

**SPECIAL PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING  
MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2020, 3:00 P.M  
PENNINGTON COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER BOARD ROOM**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Pennington County Board of Commissioners met in the Pennington County Board Room in Thief River Falls, MN, on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. Members Present: Darryl Tveitbakk, Donald Jensen (via telephone), and Neil Peterson. Also present (via Zoom) were Bruce Lawrence and Cody Hempel. Absent: None.

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

The purpose of the meeting today was to meet with the County Offices and State Offices in the County Buildings to discuss when and how we would reopen buildings to the public.

District Court Judge Tamara Yon reported that the Courts are in a transitional phase. They have been holding critical hearings and many more remote hearings. The Chief Justice has written a Preparedness Plan that will allow for more in person hearings starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, but still encouraging use of remote hearings when possible. No jury trial will happen until July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. There may need to be some changes in the Courtroom to protect the employees and public. The Building Committee will meet with the Court Administration and District Judge Tamara Yon at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to review any changes needed.

Erik Beitel, Emergency Management Director, reported we now have three cases of COVID-19 in Pennington County. The last two are in their early 20's. He has ordered an additional 1000 face masks, but they are still not in.

Kayla Jore, Inter County Nursing Service Director, stated they have masks and shields for their employees to conduct their home care visits.

Kristi Rood, DMV Manager, reported they had written a Preparedness Plan for their office and they have had plexiglass installed on the counters. They would like to have hand sanitizer dispensers available but getting them has been a problem.

Julie Sjostrand, Human Services Director, stated they are currently writing a Preparedness Plan which would include transitioning employees back into the office.

The County Board will make a decision on reopening the County Buildings at the next County Board meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to adjourn this Special Pennington County Board meeting. The Next regular scheduled Pennington County Board meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Upon roll call vote, motion was unanimously carried.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Olson, Auditor-Treasurer  
Pennington County

Darryl Tveitbakk, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners