

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 26, 2011**

Chairman Dick Wambeke called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Gary Johnson, Greg Renneke, Dick Wambeke and Ron Antony present. Also present were County Administrator Ryan Krosch, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick and Marshall Independent reporter Steve Browne.

**Approve Agenda 4-26-11-01** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the agenda with the following changes: add contract for Courthouse tuck pointing to the consent agenda; add a letter from Bootlegger's Supper Club regarding flooding to the regular agenda; add composting boxes and rain barrels to the regular agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 4-26-11-02** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the April 12, 2011, County Board meeting; Finance Committee recommendations to approve the year end 2010 fund reserves and designations as presented and the federal audit procedures narrative as presented; Revenue Fund budget amendments totaling \$25,588.29 in revenues and \$61,102.33 in expenditures; Revenue Fund budget reallocations totaling \$1,800.00; contract with Mid-Continental Restoration for Courthouse tuck pointing work at a cost of \$11,859.00. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments** None

**Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Antony reported on the Pioneerland Library Board, SW MN Radio Board and 6W Corrections. Commissioner Renneke reported on a meeting with Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water, County Historical Society, RCRC and a Family Services Department orientation meeting. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the Veterans Business Venture meeting, Yellow Medicine County Task Force, County Volunteer Banquet and Safety Committee meeting. Commissioner Johnson reported on 6W Corrections, Family Services Department orientation meeting, Restorative Justice Advisory Committee, Yellow Medicine County Task Force, Prairie 5 Community Action Council, Prairie Lakes Youth Program, RDC, County Volunteer Banquet and Regional Railroad Board. Commissioner Sherlin reported on Countryside Public Health, Prairie Country RC&D, Western Mental Health and the Extension Committee.

**Human Services Program Education**

**National Children's Study Update** Krista Zeug with the National Children's Study gave an update on a study being done of children's health in Yellow Medicine, Pipestone, Lincoln and Brookings Counties. The study Yellow Medicine County is a part of is one of 105 similar studies happening across the United States.

**5-County Adult Mental Health** Teri Herder-Blahnik, Trish Lien and Jennifer Woodbeck with the 5-County Local Advisory Council on Adult Mental Health presented an update on the Advisory Council.

**Human Services Director's Report** Human Services Director Peggy Heglund reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2011 budget report, March cash flow analysis, MnChoices grant, Federal RIDE Act, County Volunteer Banquet and new commissioner orientation.

**Mental Health Month Proclamation 4-26-11-03** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve a proclamation designating May 2011 as mental health month in Yellow Medicine County. Motion carried with voting in favor.

**Copier Purchase 4-26-11-04** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to purchase a new Cannon Image Runner C5045 copy machine for Human Services at a cost of \$11,095 and to transfer the old Human Services copy machine to the Yellow Medicine County Senior Advocate. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:55 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 11:03 a.m.

### **Regular Agenda**

**Conditional Use Permit Request YM-509-11, Matthew Lens 4-26-11-05** County Planning and Zoning Director Randy Jacobson presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve conditional use permit YM- 509-11 for Matthew Lens, Montevideo, MN, to operate a landscaping/nursery business in the Rural Preservation Management District. The site is located on a 6.74 acre parcel of land in part of the southwest one-quarter of the northwest one-quarter of the northeast one-quarter (SW ¼ NW ¼ NE ¼) of Section 14 in Stony Run Township T-116-N R-40-W. The Yellow Medicine County Land Use and Related Resource Management Ordinance requires a conditional use permit to operate a business in the Rural Preservation Management District. Mr. Lens was also present at the meeting to answer any questions about his conditional use request. The Planning Commission also recommended three conditions to include with the permit. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve conditional use permit YM-509-11 for Matthew Lens with the following conditions:

1. The site must be maintained so as not to constitute a nuisance as defined in the Yellow Medicine County/Countryside Public Health Service Nuisance Ordinance.
2. Landscape material shall be stockpiled in such a manner as to prevent it from eroding in the creek.
3. Because this business is located in the Rural Preservation Management District, the owner/operator will at all times be tolerant of agricultural activities in the surrounding area.

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Drainage and Land Use Inspector Hiring 4-26-11-06** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the hiring of Christopher Balfany as the County Drainage and Land Use Inspector. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Composting Boxes and Rain Barrels** Planning & Zoning Administrator Jacobson was asked about the availability of composting boxes and rain barrels for residents in the County. Planning & Zoning Administrator Jacobson stated he would inquire how those items could be obtained.

**2011 Road and Bridge Project Bids** County Engineer Andy Sander presented the bids submitted for the 2011 road and bridge projects.

**C.P. 11-67 (Grading on County Road D3) 4-26-11-07** Seven bids were presented for grading work on County Road D3. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the low bid of \$64,375.30 submitted by R and G Construction Co. for C.P. 11-67. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Bids are on file at the Granite Falls County Highway Department Office.

**S.A.P. 87-602-19 (CSAH 2), S.A.P. 87-610-08 (CSAH 10), S.A. P. 87-629-03 (CSAH 29) 4-26-11-08** Six bids were presented for three bridge replacement projects on County State Aid Highways 2, 10 and 29. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the low bid of \$444,304.50 submitted by R and G Construction Co. for S.A. P. 87-602-19, S.A.P. 87-610-08 and S.A.P. 87-629-03. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Bids are on file at the Granite Falls County Highway Department Office.

**S.A.P. 87-599-114 (Sandnes Twp. Rd. T-93), S.A.P. 87-599-126 (Hammer Twp. Rd. T-11) 4-26-11-09** Six bids were presented for two bridge replacement projects in Sandnes and Hammer Townships. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the low bid of \$305,315.75 submitted by R and G Construction Co. for S.A.P. 87-599-114 and S.A.P. 87-599-126. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Bids are on file at the Granite Falls County Highway Department Office.

**S.A.P. 87-602-21 (CSAH 2) 4-26-11-10** Five bids were presented for grading and aggregate base work on County State Aid Highway 2. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the low bid of \$355,738.32 submitted by R and G Construction Co. for S.A.P. 87-602-21. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Bids are on file at the Granite Falls County Highway Department Office.

**S.A.P. 87-622-08 (CSAH 22) 4-26-11-11** Four bids were presented for milling and overlay on County State Aid Highway 22 in Granite Falls. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the low bid of \$75,775.00 submitted by McLaughlin & Schulz, Inc. for S.A.P. 87-622-08. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Bids are on file at the Granite Falls County Highway Department Office.

**S.A.P. 87-605-13 (CSAH 5), S.A.P. 87-608-25 (CSAH 8) 4-26-11-12** Four bids were presented for road reconditioning on County State Aid Highways 5 and 8. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the low bid of \$1,157,777.94 submitted by McLaughlin & Schulz, Inc. for S.A.P. 87-605-13 and S.A.P. 87-608-25. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Bids are on file at the Granite Falls County Highway Department Office.

**Right of Way Payments 4-26-11-13** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve Resolution #08-2011 as presented authorizing right of way payments as presented for S.A.P.87-602-21 and C.P. 11-67. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Pictometry Demonstration** Dean Larson with Pictometry Intelligent Images gave a presentation on Pictometry's oblique aerial imagery products that can be used by local governments in providing many government services.

**Flood Buyout Property in Stony Run Township 4-26-11-14** County Emergency Manager Michelle Gatz informed the Board that a flood prone property located at 4939 Highway 212 in Stony Run Township may be eligible for a flood buyout. The buyout would be funded 75% by FEMA, 12.5% by the MN DNR and 12.5% by the property owner. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to proceed with a Notice of Interest submitted to the Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to determine if the proposed property is eligible for the Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Program. Motion carried with all voting in favor. If the proposed property is determined to have the potential to receive HMA funds, the County will be invited to submit a full HMA application.

**Spring 2011 Flood Presidential Declaration 4-26-11-15** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve Resolution #09-2011 as presented requesting the Governor of the State of Minnesota to petition the President of the United States to declare the County of Yellow Medicine, Minnesota, to be a major disaster area, through appropriate channels.

Be it further resolved that this request is for:

1. The Public Assistance (Infrastructure Support) Program only, as offered under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.
2. The Hazard Mitigation Program, as offered under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

Be it further resolved that the County Emergency Management Director is authorized to coordinate the damage survey

teams with local government, and assist in the administration of the disaster recovery process, as needed. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Bootlegger Supper Club Flooding** John Berends, owner of Bootlegger Supper Club, submitted a letter to the County Board requesting the County, City of Granite Falls and Stony Run Township work together to address the flooding problems on his property. Emergency Management Director Gatz stated she would talk with the City of Granite falls, Stony Run Township and Mr. Berends about his flooding concerns addressed in the letter.

**Clarkfield Office Lease 4-26-11-16** Administrator Krosch informed the Board that the Federal Government submitted a five year lease offer effective June 1, 2011, to lease 3,110 square feet of rentable space at the Clarkfield Agriculture Services Center Building at an annual rental cost of \$47,427.50. The County advertised the lease offering and received only the offer from the Federal Government. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the lease offer submitted by the Federal Government and authorize the County Administrator to execute the lease documents on behalf of the County. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Legislative Update** The board reviewed information on proposed cuts to county programs that are funded by the State of Minnesota. The proposed funding cuts are being discussed by the State Legislature and Governor in an effort to balance the State budget.

**MAGIC Act Resolution** The Board review proposed legislation sponsored by the Association of MN Counties. The legislation, called the Minnesota Accountable Government, Innovation and Collaboration (MAGIC) Act, would improve innovation and efficiency in Minnesota county government by giving counties more flexibility in the delivery of services.

**4-26-11-17** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to table action on the resolution of support for the MAGIC Act until more information can be gathered. Motion failed with Commissioner Johnson voting in favor and Commissioners Antony, Wambeke, Renneke and Sherlin voting against.

**4-26-11-18** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve Resolution #10-2011 as presented supporting passage by the State Legislature and Govenor of the MAGIC Act during the 2011 legislative session. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Wambeke, Renneke and Sherlin voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

**Other Business** None

**Informational** The March 2011 jail report and 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2011 Revenue Fund budget report were reviewed.

**Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 4-26-11-19** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the Commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$30,135.48 Revenue Fund, \$26,560.21 Road and Bridge Fund, \$221.00 Ditch Fund, \$61,024.00 Human Services 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 4-26-11-20 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to adjourn at 12:53 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.**

Witness:

Attest:



Dick Wambecke  
Dick Wambecke, Chair



Lois M. Bonde  
Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer