

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 10:00 A.M.  
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD ROOM JUSTICE CENTER**

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, June 11th, 2019 at 10:00 p.m. Members Present: Donald Jensen, Bruce Lawrence, Neil Peterson, Cody Hempel, and Darryl Tveitbakk. Members absent: None

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

County Engineer Mike Flaagan and Assistant Engineer Alex Bladow met with the County Board. Alex Bladow was introduced to the County Board members.

The County Engineer asked to advertise for the safety projects including rumble strips and wider shoulders on CSAH#16 and CSAH#8. Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to authorize the County Engineer and County Auditor to advertise for bids for rumble strips and shoulder widening on CSAH roads. Motion carried.

The crack sealing bids were opened at 9:00 a.m. today and the following bids were received:

Astech Corporation-	\$235,200.00
Northwest Asphalt-	\$204,000.00

Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the bid of \$204,000.00 from Northwest Asphalt for CP57-19-06, county wide crack sealing, as the best and lowest bid received. Motion carried.

Mike Flaagan then discussed the bid received on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for the bridge across the Red Lake River connecting to CSAH#8. The bid was up to 30% higher than estimated. Mike recommends we bid the project in three pieces, starting in August, which will include the roundabout on Trunk Highway#32, the bridge in September, and the roundabout at the intersection of CSAH#17 and CSAH#8 in the late fall or early winter.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to reject the bid received for the Bridge Project on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to authorize the County Engineer and the County Auditor to advertise for bids for the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Trunk Highway#32 and CSAH#16 to be let at 9:00 a.m., on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Motion carried.

Mike Flaagan informed the County Board that he had received a petition to clean one and one-half miles of J.D.#18 in Sections 27 and 28 of Goodridge Township. Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the cleaning of J.D. #18 as per petition. Motion carried.

The County Board has been petitioned to hold a public hearing on abandonment of parts of County Ditch #70 and County Ditch #1. This is required as part of the Thief River Falls Westside Flood Damage Reduction Project. Moved by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to set a public hearing on the petition from the Red Lake Watershed to partially abandon portions of County Ditch #1 and County Ditch #70 for 10:00 a.m., July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, pursuant to MS 103E.806. Motion carried.

The County Board reviewed the General Notice to Control or Eradicate Noxious Weeds from Bill Craig County Ag Inspector. Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to publish the Noxious Weed notice as required. Motion carried.

County Auditor-Treasurer, Ken Olson reviewed a Reimbursement Grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety that was made available by the Minnesota Legislature by the Minnesota Session Laws-2019 1<sup>st</sup> Special Session, Chapter 3, Article 1, Section 6 and Article 2, Section 36. Pennington County's grant is in the amount of \$58,487.51, for Deputy Registrar reimbursement for problems with the development of the Minnesota License and Registration System (MNLARS). Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services and authorize the Chairman and the County Auditor-Treasurer to sign the Grant Agreement on behalf of Pennington County. Motion carried.

Ken Olson also stated that he had received a letter from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety regarding an audit they conducted on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 of our Motor Vehicle License Office. The audit disclosed no inconsistencies with the reporting practices or sticker issuance. The County Board wishes to extend their appreciation to the staff of the Motor Vehicle Office.

Moved by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, to purchase Chrome Books from RediTech to be used for adult basic education training for inmates. The Canteen Fund will pay for those items. Motion carried.

Commissioner Tveitbakk moved, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve issuance of a replacement warrant for the original warrant that was issued to Randy Liden in the amount of \$134.00 on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and has been lost without issuance of an indemnifying bond. Motion carried.

The County Board discussed the request of the Northwest Multi- County HRA to consider reducing the penalty and interest on the Goodridge Retirement Homes if they acquired ownership under foreclosure proceedings. Commissioner Jensen moved,

seconded by Commissioner Tveitbakk, that the County Board agree to work with the Housing Authority on reducing the penalty and interest on the Goodridge Retirement Homes, only if they continue with foreclosure proceedings. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the Human Services warrants totaling \$46,648.54, the Auditor and Manual warrants for April totaling \$1,009,695.67, and also the following Commissioner warrants.

WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$ 89,118.96
Road & Bridge	\$ 190,758.61
Solid Waste Facility	\$ 153.00
Ditch Funds	\$ 13,650.00
Forfeited Tax	\$ 1,329.94

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$2,592.90 were also approved.

Moved by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the minutes of May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as written. Motion carried.

The meeting seeking public input on uses for the City Auditorium is now scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Board Room.

The County Auditor-Treasurer was asked to include in the County Extension Budget for 2019, an increase to make the 4-H Coordinator a full-time position.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to adjourn the Board Meeting to Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor-Treasurer  
Pennington County

Bruce Lawrence, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners