

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2009**

Chairman Gary Johnson 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 6-23-09-01 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda with the following additions: add Minnesota Falls demolition landfill letter to the informational items. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 6-23-09-02 Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the June 9, 2009, County Board meeting; minutes of the June 15, 2009, County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting; Resolution # 20-2009 authorizing the process for amending the County's Water Management Plan and delegating the County Water Task Force with the responsibility of amending the plan; approval of County issued tobacco licenses effective July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, for the following businesses: Cut Loose Lounge, Inc., The Filling Station Bar & Grill, Inc., Hanley Falls Municipal Liquor Store, J&S One Stop, Inc., Consumers Co-op Oil Company, Clarkfield Family Foods, Shandee's C-Store, St. Leo Municipal Liquor; fireworks permit for Prairie's Edge Casino & Resort for July 3, 2009; Revenue Fund budget amendment request for \$3,000 of revenue and \$3,000 of expenditures; Resolution #21-2009 supporting a \$10,000,000 State of Minnesota bonding bill request for rail improvements to the Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority's railroad; hold harmless agreement between Yellow Medicine County and the City of Hanley Falls for the use of county land. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments: None

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Sherlin had no reports. Commissioner Johnson reported on Prairie Water Tourism, Prairie Lakes Youth Program, Prairie 5 and the County road tour. Commissioner Remiger reported on the County Historical Society, MN Valley Rail Authority, County road tour and the AMC Redesign Committee. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the County road tour and the AMC Redesign Committee. Commissioner Antony reported on the Workforce Council.

Department Reports:

IT Department Update IT Coordinator Dennis Pederson updated the Board on the IT Department's activities.

Regular Agenda:

Recycling Paul Henriksen with Lyon County Environmental discussed the use of the rural recycling containers, planned hazardous waste and appliance collection events for 2009 and the County's recycling assessment fee.

Miller Lake Water Level Management Bill Schuna with the DNR discussed a planned draw down of the water level on Miller Lake in Omro Township. County Ditch Inspector John Kolhei was also present for the discussion. Mr. Schuna also discussed recent purchases of land by Pheasants Forever for wildlife management areas.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 06-23-09-03 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Sherlin to approve a contract for professional services with the Upper Minnesota Valley RDC to update the County's hazard mitigation plan at a cost to the County of \$9,715. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Permanent Employment Status – Dennis Pederson, IT Coordinator 06-23-09-04 Administrator Krosch informed the Board that IT Coordinator Dennis Pederson successfully completed his probationary period and was recommending a change to permanent employment status. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Sherlin to approve permanent employment status for IT Coordinator Dennis Pederson. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

PERA's Phased Retirement Option 06-23-09-05 Administrator Krosch informed the Board that new legislation was passed allowing Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) Coordinated and Basic members age 62 and over the option to begin receiving a PERA pension without formally resigning through a program called Phased Retirement Option (PRO). The new legislation gives Yellow Medicine County the sole authority as the employer to determine whether PRO agreements are going to be offered and to whom PRO agreements are offered. Administrator Krosch stated that in order for an employee to qualify for PRO, a number of requirements must be met including a reduction of work hours of at least 25% but no more than 50%. Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Antony to approve Resolution #22-2009 approving Yellow Medicine County's participation in PERA's Phased Retirement Option (PRO). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

2009 and 2010 Budget Update Administrator Krosch and the Board discussed the unallotment of state aid funds to the County for 2009 and 2010. For 2009, the County will not receive \$97,679 of its budgeted county program aid. In 2010, the loss in county program aid will be \$198,317. This lost county program aid is in addition to the \$127,000 of program aid lost in 2008 and other funding cuts to Social Services.

Other Business: None

Informational: The Board reviewed a letter regarding the groundwater testing results at the Minnesota Falls demolition landfill.

Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 6-23-09-06 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the Commissioner's Warrants for the following amounts: \$24,837.78 Revenue Fund, \$17,837.88 Road and Bridge Fund, \$135.00 Ditch Fund; approval of an additional claim totaling \$2,054.39 to be paid as an 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 6-23-09-07 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to adjourn at 2:47 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



Gary Johnson, Chair



Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer