

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2010**

Chairperson Jane Remiger called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 12:00 p.m. with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger, Dick Wambeke and Ron Antony present. Also present were County Administrator Ryan Krosch, County Attorney Keith Helgeson and Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick.

Approve Agenda 3-23-10-01 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda with the following changes: add part-time non-scheduled corrections officer hiring, Minnesota DNR annual county boat and water safety grant and Chippewa County-Montevideo Ambulance advanced life support license letter of support to the consent agenda . Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 3-23-10-02 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the March 9, 2010, County Board meeting; hiring Jack Hawk as a part-time non-scheduled correctional officer; 2010 Minnesota DNR annual county boat and water safety grant; Chippewa County-Montevideo Ambulance advanced life support license letter of support. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Sherlin had no reports. Commissioner Johnson reported on the County Water Task Force, County hazard mitigation plan meeting, annual County weed meeting, Prairie 5, Prairie Lakes Youth Program and Restorative Justice Advisory Committee. Commissioner Remiger reported on the MN Valley Regional Railroad, RCRCA, Rural MN Energy Board and the AMC Policy Committee. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the LACC and Prairie Lakes Advisory Committee. Commissioner Antony reported on the SWCD, Workforce Council, Southwest Regional Radio Board, Pioneerland Library Board, Southwest Regional Solid Waste Board, Chemical Health Coalition, 6W Corrections and Prairie Lakes Advisory Committee.

Department Reports

County Parks County Parks Director Myron Hagelstrom discussed with the Board improvements to Timm Park planned for 2010 along with the camping fees and number of seasonal sites that will be at Timm Park.

Regular Agenda

Lee Mar Ranch Joint Powers Agreement 3-23-10-03 Granite Falls EDA Director Dennis Van Hoof was present to request approval of a joint powers agreement between Granite Falls and the County. The agreement would allow the City to provide up to \$10,000 in grant funds to the Lee Mar Ranch Equine Center non-profit organization. Since the Lee Mar Ranch project is located outside of Granite Falls the City is requesting that the County accept the grant funds from the City and forward them on to the Lee Mar Ranch Equine Center. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the joint powers economic development agreement as presented between the City of Granite Falls and Yellow Medicine County to provide funds from the City to the Lee Mar Ranch Equine Center non-profit organization. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Notice to Rescind Resolution 07-2009 3-23-10-04 County Planning and Zoning Administrator Randy Jacobson requested the Board rescind Resolution 7-2009 which gave the County responsibility for processing permit applications for large wind energy conversion systems with combined nameplates of less than 25,000 kilowatts. Planning and Zoning Director Jacobson stated that after further evaluation of the setback requirements stated in the resolution and due to the technical nature of large wind energy conversion systems he

was recommending the County no longer be responsible for permitting large wind energy conversion systems of less than 25,000 kilowatts. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to approve Resolution 7-2010 that rescinds Resolution 7-2009 thereby giving the responsibility of processing permit applications for large wind energy conversion systems with combined nameplates of less than 25,000 kilowatts back to the Public Utilities Commission. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency 3-23-10-05 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve Resolution 8-2010 as presented declaring Yellow Medicine County in a state of emergency for conditions resulting from the flood event of 2010. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Courthouse Department Redesign Resolution 3-23-10-06 Administrator Krosch gave a presentation on a proposed redesign and reorganization of the Courthouse Departments' services. The departments it would directly impact are Administration, Auditor/Treasurer, Recorder and Assessor. The reorganization would also involve centralization of payroll and human resources. Administrator Krosch was requesting support for the development of a reorganizational plan. That plan would be presented to the Board for approval later in 2010. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve Resolution 9-2010 supporting the redesign and reorganization of the County Administrator, County Auditor/Treasurer, County Recorder and County Assessor Departments and the duties and responsibilities associated with these departments and that the County Board approves the development of a plan to carryout said redesign and reorganization. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Other Business None

Informational None

Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 3-23-10-07 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the Commissioner's warrants for the following amounts: \$43,523.31 Revenue Fund, \$32,219.89 Road and Bridge Fund, \$199.91 Ditch Fund; and acknowledge review of the Auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Review of Upcoming Meetings and Events The Board reviewed upcoming meetings and events.

Adjourn 3-23-10-08 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to adjourn at 2:55 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:


Jane Remiger, Chair


Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer