

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JULY 9th, 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, July 9th, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Members Present: Donald Jensen, Bruce Lawrence, Neil Peterson, and Cody Hempel. Members absent: Darryl Tveitbakk.

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

The Chairman then recessed the regular meeting and called to order the Public Hearing on County Ditch #70 and County Ditch #1 as advertised.

Present for the hearing were County Engineer Mike Flaagan, Assistant County Engineer Alex Bladow, Dillon Nelson-HDR, Dale Nelson-RLWD, Myron Jesme-RLWD, April Scheinoha-Thief River Falls Times, Dave Chrzanowski-KTRF Radio, and Landowners Jerry Hunt, Jim Amundgaard, Dennis Ptacek, Gerry Seim, Terry and Linda Timm, Jared Peterick and John Cullen.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan stated the purpose of the hearing was to discuss the petition from the Red Lake Watershed District requesting partial abandonment of County Ditch #1, pursuant to M.S. 103E.806 and realignment of County Ditch #70 and County Ditch #1, pursuant to M.S. 103E.227. The modifications proposed are part of the Thief River Falls West Side Flood Damage Reduction Project known as RLWD Project 178.

Myron Jesme, RLWD Administrator, noted that part of County Ditch #1 to be abandoned is the diagonal ditch in Section 17 of Rocksbury Township where CSAH #7 and Trunk Highway #32 intersect. County Ditch #1 will then be realigned to continue straight east to flow into the proposed TRF Westside Flood Damage Diversion Ditch (RLWD Project # 178). County Ditch # 70 would be realigned from the intersection of Trunk Highway 59 and #1 to flow west on the North side of Trunk Highway #1 to a point where it will flow into the Diversion Ditch (RLWD Project 178).

Gerald Hunt wanted to know the reason for the Diversion Project as this was the first meeting he had attended.

Jared Peterick asked why he was being assessed for this project. Myron Jesme stated this hearing was only to discuss the partial abandonment and realignment of these two ditches and that the Watershed District had held a hearing on that issue on May 23rd, 2019. He will be glad to meet with Jared Peterick at the Watershed Office to answer his questions.

After discussion the Public Hearing was closed at 10:17 a.m. and the regular session of the County Board Meeting was brought back to order.

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, and upon vote was carried.

RESOLUTION

**For Partial Abandonment of County Ditch #1 and County Ditch #70 and
Realignment of County Ditch #1 and County Ditch #70**

WHEREAS, The Red Lake Watershed District has petitioned the Pennington County Board, acting as the Ditch Authority for County Ditch #70 and County Ditch #1, to realign portions of County Ditch #70 and County Ditch #1 and partial abandonment of portions of Pennington County Ditches #70 and County Ditch #1 and

WHEREAS, Pennington County held a public hearing on the petition on July 9th, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., in the Pennington County Justice Center Board Room to answer any questions regarding the petition;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pennington County Board of Commissioners that the Petition from the Red Lake Watershed District for realignment and partial abandonment of County Ditch #70 and County Ditch #1 be approved upon the Thief River Falls West Side Flood Damage Reduction Project (RLWD Project 178) being approved and constructed.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan presented the agreement with Greenview Inc. for the period July 1st, 2019 through June 30th, 2020. The agreement covers custodial pay, labor expenses, and administrative costs for services at the Joint Use Facility Building. Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the Greenview Inc. maintenance agreement for the period of July 1st, 2019 through June 30th, 2020 at the rate of \$16.60 per hour. Motion carried.

Michelle Landsverk of Landsverk and Associates, and Mike Barry of Jobs Inc., met with the County Board to present the 2020 Advance Thief River Budget and Work Plan. They also reviewed the 2019 major accomplishments. They are requesting that the County include \$25,000.00 in their 2020 budget for Advance Thief River. The County Board referred this request to the 2020 budget discussions.

County Sheriff Ray Kuznia made a request to purchase two Tough Book (Panasonic) computers for the squad cars from ReadiTech. The Technology Committee has reviewed the quote. Moved by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the purchase of two Tough Book (Panasonic) computers from ReadiTech for \$11,765.00. Motion carried.

Sheriff Kuznia then presented a letter of resignation from Lucas Molitor as he has accepted a position in the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office. Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to accept the resignation of Lucas Molitor from the position of Correction's Officer. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to hire Gracie Hannon to fill the position of part-time Correction's Officer. Motion carried.

Kayla Jore then introduced herself to the County Board. Kayla is the new Director of the Inter County Nursing Service.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to approve the following elected official salaries effective July 1st, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

County Attorney:	\$107,000.00
County Auditor-Treasurer:	\$104,200.00
County Sheriff:	\$ 99,400.00
County Recorder:	\$ 67,500.00

No action was taken on County Commissioner salaries at this time.

County Sheriff Ray Kuznia presented a quote from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for two new tasers for the Sheriff's Deputies. The tasers they replace will be available to the Corrections Officers. The quote for the taser includes a spare battery pack and holster for \$2,410.00. Moved by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the purchase of two tasers from Axon Enterprise Inc. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the following three change orders for the Justice Center Project. Motion carried.

CO #8 CAB Construction	Additional Steel added	+\$ 5,219.58
CO#5 Anderson Steel & Crane	Install beams & reinforce stairway	+\$18,795.50
CO#7 CAB Construction	Steel beam install & reinforce stairway	-\$18,795.50

Commissioner Peterson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to approve the following two contracts with the State of Minnesota Department of Natural resources. Motion carried.

1. Registration and Titling Electronic License System Agent Contract with the Deputy Registrar of Motor Vehicles (7/1/19-6/30/24).
2. Electronic License System Point-of-Sale Agent Contract for Game & Fish Licensing (7/1/19-6/30/24).

Moved by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, that the County Board approve the Appointment Order for Joint Ditch #13 as required by M.S. 103F.235 and appoint the following Commissioners and their successors to represent Pennington County on the Joint Ditch #13 Board: District 1 - Commissioner Don Jensen, District 3 - Commissioner Neil Peterson, District 4 - Commissioner Darryl Tveitbakk and District 5 - Commissioner Bruce Lawrence. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, that the County Board approve the Appointment Order for Joint Ditch #18 as required by M.S. 103E.235 and appoint the following Commissioners and their successors to represent Pennington County on the Joint Ditch #18 Board: District 1 - Commissioner Don Jensen, District 3 - Commissioner Neil Peterson, District 4 - Commissioner Darryl Tveitbakk and District 5 - Commissioner Bruce Lawrence. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, that the County Board approve the Appointment Order for Joint Ditch #30 as required by M.S. 103E.235 and appoint the following Commissioners and their successors to represent Pennington County on the Joint Ditch #30 Board: District 1 - Commissioner Don Jensen, District 3 - Commissioner Neil Peterson, and District 5 - Commissioner Bruce Lawrence. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to reissue the following two lost warrants without requiring the issuance of an indemnifying bond. Motion carried.

Warrant #106883 issued to Kirk A. Walton, Sept. 27th, 2018 for \$127.00

Warrant #183920 issued to Linda Helgeland, Aug. 31st, 2018 for \$ 73.18

Moved by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the minutes of June 25th, 2019 as written. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the Human Services warrants totaling \$80,519.49 and the following Commissioner warrants.

WARRANTS

County Revenue	\$	381,781.07
Road & Bridge	\$	34,064.54
Solid Waste Facility	\$	770.00

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$2,405.18 were also approved.

It was discussed that the County should budget \$10,000.00 to be set aside in an Economic Development Account.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to adjourn the Board Meeting to Tuesday, July 23rd, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor-Treasurer
Pennington County

Bruce Lawrence, Chairman
Board of Commissioners