

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2008**

Chairman Louis Sherlin 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 11-13-08-01 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda with the following changes: add State of Minnesota election recount joint powers agreement and SW MN Regional Radio Board budget amendment to the consent agenda; add the October 2008 jail report to informational. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 11-13-08-02 Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the October 28, 2008, County Board meeting; FirstLab service agreement for drug and alcohol testing; Resolution 34-2008 – Resolution Appointing Francis Engels and Henry Van Dyke to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners; tobacco compliance check agreement with Countryside Public Health; Employee Relations, Inc. service agreement; budget amendment requests totaling \$2,000 in expenditures; reallocation requests totaling \$6,300; State of Minnesota election recount joint powers agreement. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments: None

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Sherlin reported on the Western Mental Health, Area II and the DAC. Commissioner Johnson had no reports. Commissioner Remiger reported on Countryside Public Health and the AMC District meeting. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the AMC District meeting, Board of Equalization training and Election Canvass Board. Commissioner Antony reported on ICS, AMC District meeting, Board of Equalization training, Technology Committee and 6W Corrections.

Radio Board Alternate 11-13-08-03 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Antony to appoint Commissioner Remiger as the alternate to the SW Regional Radio Board. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Department Reports:

County Engineer Andy Sander reported on the County Highway Department.

The County Attorney and County Administrator reports were given.

Regular Agenda:

Aggregate Resource Preservation Property Tax Law 11-13-08-04 County Assessor Connie Erickson discussed with the Board the Aggregate Resource Preservation Property Tax Law, which grants special and unique treatment to owners of land containing aggregate deposits in comparison with other property in the county, therefore shifting the tax burden of these properties to other taxpayers. The law allows a county to terminate application of this law following a public hearing. Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner

Wambeke to begin the process of terminating participation in the Aggregate Resource Preservation Property Tax Law by calling for a public hearing on the matter and scheduling the hearing for November 25, 2008, at the County Board's regular meeting. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Approve Policy 703 – IT Acceptable Use Policy 11-13-08-05 IT Coordinator Dennis Pederson presented the draft Information Technology Acceptable Use Policy to the Board. This policy would repeal previously adopted computer use policies. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Antony to approve Policy 703 – Information Technology Acceptable Use Policy as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:39 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:51 a.m.

GIS Presentation Jennifer Ward with Pro-West & Associates gave a presentation to the Board and several department heads and staff on the benefits and uses for GIS in county government.

Other Business:

LQP-Yellow Bank Watershed Advisory Committee 11-13-08-06 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to appoint Commissioner Antony to the LQP-Yellow Bank Watershed Advisory Committee. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Minnesota Transportation Alliance 11-13-08-07 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to add membership to the Minnesota Transportation Alliance to the 2009 budget. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 11-13-08-08 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the Commissioner's Warrants for the following amounts: \$59,981.07 Revenue Fund, \$44,567.17 Road and Bridge Fund, \$13,154.01 Construction Fund, \$3,777.83 Ditch Fund; and acknowledge review of the Auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Informational The October 2008 jail report was reviewed.

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

Adjourn 11-13-08-09 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Antony to adjourn at 12:04 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:

Louis Sherlin, Chair

Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer