

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JUSTICE CENTER BOARD ROOM  
JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 – 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, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Members Present: Seth Nelson, Bruce Lawrence, Neil Peterson, Dave Sorenson, and Darryl Tveitbakk. Members absent: None.

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

Chairman Lawrence asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Hearing none, Commissioner Tveitbakk motioned, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the Board agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Citizens:

TRF City Council Member Rachel Prudhomme met with the Board and noted that the council is scrutinizing their 2023 budget and questioned how the County Board could approve a raise for elected officials prior to budget discussions. She noted that the June 23, 2022, Board agenda didn't reference the raises, otherwise she would have been in attendance. She questioned the county contribution to Advance TRF and the work of its Executive Director, Michelle Landsverk. Ms. Prudhomme asked the County Board to reconsider their raises for 2023. The Board thanked Ms. Prudhomme for her comments and will take it under advisement.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, to approve the Board of minutes of July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as written. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the Human Services warrants totaling \$169,028.41, the Auditor & Manual warrants for May and June totaling \$3,724,221.10 and \$7,053,770.96 respectively, and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion carried.

County Revenue	\$37,026.80
Road & Bridge	\$59,805.21

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$14.91 were also approved.

Human Services Director Julie Sjostrand presented the consent agenda from the July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Human Service Committee meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, the following recommendations of the Pennington County Human Service Committee for July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (detailed minutes on record) are hereby adopted:

## SECTION A

- I. To approve the June 21, 2022, Human Service Committee Meeting minutes.
- II. To approve the agency's personnel action as presented.
- III. A. To approve the CY 2023 Clinical Supervision Purchase of Service Agreement between Sherry Jose-Sobolik and Pennington County Human Services, as presented.  
B. To approve the CY 2022-2023 Supervised Visitation and Visitation Exchange Purchase of Service Agreement between the Violence Intervention Project and Pennington County Human Services, as presented.  
C. To approve the Child Safety and Permanency and MFIP/MWP Self-Support Index Report.

## SECTION B

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

Department of Corrections District Supervisor Cody Underdahl introduced himself to the County Board, he was recently hired to replace the late Marc Bloomquist. Mr. Underdahl noted that he is located in the community and his office serves five area counties. He noted that he has worked in Corrections for many years and is looking forward to working with the Board in the future. The Board thanked him for his introduction and looks forward to working with him as well.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan stated that the paving project on CSAH #6 is complete, and Knife River Materials is requesting final payment in the amount of \$1,092,576.80. The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, and upon vote was unanimously carried.

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Contract No. SAP 57-606-006 as in all things been completed, and the County Board being fully advised in the premises,

**NOW THEN, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we do hereby by accept said completed project for and on behalf of the Pennington County Highway Dept. and authorize final payment as specified herein.:

County Sheriff Ray Kuznia presented the following LEC items:

Motioned by Commissioner Tveitbakk, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to approve the transfer of Cameron White from Part-Time to Full-Time Corrections Officer effective July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to approve the transfer of Wyatt Olson from Part-Time to Full-Time Deputy Sheriff effective July 27<sup>th</sup>,

2022. Motion carried. Sheriff Kuznia noted that the transfer does create an open Part-Time Deputy Sheriff position.

Motioned by Commissioner Sorenson, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the resignation of Tyler Ellefson as Full-Time Corrections Officer effective August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Motion carried.

Auditor-Treasurer Items:

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Sorenson, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, and upon vote was unanimously carried.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Commissioners Nelson and Peterson be appointed to the County Canvassing Board for the 2022 Primary Election; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Canvassing Board meet at 1:00 p.m. on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in Meeting Room A of the Government Center to canvass the Primary Election results.

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Sorenson, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, and upon vote was unanimously carried.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Commissioner Nelson and County Sheriff Ray Kuznia be appointed to the County Canvassing Board for the 2022 General Election.

County Coordinator Items:

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to approve two quotes by Paint and Glass Interiors totaling \$9,790.11 for flooring, paint, and related materials for the 1<sup>st</sup> floor (ease side) remodel project of the Government Center. Motion carried.

County Coordinator Kevin Erickson notified the Board that the County will receive a \$67,051 special distribution from MCIT in correlation with the MN Worker's Compensation Reinsurance Association. The dividend is due in part to good investment returns and favorable claims experience.

County Attorney Items:

County Attorney Seamus Duffy spoke in regard to Drug Treatment Court and DWI Court, noting that Pennington County has moved to a 'medium' rating with respect to COVID-19. The Judge has declared that we will be conducting such courts virtually beginning this week and will continue as such until our COVID-19 rating has reverted back to the 'low' level.

Mr. Duffy noted that the case of State vs. Reinbold is slated to begin as a normal jury trial on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. That could change should the area COVID-19 situation change. As of now, the Board room will be available during the jury trial.

Committee Reports/Commissioner Updates:

Commissioner Tveitbakk noted that the Building Committee is waiting on final plans from the architects for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Government Center. He also noted that the AMC Fall Policy Conference is being held in September, 2022 and that registration and reservations for the Commissioners attending have been made by the County Coordinator.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to adjourn the Board meeting to August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kevin Erickson, County Coordinator  
Pennington County

Bruce Lawrence, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners