

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes  
July 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 7-14-09-01** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the agenda with the following changes: remove consent agenda item #2 – screening board resolution; move regular agenda item #5 – early retirement incentive plan in front of department reports; add June 2009 county investment report to informational items. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 7-14-09-02** Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the June 23, 2009, County Board meeting; budget reallocations totaling \$581,557 in additions and \$584,057 in deductions; Great Plains Natural Gas interruptible service agreements for the Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center/Jail/Family Services Center; joint powers agreement between the counties serviced by Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System to guarantee a \$10,915,000 bond; hiring Jerry Sumner and Keith Thompson as part-time non-scheduled corrections officer/dispatchers; July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, tobacco license for Deb's Café & Grocery. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Sherlin reported on Area II. Commissioner Johnson reported on the RDC, MnRAA, SWCD, Restorative Justice, 6W Corrections and Prairie 5. Commissioner Remiger reported on the State Auditor's Office fraud training, 2008 audit meeting and Countryside Public Health. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the State Auditor's Office fraud training, 2008 audit meeting, County HRA and the Courthouse time capsule event. Commissioner Antony reported on 6W Corrections and the SW Radio Board.

**Regular agenda:**

**Early Retirement Incentive Program 7-14-09-03** Administrator Krosch presented a voluntary early retirement incentive program to the Board. The program would be offered only to employees in certain position classifications who meet the program's eligibility requirements. This would be a one-time/limited-time offer. The program would aid the County in reducing expenditures in order to respond, in part, to the current budget challenges and loss of state aid and other revenues. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the Yellow Medicine County Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive Program as presented. Motion carried with Commissioners Wambeke, Remiger and Sherlin voting in favor and Commissioner Antony voting against.

**Department Reports:**

**County Sheriff's Office and Jail Update** County Sheriff Bill Flaten updated the Board on the County Sheriff's Office and jail. Sheriff Flaten provided information on the revenue and cost

savings the jail has provided the County since opening in 2002. Over \$2.2 million in revenue has come to the County from the boarding of other county's prisoners. In addition, an estimated \$1.8 million of expense has been saved by the County since the jail opened from housing our own County prisoners here rather than in other counties.

**Regular Agenda continued:**

**Certification of a USFW Easement 7-14-09-04** Cheri Kromann with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service met with the Board to request certification of an easement agreement. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to certify the acquisition of an easement agreement between the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Kenneth Evjen on the following land: SW ¼ except the east 28 acres thereof and the NW ¼ all in Section 22, Wergeland Township. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Wambeke, Remiger and Sherlin voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

**The Board recessed for a break at 10:21 a.m.**

**The Board reconvened at 10:35 a.m.**

**Representative Andrew Falk** Representative Falk met with the Board to discuss various legislative issues impacting the County.

**Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Program** Veterans Service Officer Michelle Gatz explained a new program she would be working with countywide called Beyond the Yellow Ribbon. The program is a comprehensive approach to providing services, training and resources to service members and their families throughout the deployment cycle and throughout the process of reintegration.

**Virtual Veterans Software 7-14-09-05** Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Sherlin to approve a budget amendment of \$4,735 in expenses for the purchase of Virtual Veterans Software Suite. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Chairman Johnson excused himself from the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Vice Chair Remiger took over the Chair position.

**Office of Justice Program Grant 7-14-09-06** Restorative Justice Coordinator Julie Marthaler requested approval to submit a grant for funds from the MN Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Program's Recovery Act: Byrne Justice Assistance Grants. Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the submittal of the grant request as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Recycling Assessment Information** Administrator Krosch presented recycling assessment fee information from other area counties. It was the consensus of the Board to have remaining recycling budget funds each year put into a designated recycling fund.

**Other Business:** None

**Informational:** The Board reviewed the June 2009 investment report.

**Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 7-14-09-07** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the Commissioner's Warrants for the following amounts: \$64,320.15 Revenue Fund, \$44,880.36 Road and Bridge Fund, \$2,835.11 Ditch 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 7-14-09-08** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to adjourn at 11:36 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:

  
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Gary Johnson, Chair

  
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Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer