

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2020, 10:00 A.M.**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Pennington County Board of Commissioners met in the Pennington County Board Room in Thief River Falls, MN, on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Members Present: Darryl Tveitbakk, Cody Hempel, Donald Jensen, Bruce Lawrence, and Neil Peterson. Absent: None.

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

The County Board reviewed a proposal from Widseth, Smith, Nolting & Associates, Inc. (WSN) to identify whether the north wall of the existing DMV apace is load bearing by providing structural analysis services. WSN proposes to complete the Scope of Services at an amount not to exceed \$2,000. Motioned by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to accept the proposal from WSN for Structural Review as stated above. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Erik Beitel gave the Board a report on any possible flooding this spring. It was stated that because we have not received much additional moisture the flood risk has gone down. Our soil is saturated due to the large amount of rain we received last fall and there is between 3-5 inches of moisture in the snowpack. At this time we are not expecting major flooding but can expect the normal overland flooding we experience most years. As in prior years sandbags will be ready for pick up.

Bill Barthold, representing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Coalition, reported he had met with the County Attorney and County Sheriff and members of the Coalition. There is another coalition meeting tonight and as of this time they are not ready to present a resolution.

Bryanna Grefthen, Pennington County Feedlot Officer, presented the 2019 County Feedlot Officer Annual Report. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency completed a year-end review and based on that 100% of non-inspection minimum requirements have been met along with the required number of required inspections. The total performance credits is 2, resulting in \$400.00 of additional feedlot funding. We currently have 46 feedlots that are required to be registered. Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the 2019 County Feedlot Officer Annual Report and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve payment of the Auditor and Manual warrants for October, November, and December 2019 totaling \$3,055,711.08, \$3,714,426.42, and \$1,564,735.37, respectively, and also the following Commissioner warrants. Motion carried.

**WARRANTS**

County Revenue	\$105,619.40
Road & Bridge	\$ 59,448.87
Ditch Funds	\$ 21,314.56

Per diems and meal reimbursements in the amount of \$3,393.13 were also approved.

County Sheriff Ray Kuznia met with the Board with the following two recommendations to fill open positions.

Jonathon Michael Erickson	Part-Time Deputy Sheriff
Blayke Anthony Sundahl	Part-Time Corrections Officer

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to approve the hire of Jonathon Michael Erickson to fill the position of Part-Time Deputy Sheriff effective March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to approve the hire of Blayke Anthony Sundahl to fill the position of Part-Time Corrections Officer effective March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Motion carried.

County Engineer Mike Flaagan met with the County Board first representing Troy Schroeder from the NW Regional Development Commission, who was unable to be in attendance. The NWRDC Transportation Committee is requesting we pass a resolution asking for a speed limit study on CSAH#27 and CSAH#28 to possibly increase the speed to 60 mph.

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature ordered MnDOT to perform speed studies on the Trunk Highway system to increase the speed limit to 60 mph on roadways that meets MnDOT's criteria, and

**WHEREAS**, Pennington County is interested in performing the same speed study on CSAH #27 and CSAH #28 to determine if they meet MnDOT's criteria for speed limit increase to 60 mph.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Pennington County Board of Commissioners request MnDOT perform speed studies on CSAH #28 from the Marshall County line south to Trunk Highway #1, and CSAH #27 from Trunk Highway #1 south to the Red Lake County Line, to evaluate an increase in the speed limit from 55 mph to 60 mph.

Engineer Flaagan presented the bids for the round-a-about at CSAH #8 and CSAH #17 (SAP 057-608-010) opened at 11:00 a.m. on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as advertised. The following bids were received:

Davidson Construction	\$3,016,903.00
Gladden Construction	\$3,012,050.39
R.J. Zavoral & Sons, Inc.	\$2,708,788.40

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to award the bid for SAP 057-608-010 to R.J. Zavoral & Sons, Inc. for the amount of \$2,708,788.40 as the best and lowest bid received. Motion carried.

Engineer Flaagan gave a report on the Mark Blvd. bridge project where they are beginning to work on the east pier. He also stated the road restrictions go into effect Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

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

### **RESOLUTION**

**IT IS RESOLVED** that Pennington County enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1036534 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the State to the County for the use of County State Aid Highway No. 3 and County State Aid Highway No. 20 as a detour route during the construction to be performed upon, along, and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 32 from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to Oakland Park Road under State Project No. 5703-47 (T.H. 32 = 32).

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that County Board Commissioner Darryl Tveitbakk and County Engineer Mike Flaagan are authorized to execute the Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement.

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

### **RESOLUTION**

**IT IS RESOLVED** that Pennington County enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1036466 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the State to the County for the use of County State Aid Highway No. 16, No. 14, and No. 31 as a detour route during the construction to be performed upon, along, and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 1 from 900 feet west of County State Aid Highway 16 to Kinney Avenue and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 59 from 690 feet south of Trunk Highway No. 1 to 923 feet north of Trunk Highway No. 1 under State Project No. 5701-31 (T.H. 1 = 133).

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that County Board Commissioner Darryl Tveitbakk and County Engineer Mike Flaagan are authorized to execute the Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement.

Moved by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to approve the minutes of February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as written. Motion carried.

Commissioner Lawrence reported that the asbestos removal company he had contacted will not be able to provide an estimate on asbestos removal in the Auditorium. He will try to contact Brian Byklum at the NW Service Cooperative regarding the matter.

The County Board also discussed the meeting schedule to place the Auditorium on the Historic National Register.

Motioned by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, that Commissioner Lawrence contact the State Historic Preservation Office and ask that any decision on designating the City Auditorium as a Historic Building be put on hold. Motion carried.

Motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, to adjourn the Board meeting to Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor-Treasurer  
Pennington County

Darryl Tveitbakk, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners