonds. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, to approve the readvertisement for bids to sell the human services building and parking lot legally described as: Lots 9-12, Block 27, Original Townsite of Thief River Falls, and Lots 17-19, Block 28, Original Townsite of Thief River Falls, with bids to be opened on April 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, to authorize the advertisement for bids to replace the roof of the Law Enforcement Center with bids to be opened on April 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

County Coordinator Items: None.

County Attorney Items:

Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to accept the resignation of Emily Barth as Part-Time Crime Victim Advocate effective March 10, 2025. Motion carried.

Committee Reports / Commissioner Updates:

Commissioner Peterson and Commissioner Sourdif provided updates from a recent Association of Minnesota Counties meeting. They voiced their concerns over proposed

cuts to the governor's budget. Commissioner Peterson noted that they will wait for the state budget to be finalized to determine how it will affect the county levy.

Motioned by Commissioner Sorenson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to adjourn the Board meeting to March 25, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Herzberg, Auditor-Treasurer
Pennington County

Roy Sourdif, Chairman
Board of Commissioners