

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes  
September 8, 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 9-8-09-01** Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the agenda with the following changes: letter of support for a Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority grant request and the Area II joint powers agreement extension on the consent agenda; screening board resolution and public wheel chairs under commissioner reports. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 9-8-09-02** Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the August 25, 2009, County Board meeting; budget amendment totaling \$8,900 in revenues and \$8,900 in expenses; indemnity and hold harmless agreement between Yellow Medicine County's Technical Rescue Team and Farmers Cooperative Elevator Co. of Hanley Falls; Fiscal year 2010 snowmobile maintenance and grooming grant agreement for the Snow-Drifters of Montevideo Trails contingent upon the Snow-Drifters Club providing the County proof of insurance coverage; letter of support for a Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority grant application; addendum number 7 to the Area II joint powers agreement extending said agreement to June 30, 2010, and authorizing Area II delegate Commissioner Sherlin to sign the addendum on behalf of the County. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Sherlin reported on Area II. Commissioner Johnson reported on the Regional Revolving Loan Fund, Prairie Lakes Youth Program, SWCD and 6W Corrections. Commissioner Remiger reported on the County Museum. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the Prairie Lakes Youth Program and County HRA. Commissioner Antony reported on 6W Corrections.

**Screening Board Resolution 9-8-09-03** Commissioner Remiger discussed new information regarding a resolution the Board considered in July supporting a change to the county state-aid highway funding screening board membership. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve Resolution #26-2009 supporting a legislative change to return the screening board to one voting member per district in order to restore fairness and provide an equal voice for every district in the State on the subject matter of transportation funding. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Public Wheel Chairs 9-8-09-04** The Board was informed that there have been requests from the public for wheel chairs to be available in the Courthouse and Family Services offices for people to use to get from one County office to the next. Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the purchase of two wheel chairs. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Department Reports:**

**County Parks** County Parks Director Myron Hagelstrom gave an update on County park maintenance and improvements.

**Regular Agenda:**

**Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water** Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water Director Dennis Healy, representatives of the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water Board and representatives of the City of Marshall Municipal Utilities updated

the Board on the location of wells and test well sites in the County for the two water systems.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:25 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

**Prairie Waters** Kristi Fernholz, Dawn Hegland and Jenifer Fadness with the Prairie Waters Tourism updated the Board on their tourism marketing and events.

**2010 Budget and Levy** Administrator Krosch reviewed the draft 2010 budget and levy with the Board. The 2010 proposed budget shows a near zero increase in operational expenses from the 2009 adopted budget. The Board discussed at length the impact to the County's 2010 budget and levy caused by a reduction in State aid. The Board discussed how much of the lost State aid should be levied back.

**9-8-09-05** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Johnson to increase the 2009 net levy by 6.1% for a total preliminary 2010 gross levy of \$8,574,028. Motion failed with Commissioners Sherlin and Johnson voting in favor and Commissioners Antony, Wambeke and Remiger voting against.

**9-8-09-06** Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Remiger to increase the 2009 net levy by 4.9% for a total preliminary 2010 gross levy of \$8,485,049. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Wambeke and Remiger voting in favor and Commissioners Sherlin and Johnson voting against.

**Subsequent 2010 Budget and Levy Discussion and Public Comment 9-08-09-07** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to announce Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at the County Board Room of the Yellow Medicine County Courthouse as the regularly scheduled meeting of the County Board at which the 2010 budget and levy will be discussed and the meeting at which the public will be allowed to speak on the budget and levy. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Other Business:** None

**Informational:** The Board reviewed a letter from the Minnesota Department of Education regarding the County's 2010 required tax levy for the Pioneerland Library System.

**Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 9-8-09-08** Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the Commissioner's Warrants for the following amounts: \$43,159.41 Revenue Fund, \$24,412.14 Road and Bridge Fund, \$144.54 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 9-8-09-09** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to adjourn at 11:43 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