

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
May 12, 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 5-12-09-01 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the agenda with the following additions: add 2008 MPCA county feedlot program grant and Area II joint powers agreement extension to the consent agenda; add Upper Sioux Community solid waste assessment abatement to department reports; add the April 2009 jail, financial and investment reports to the informational items. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 5-12-09-02 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the consent agenda items as follows: re-appointment of Catherine Thomas to the Family Service Board; personnel policy 201.263 – Family Medical Leave Act changes as presented; cognitive skills purchase of service agreement between the Family Services Department and 6W Community Corrections; 2008 MPCA county feedlot program grant agreement; Addendum No. 6 to the Area II joint powers agreement extending said agreement to September 30, 2009, and authorizing Area II delegate Commissioner Sherlin to sign Addendum 6. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments: None

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Antony reported on the Pioneerland Library Board and 6W Corrections. Commissioner Wambeke had no reports. Commissioner Remiger reported on the AMC Legislative Conference and County Museum. Commissioner Johnson reported on the AMC Legislative Conference. Commissioner Sherlin reported on Area II.

Department Reports:

County Assessor Connie Erickson presented an overview of the 2009 property assessment. The County's 2009 taxable market value is roughly \$1.7 billion. This was about a \$300 million increase in taxable market value from 2008. Agriculture property accounts for 82.5% of the County's total 2009 taxable market value. There was \$9.3 million of new construction in the County in 2008.

Abatement – Parcel 31-419-7501 5-12-09-03 Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to grant a tax abatement to parcel 31-419-7501, owned by Jerome Chlebeczek, due to a reinstatement of homestead classification. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Abatement – Parcel 34-300-4108 5-12-09-04 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Remiger to grant a tax abatement to parcel 34-300-4108, owned by the City of Granite Falls Hospital, due to a change from a taxable property to an exempt property. Motion

carried with all voting in favor.

Solid Waste Assessment Abatement 5-12-09-05 Upper Sioux Community submitted a request to have their solid waste special assessment be abated. County Attorney Helgeson informed the Board that since the solid waste assessment was authorized by ordinance, parcels in the Upper Sioux Community Trust were not subject to paying the assessment. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to grant a solid waste assessment abatement to parcels 09-024-3010 and 09-013-1010, owned by the United States of America in Trust for Upper Sioux Community. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Wambeke and Sherlin voting in favor and Commissioner Remiger voting against.

Regular Agenda:

ARMER Radio Network County Sheriff Bill Flaten discussed with the Board the costs and technology associated with changing over to the State of Minnesota's new statewide radio network called Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Responders (ARMER). The Board agreed to move forward with changing over the County's radio communication system to the new ARMER radio network.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:32 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

S.A.P. 87-614-13 Approval 5-12-09-06 County Engineer Andy Sander presented three bids for project S.A.P. 87-614-13 for 3.6 miles of milling and overlay of CSAH 14 from Burr to the north County line. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the lowest bid of \$499,116.40 submitted by McLaughlin & Schultz, Inc. for S.A.P. 87-614-13. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Project bids are on file at the County Highway Department.

S.A.P. 87-599-118 and 87-599-119 Approval 5-12-09-07 Engineer Sander presented five bids for S.A.P. 87-599-118 and 87-599-119 for bridge replacements on township roads in Burton and Hammer Townships. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the lowest bid of \$171,894.00 submitted by Midwest Contracting, LLC for S.A.P. 87-599-118 and 87-599-199. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Project bids are on file at the County Highway Department.

C.P. 09-03 Approval 5-12-09-08 Engineer Sander presented five bids for C.P. 09-03 for grading on CSAH 3 from CSAH 43 to 3 miles west. Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the lowest bid of \$153,662.16 submitted by R and G Construction Co. for C.P. 09-03. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Project bids are on file at the County Highway Department.

Highway Seasonal Help 5-12-09-09 Engineer Sander and Highway Maintenance Supervisor Larry Stoks requested approval to hire seasonal help for the Highway Department. The recommendation to the Board was to reduce the current budget for seasonal help to a maximum expenditure of \$15,000 in 2009. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to set the maximum budget for the 2009 Highway Department seasonal help at \$15,000 and to waive the County policy requiring advertisement for the seasonal position openings.

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Update on U.S. Highway 59 There was discussion regarding the status of the U.S. Highway 59 road shouldering project. It was clarified that federal funding for U.S. Highway 59 was being requested through Congressman Collin Peterson and Senator Amy Klobuchar to widen the road shoulders to 10 feet. No funding was being requested for an overlay.

Family Services Staff Changes Family Services Director Peggy Heglund reviewed several staff changes with the Board due to retirements, promotion and dismissal.

5-12-09-10 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the termination of Michelle Daly as Office Support Specialist. Motion carried with all voting in favor. This position will remain unfilled.

5-12-09-11 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to accept Income Maintenance Worker Sharon Sander's retirement resignation. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

5-12-09-12 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the promotion of Angie Frerichs to an Income Maintenance Worker position. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

5-12-09-13 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Antony to approve advertising for Angie Frerich's Office Support Specialist position. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Designation of Fund Balances 5-12-09-14 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to designate the following undesignated and unreserved funds as designated funds for future expenditures for the year end December 31, 2008:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Revenue	\$958,098
Human Services	\$1,044,637
Road & Bridge	\$539,672

Motion carried with Commissioners Wambeke, Remiger and Sherlin voting in favor and Commissioner Antony voting against.

MCIT Member Report Jane Hennagir with MCIT presented the 2009 MCIT Member Report to the Board.

Other Business: None

Informational:

The April 2009 jail, financial and investment reports were reviewed.

Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 5-12-09-15 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the Commissioner's

Warrants for the following amounts: \$38,533.41 Revenue Fund, \$13,901.97 Road and Bridge Fund, \$2,932.50 Ditch Fund; approval of an additional claim for \$1,345.92 paid from the Attorney's Forfeiture Fund as a Auditor's warrant; 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 5-12-09-16 Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to adjourn at 12:29 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



Gary Johnson, Chair



Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer