

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
December 28, 2010**

Chairperson Jane Remiger 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, Commissioner-elect Greg Renneke, Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick and Marshall Independent reporter Phillip Bock.

Approve Agenda 12-28-10-01 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the agenda with the following changes: add permanent employment status for Child Support Lead Worker Diane Johnson to the consent agenda; add a Minnesota Homeland Security sub-grant agreement to the regular agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 12-28-10-02 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the December 14, 2010, County Board meeting; collective bargaining agreement for 2011-2013 with Law Enforcement Labor Services, Local #70 (Deputies Bargaining Unit); 2011 contract renewals with Project Turnabout for detoxification services and consolidated chemical dependency treatment, family based services contract renewal with provider Myron Wee, Resolution #35-2010 accepting \$587.98 in gifts to be used for the purchase of Veterans Christmas baskets; Revenue Fund budget amendments totaling \$5,727.36 in revenues and \$109,936.36 in expenses; Ditch Fund budget amendments totaling \$39,000 in expenses; Revenue Fund budget reallocations totaling \$16,000; permanent employment status for Child Support Lead Worker Diane Johnson. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments

Wayne Pederson, Norman Township, requested an abatement of a \$403.68 property tax penalty he incurred on two parcels he owns. Mr. Pederson explained that he has his property taxes for his six other parcels paid by automatic withdrawal (ACH payment) from his checking account and that he assumed that the two parcels he acquired in 2009 would automatically be added to his ACH payment. Administrator Krosch and Chief Deputy Auditor/Treasurer Janel Timm explained that the County cannot take any additional money from a person's checking account unless authorized to do so and that it is the responsibility of the property owner to notify the County of any parcel they wish to make property tax payments by ACH payment. Some of the Board members stated that this was a unique situation and that Mr. Pederson had always been current on his taxes in the past. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the abatement of penalties totaling \$403.68 for taxes payable 2011 for Mr. Wayne Pederson's parcels #10-035-2010 and #10-035-3010. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Wambeke, Johnson and Sherlin voting in favor and Commissioner Remiger voting against.

The Board discussed the laws regarding jurisdiction of law enforcement. Some of the Commissioners stated they have had citizens ask them this question in the past. County Sheriff Bill Flaten and County Attorney Keith Helgeson reviewed how law enforcement jurisdictions work in Minnesota.

Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Sherlin and Commissioner Wambeke reported on a meeting with the Redwood County Board to discuss possible sharing of services. Most of the meeting was focused on the possibility of sharing or combining human services. It was the consensus of the Board to wait until after the 2011 state legislative session to see what changes come regarding human services. At that time the Board would discuss if there should be conversations with other counties regarding the combining of human services.

Commissioner Johnson reported on the Yellow Medicine County Task Force, Prairie 5, Prairie Lakes Youth Program, 6W Corrections and the RDC. Commissioner Remiger reported on RCRCA and the MN Valley Regional Railroad. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the Yellow Medicine County Task Force, Be Safe Committee and County HRA. Commissioner Antony reported on the Regional Railroad Board, Chemical Health Coalition and Workforce Council.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:00 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

Human Services

Program Education Emily McGonigle and Stephanie Olson provided the Board with information about a new program called Incredible Years. The Incredible Years program focuses on strengthening parenting skills and parents' involvement in children's school experiences.

Sanford Health Network MOU 12-28-10-03 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve a memorandum of understanding between Yellow Medicine County and Sanford Health Network dba Sanford Medical Center Canby that allows Sanford Health Network to participate in a drug discount program for the uninsured/underinsured under Section 340B of the Public Health Services Act. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

UCARE Contract 12-28-10-04 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the County no longer participate in the UCARE targeted case management for adult and children's mental health. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

SW 18 Adult Mental Health Human Services Director Peg Heglund reviewed a request for proposal from SW 18 Adult Mental Health seeking employer records services. Director Hegland and Administrator Krosch will look into this request further.

Department Updates

Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership Joint Powers Agreement 12-28-10-04 Countryside Public Health Director Liz Auch presented revisions to the Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership Joint Powers Agreement. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership Joint Powers Agreement as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

County Tobacco Ordinance Revisions Public Health Director Auch reviewed changes that should be made to the County's tobacco ordinance. A public hearing to incorporate the changes into the ordinance will be held at a later date.

Regular Agenda

Excel Energy Dam Removal Granite Falls Energy General Manager Tracey Olson, several Granite Falls Energy Board Members and Dave Reimer with Granite Run Golf Course were present to discuss the negative impacts on their businesses that would be caused by the removal of the Excel Energy Dam. Both Granite Falls Energy and Granite Run Golf Course rely on water from the river to operate their businesses. The Board agreed to work with both businesses on supporting the dam remaining in place.

Granite Falls Energy Expansion Granite Falls Energy General Manager Tracey Olson informed the Board of an expansion project for Granite Falls Energy and requested a letter of support for the project from the Board. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to provide a letter of support for the Granite Falls Energy expansion project.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:21 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Solid Waste Program Services 12-28-10-05 Solid Waste Officer Paul Henriksen presented a joint powers agreement between Lyon and Yellow Medicine Counties for solid waste services in 2011. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the solid waste joint powers agreement as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Joint Solid Waste Facility Meetings Solid Waste Officer Henriksen and Administrator Krosch reviewed meetings they have attended regarding the feasibility of building a multi-county solid waste facility that would convert garbage to bio gas or electrical power. Cost estimates on conducting a feasibility study will be presented at a future meeting.

Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment Vacancies Planning and Zoning Director Randy Jacobson reviewed with the Board the process for filling Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment vacancies and the duties required of both those positions. The Board will fill the vacancies at the January 4, 2011 meeting.

Department Update Planning and Zoning Director Jacobson summarized the building permits, conditional uses and variances issued in 2010.

New Loader Purchase 12-28-10-06 County Engineer Andy Sander and Highway Maintenance Supervisor Larry Stoks presented a bid to purchase a CAT loader for the Highway Department. The bid came from the State of Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Venture bids. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to purchase a CAT 950H loader at a cost, after trade-in, of \$141,550.00 plus tax/title/license/fees. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Flood Grant Agreement 12-28-10-07 Engineer Sander presented a granted agreement with the State of Minnesota for public assistance to reimburse expenses incurred from the 2010 spring flooding. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the grant agreement as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

County Coroner Appointment 12-28-10-08 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to approve Resolution #36-2010 appointing Dr. Kenneth R. Carter, M.D. as County Coroner for a term of four years with the term expiring December 31, 2014. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Clarkfield Office Lease Administrator Krosch updated the Board on the status of the office lease with USDA FSA in the Clarkfield Office Building.

Other Business None

Informational The November 2010 jail report and a summary of the 2010 tobacco ordinance compliance checks were reviewed.

Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 12-28-10-09 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the Commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$49,865.04 Revenue Fund, \$27,431.61 Road and Bridge Fund, \$811.32 Ditch Fund, \$118,724.17 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 12-28-10-10 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to adjourn at 2:05 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



Jane Remiger, Chair



Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer