

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
October 27, 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, Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick, Marshall Independent reporter Deb Gau and West Central Tribune reporter Tom Cherveney.

Approve Agenda 10-27-09-01 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the agenda with the following changes: add communications facility use agreement to the consent agenda; Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 10-27-09-02 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the October 13, 2009, County Board meeting; 2010 purchase of services agreement with Doug Parsons for CAMA services with funds coming from the Recorder's Unallocated Fund; a budget amendment totaling \$8,100 in revenues and \$8,100 in expenditures; hiring Ryan Marthaler as a non-scheduled part-time deputy sheriff; State of Minnesota Communications Facility Use Agreement for use of a communications tower near Echo. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments: None

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Sherlin reported on the union negotiation meeting and Canby Depot. Commissioner Johnson reported on the Prairie Lakes Youth Program and Prairie Five. Commissioner Remiger reported on the MN Valley Rail Authority, RCRCA, Countryside Public Health and ISC. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the union negotiation meeting, Prairie Waters and Emergency Management Committee. Commissioner Antony reported on Pioneerland Library.

Department Reports

Soil and Water Conservation District SWCD Manager LouAnn Nagel updated the Board on the SWCD's programs.

Regular Agenda

Wood Lake Battlefield Preservation Association Gene Flaten with the Wood Lake Battlefield Preservation Association gave a presentation about the Association's efforts to secure an easement and national historic register designation for 240 acres of land next to the Wood Lake Battlefield Monument. The land was part of the location where the Battle of Wood Lake took place during the U.S./Dakota Conflict of 1862.

The Board recessed for a break at 1:25 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

Coyote Discussion Information on past efforts by the County Board to implement a coyote bounty were reviewed and discussed. It was the consensus of the Board that the County would likely not be successful in getting the DNR to implement a predator control program for coyotes or getting the State Legislature to authorize a bounty on coyotes. The Board felt it would be more effective if constituents contacted the DNR and their local legislators to encourage them to do something about coyote population control.

2010 County Budget and Levy The Board reviewed the draft 2010 budget and levy. The proposed budget shows a \$637,130 deficit. After incorporating capital equipment note funds into the budget, the proposed budget still shows a \$412,130 deficit for 2010. The Board discussed at length ways to reduce the deficit and reviewed options for cutting expenses. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to cut the proposed 2010 budget's expenditures by \$89,898 by incorporating into the budget the expense reduction options that were presented. Motion carried with Commissioners Sherlin, Remiger and Wambeke voting in favor and Commissioners Antony and Johnson voting against. Public comment will be taken on the proposed 2010 budget and levy and the final 2010 budget and levy will be adopted on December 15.

Other Business None

Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 10-27-09-12 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the Commissioner's warrants for the following amounts: \$51,974.44 Revenue Fund, \$53,344.16 Road and Bridge Fund, \$155.00 Ditch Fund; and acknowledge review of the Auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Informational: The Board reviewed information from the Canby Depot Visitor Center.

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

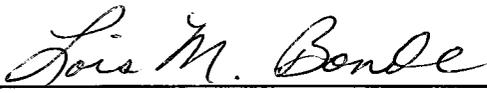
Adjourn 10-27-09-14 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to adjourn at 2:17 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



Gary Johnson, Chair



Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer