

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2010**

Chairperson Jane Remiger called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 2:00 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, Commissioner-elect Greg Renneke, Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick and Marshall Independent reporter Phillip Bock.

Meeting with State and Federal Legislators The Board invited the County's state and federal legislators to attend the meeting to discuss legislative issues. State Senator Gary Kubly, State Representative Lyle Koenen, Andy Martin representing Senator Amy Klobuchar and Tom Meium representing Congressman Collin Peterson were in attendance.

The Board recessed for a break at 3:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 3:10 p.m.

Approve Agenda 12-14-10-01 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda with the following changes: add Minnesota criminal justice data network joint powers agreement to the consent agenda; add the November investment report to the informational items; remove item #3 – BNSF rail crossing agreement from the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 12-14-10-02 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the November 23, 2010, County Board meeting; Resolutions #29-2010 and #30-2010 approving State Highway 67 detour agreements #97863 and #97825; purchase of services agreement with Presbyterian Family Foundation; Prairie 5 2011 transportation contract; Woodland Centers 2011 purchase of services contract; Countryside Public Health 2011 purchase of services contract; on-sale, off-sale and Sunday liquor licenses from January 1 to March 15, 2011, for Mike Bendel/Green Door Steak House & Sports Bar contingent upon providing proof of insurance; approve hiring Stacy Vinberg Wickre as Assistant County Attorney; Revenue Fund budget amendment totaling \$12,600 in revenues and expenses; Minnesota criminal justice data network joint powers agreement. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Sherlin reported on the RDC Revolving Loan Fund. Commissioner Johnson reported on a meeting with Chippewa County to discuss a shared County Veterans Services Officer, the RDC, 6W Corrections, MnDOT highway safety meeting, Area Transportation Partnership and the AMC Annual Conference. Commissioner Remiger reported on the AMC Annual Conference, PACT For Families Collaborative and the County Museum. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the County HRA and AMC Annual Conference. Commissioner Antony reported on the shared Veterans Services meeting with Chippewa County, 6W Corrections and the AMC Annual Conference.

The Board recessed for a break at 4:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 4:05 p.m.

Department Updates None

Regular Agenda

Department Reorganization Plan 12-14-10-03 Administrator Krosch, County Assessor Connie Erickson, County Recorder Kay Zempel and County Auditor/Treasurer Lois Bonde presented a reorganization plan for their respective departments. The purpose for the reorganization of these departments is to create more efficiencies, better delivery of services and to keep up with increasing and changing job responsibilities. Commissioner Johnson stated he supported the plan but wanted more time to review it. The rest of the Board expressed support for the plan and felt like adequate time and information had been provided. Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve Resolution #31-2010 approving the reorganization plan for the Administrator, Assessor, Auditor/ Treasurer and Recorder Departments as presented and authorizing implementation of the plan. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Wambeke, Remiger and Sherlin voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

Appointment of Non-elected County Recorder 12-14-10-04 In 2008 the County Board, through special legislation, made the Auditor/Treasurer and Recorder positions appointed instead of elected. Elected County Recorder Kay Zempel was allowed to finish her elected term which ends December 31, 2010. Starting January 1, 2011, the County Recorder position becomes an appointed position. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to appoint Kay Zempel as the County Recorder effective January 1, 2011. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

2011 Non-Union Salary Schedule 12-14-10-05 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to approve a 1.0% cost of living adjustment increase to the County's 2011 non-union salary schedule. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

2011 Salary for County Sheriff and Attorney 12-14-10-06 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to approve Resolution #32-2010 setting the 2011 salaries for the County Sheriff and Attorney as follows:

Sheriff – Step 12, Grade 25 on the 2011 Yellow Medicine County non-union salary schedule

Attorney – Step 12, Grade 28 on the 2011 Yellow Medicine County non-union salary schedule

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

2011 County Commissioner Salaries 12-14-10-07 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve Resolution #33-2010 setting the 2011 salaries for County Commissioners as follows:

Commissioners: \$18,671 (1% increase from 2010)

Board Chair: \$19,271

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

2011 Commissioner Per Diems 12-14-10-08 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve Resolution #34-2010 setting the following schedule of per diem payments for County Commissioners in 2011:

\$40 per meeting (same as 2010)

\$80 for meetings lasting more than ½ day (same as 2010)

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

2011 County Ditch Fund Budget 12-14-10-09 The Board reviewed the 2011 Ditch Fund Budget. The public hearing and approval of the 2011 Ditch Fund levy was done on October 12, 2010. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the 2011 Ditch Fund Budget with total revenues of \$123,326 and total expenditures of \$178,487. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board recessed at 5:15 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

Regular Agenda Continued

2011 Budget and Levy Hearing Chairperson Remiger opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. to take comments on the proposed 2011 property tax levy and budget. Those in attendance for the hearing were: County Assessor Connie Erickson, County Sheriff Bill Flaten, Ralph Peterson (Oshkosh Township), David Swenson (Oshkosh Township), Rick Schwachtgen (Lisbon Township), David Beecher (Oshkosh Township), Willis Beecher (Oshkosh Township), Mike Beecher (Canby). All in attendance were given time to comment on the proposed 2011 budget and levy and also to comment on their 2011 property valuation.

After all comments were provided, Chairperson Remiger closed the hearing at 6:35 p.m.

Payable 2011 Tax Levy 12-14-10-10 The Board reviewed the proposed payable 2011 tax levy. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve a 1.9% levy increase from 2010 to 2011 with the property tax levy for taxes payable in 2011 set as follows:

Revenue Fund	\$4,205,166
Road & Bridge Fund	\$1,844,807
Human Services Fund	\$1,534,400
Library	\$71,928
Tax Abatement	\$ 7,000
Water Plan	\$4,162
Capital Equipment Note Principal and Interest	\$252,310
Law Enforcement Center Bond Principal and Interest	<u>\$271,042</u>
Total Certified 2011 Gross Tax Levy	\$8,190,815
<u>Less 2011 Certified County Program Aid</u>	<u>\$264,763</u>
Total Certified 2011 Net Tax Levy	\$7,926,052

Motion carried with Commissioners Wambeke, Remiger, Johnson and Sherlin voting in favor and Commissioner Antony voting against.

2011 Budget 12-14-10-11 The Board reviewed the 2011 County budget. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the 2011 Yellow Medicine County budget as follows:

2011 Budget						
Fund	Revenues	Expenses	Surplus/ (Deficit)	Revenue from Equipment Note	Use of Fund Balance	Final Surplus/ (Deficit)
Revenue	5,668,102	5,668,102	0	0	0	0
Road & Bridge	6,030,028	6,310,028	(280,000)	280,000	0	0
Human Services	3,486,500	3,486,500	0	0	0	0
FUND TOTALS	15,184,630	15,464,630	(280,000)	280,000	0	0
Equipment Note	254,010	238,438	15,572			
Jail Bond	273,342	256,335	17,007			
DEBT TOTALS	527,352	494,773	32,579			
TOTAL BUDGET	15,711,982	15,959,403				

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Other Business None

Informational The November 2010 investment report was reviewed.

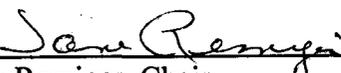
Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 12-14-10-12 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the Commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$83,551.61 Revenue Fund, \$63,919.56 Road and Bridge Fund, \$21,420.35 Ditch Fund, \$93,205.93 Human Services 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 12-14-10-13 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



 Jane Remiger, Chair



 Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer