

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes  
July 13, 2010**

Chairperson Jane Remiger 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, Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Eric Monson and Marshall Independent reporter Phillip Bock.

**Approve Agenda 7-13-10-01** Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the agenda with the following changes: agreement with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for chemical dependency assessment billing, Stony Run Township dike road discussion and the Canby Depot added to the regular agenda; June 2010 jail, financial and investment reports and information on the County's bond rating added to the informational items. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 7-13-10-02** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the June 22, 2010, County Board meeting; minutes of the June 22, 2010, Family Services Board meeting; minutes of the June 24, 2010, County Board special meeting minutes; Resolution 16-2010 adopting and implementing amendments to the Yellow Medicine County Local Water Plan; 2010/2011 MFIP supported work contract addendum between the Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council and Yellow Medicine County Human Services; permanent employment status for Molly Dammann, Financial Worker. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments** None

**Regular Agenda**

**Chemical Dependency Assessment Billing 7-13-10-03** Family Services Director Peggy Heglund presented a contract agreement with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for the purpose of billing for completed chemical dependency assessments for BC/BS covered clients. The agreement pays \$189.88 per client and covers July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the contract agreement with BC/BS as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Antony reported on 6W Corrections, Southwest Radio Board and the County road tour. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the County HRA, Adult Mental Health LAC and the County road tour. Commissioner Remiger reported on a meeting for maintenance work for Ditch #41, Public Health's Supporting Hands Partnership, Minnesota Machinery Museum and the County road tour. Commissioner Johnson reported on the RDC, Public Health's SHIP meeting, Prairie 5 and the County road tour. Commissioner Sherlin reported on Area II, the Regional Revolving Loan Fund and Western Mental Health.

**Department Reports**

**Sheriff's Office and County Jail Update** County Sheriff Bill Flaten gave an update on the Sheriff's Office and County jail. A new records management system, the ARMER radio system and inmate numbers in the jail were discussed.

**New Vehicle Purchase 7-13-10-04** Sheriff Flaten discussed quotes he received for the purchase of a new pickup for the Sheriff's Department. If a pickup was purchased, one of the older vehicles with high mileage would be sold. Purchasing a new vehicle for the Sheriff's Department is included in the 2010 approved budget. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the purchase of a 2010 Ford F150 Crew 4x4 from Elk River Ford through the State of Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Venture at a cost of up to the budgeted amount of \$25,000.00. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:15 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

### **Regular Agenda**

**Hay Baling in County Road Right-of-Ways** County Sheriff Flaten, County Engineer Andy Sander and County Highway Maintenance Supervisor Larry Stoks discussed with the Board who controls hay baling in County road right-of-ways. There had been a recent complaint made to the Sheriff's Office regarding a dispute over who has the right to bale hay in County road ditches. Even though the County owns or has easements for the right-of-way, the past practice has been to let the adjacent land owner decide who will bale hay in the right-of-way. County Attorney Helgeson explained that disputes between individuals over baling hay in County road ditches is a private matter that needs to be decided between the parties and if the parties wanted to pursue legal action over who can bale the hay that would be a civil matter they would need to pursue individually. A dispute over who can take hay from the County right-of-way is not a criminal matter so the County is not involved.

**Rural Recycling Containers** Commissioner Remiger discussed with the Board adding a recycling container in Echo for area rural residents to use. The Board discussed the cost of adding a container and how many containers there should be in the County. The Board tabled the discussion until research could be done to find out how much the four rural recycling containers that are in place now are being used.

**Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System** Dennis Healy, Mitch Kling and Norris Peterson with Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water (LPRW) were present to review the 2009 LPRW audit, discuss the process for appointment and re-appointment of LPRW board members, give an update on the expansion project and request approval of a joint powers agreement to guarantee LPRW G.O. bonds for the Jackson-Nobles expansion project.

**7-13-10-05** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the joint powers agreement as presented between the counties serviced by LPRW to guarantee \$800,000 in general obligation bonds for the Jackson-Nobles Water Supply Project. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Stony Run Township Dike Road** Mitch Kling with the Stony Run Township Board discussed with the Board repairs to the dike road northwest of Granite Falls. The road was washed out in the flood last spring. Mr. Kling explained that the Army Corps of Engineers would pay for 80% of the repairs with the remaining 20% being local funds. Mr. Kling asked if the County would be willing to help pay for some of the costs. It was mentioned that the DNR was also being contacted to see if they had funds to contribute to the 20% local match requirement. The Board took no action on the request.

**Canby Depot Museum** County Administrator Krosch informed the Board that Yellow Medicine County Historical Society Director Brian Schulz had contacted him asking if the County would be interested in purchasing the Canby Depot Museum for \$1 and taking it over. The County Board members all agreed that with all the funding cuts the County is experiencing and with the County already providing funding for two museums that purchasing the Canby Depot Museum was not something the County could do.

**Other Business** None

**Informational** The Board reviewed the June 2010 jail, investment and financial reports and information on the County's new A1 Moody's general obligation bond rating.

**Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 7-13-10-06** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the Commissioner's warrants for the following amounts: \$63,229.35 Revenue Fund, \$102,540.75 Road and Bridge Fund, \$10,109.10 Ditch Fund; an additional Auditor's

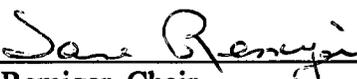
warrant totaling \$145.00 and acknowledge review of the Auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

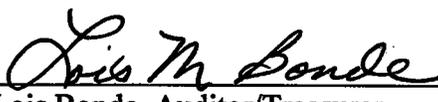
**Review of Upcoming Meetings and Events** The Board reviewed upcoming meetings and events.

**Adjourn 7-13-10-07** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 11:47 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:

  
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Jane Remiger, Chair

  
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Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer