

Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2009

Chairman Gary Johnson called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.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 4-14-09-01 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda with the following additions: add tax forfeited auction resolution and RCRC budget amendment to the Consent Agenda; add Rural MN Energy Board wind project to the Commissioner Reports; add Highway 59 letter of support and request to purchase county flood buyout property to the Other Business. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 4-14-09-02 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the March 24, 2009, County Board meeting; contract with Maximus to complete the 2009 – 2011 Indirect Cost Allocation Plans; Resolution 13-2009 authorizing the County to enter into an agreement with MnDOT for federal participation in advance construction for S.P. 87-596-01 (480th Street in Stony Run Township); Revenue Fund budget reallocations totaling \$23,000 in additions and \$23,000 in deductions; Road and Bridge Fund reallocations totaling \$15,500 in additions and \$276,331 in deductions; Bond Fund reallocations totaling \$260,831 in additions; Revenue Fund budget amendments totaling \$660 in expenditures; Road and Bridge Fund budget amendments totaling \$695,000 in revenues and a reduction of \$6,000 in expenditures; Social Service Fund budget amendments totaling \$16,000 in revenues and \$16,000 in expenditures; Resolution 14-2009 authorizing the sale of tax forfeited parcel 36-019-4090 and setting the date, time and location of the auction. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments: None

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Sherlin reported on the WesMN RLF, Extension and Area II. Commissioner Johnson reported on the MN West College community meeting, Prairie Waters, RDC, ATP, Prairie 5 and SWCD. Commissioner Remiger reported on Public Health, RC&D and the Supporting Hands Nursing Program. Commissioner Wambeke reported on CAPX 2020, Area II, MN West College community meeting, HRA, Safe Communities Coalition and the Tri-County Law Library. Commissioner Antony reported on the SW Radio Board, Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed and the Workforce Council.

The Board discussed a wind tower project being proposed by the Rural Minnesota Energy Board.

Department Reports:

SWCD Update Yellow Medicine SWCD District Manager Lou Ann Nagel updated the Board on the SWCD programs and services.

Extension Update Yellow Medicine County Extension staff Bob Byrnes, Virginia Wilson, Karen Block and Michelle Ascheman updated the Board on Extensions programs and services.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:25 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

Regular Agenda:

Flood Assistance Declaration Emergency Management Director Michelle Gatz informed the Board that there was enough property damage and costs associated with the recent flooding that the County would be eligible for state and federal assistance if the County is declared in a state of emergency and is declared a federal disaster area.

4-14-09-03 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve Resolution 15-2009 declaring a state of emergency in Yellow Medicine County for conditions resulting from a flood event. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

4-14-09-04 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve Resolution 16-2009 requesting a presidential declaration of a major disaster in Yellow Medicine County. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

8th Judicial District Court Services Chief Judge Paul Nelson and Yellow Medicine County Court Administrator Cheryl Eckhardt discussed with the Board the budget cuts facing the 8th Judicial District Court and the impact it could have on the judicial system.

Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water Dennis Healy with Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water presented the LPRW 2008 audit and discussed proposed expansions to the water system.

Other Business:

Highway 59 Letter of Support 4-14-09-05 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to submit a letter of support and request for federal SAFETEA-LU Re-Authorization funding for safety improvements to U.S. Highway 59 from Clarkfield to Marshall. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

County Flood Buyout Property 4-14-09-06 Administrator Krosch informed the Board he received a request from an individual to purchase or lease some of the County's flood buyout property. Administrator Krosch informed the Board that flood buyout property can only be conveyed to other public entities and then only with prior approval from several state agencies. Since the request did not come from another public entity the sale of the property could not be considered. Although there are no deed restrictions for leasing the property, Krosch said there could be insurance and liability issues associated with leasing. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to deny the request to lease County flood buyout property. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 4-14-09-07 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the Commissioner's Warrants for the following amounts: \$60,554.89 Revenue Fund, \$32,506.66 Road and Bridge Fund, \$759.39 Ditch Fund; and acknowledge review of the Auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

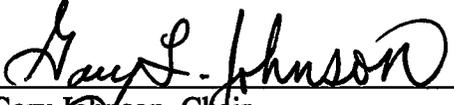
Informational: The March 2009 investment and financial reports were reviewed. A letter from MnDOT on approved funding for safety improvements to U.S. Highway 59 was reviewed.

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

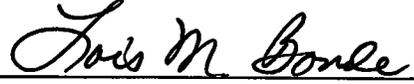
Adjourn 4-14-09-08 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to adjourn at 1:08 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



Gary Johnson, Chair



Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer