

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE YELLOW  
MEDICINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA  
April 22, 2003**

The Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 am on Tuesday, April 22, 2003, in the board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Lynn Anderson, Ron Antony, Jane Remiger, Louie Sherlin and Chairperson Gary Johnson. Also present were County Auditor Carolyn Sherlin, and news reporters Bethany Norgaard, and Dan McGonigle. The chairperson called the meeting to order. On motion, the agenda for the day and the minutes of April 8, 2003 were accepted and approved by the board.

Commissioner reports were given on the following: Regional Development Commission, Regional Tourism, Area Agency on Aging, Western Revolving Loan Fund, RCRCA, Regional Railroad, Day Activity Center, Prairie Country R, C &D, Public Health, Prairie Lakes, Granite TIF District, Western Growth Alliance,

Ditch Inspector John Kolhei submitted several petitions from Normania Township landowners for outlets into County Ditch No. 53. The first was submitted from Kris Brusven requesting permission to drain the SW Quarter of the SW quarter of Section 20 and the second from Gilbert Lindsay to drain the West-Half of the NW Quarter of Section 30. After review, Sherlin moved to schedule a public hearing at 11:00 on May 13, Anderson seconded motion, all voted in favor.

Jeff Van De Wiele presented a conditional use permit from Darrell Landmark, Montevideo, who would like to operate a rock/stone/gravel operation in Section 3 of Stony Run Township. A recommendation of approval was received from the Planning and Zoning Committee with the following recommendations:

1. Applicant shall follow reclamation plan
2. All topsoil shall be stockpiled for reapplication to pit slopes
3. Topsoil shall be reapplied to the slopes uniformly
4. All potential erosion and sedimentation problems shall be prevented and abated.
5. All pitwalls shall be reclaimed at a 4:1 ratio or less
6. The project will be reviewed for completion after five years

Anderson moved for approval with the above conditions specified by planning committee, Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

Van De Wiele requested permission to attend the Midwest Environment Enforcement Meeting on May 1-2. This meeting is sponsored by a Federal Agency and all of his expenses will be reimbursed. Remiger moved for approval, Antony seconded, motion was approved.

Assistant Engineer Steve Schaub introduced John Johnson as our new County Engineer. John stated that he was happy to be here and was welcomed by board members.

The following resolution was presented for approval:

BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Yellow Medicine has determined that replacement construction is to be programmed for the following bridges:

- County State Aid Highway No. 4, Bridge No. 90254
- County State Aid Highway No. 6, Bridge No. 90259
- County State Aid Highway No. 7, Bridge No. 2965
- County Road A-5, Bridge 90300.

Sherlin moved to approve the above resolution, Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

The following resolution was presented for consideration:  
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RESOLUTION REQUESTING GOVERNOR  
TO RELEASE LOCAL BRIDGE PROGRAM BONDING

WHEREAS, the 2002 Minnesota Legislature authorized \$45 million in State Bridge Bonding, and  
WHEREAS, The Minnesota Governor's Office authorized the sale of \$30 million in State Bridge Bonding, and  
WHEREAS, the \$30 million State Bridge Bonding amount will be completely used by August of 2003,  
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners requests the Governor to authorize the sale of an additional \$15 million in State Bridge Bonding.

Anderson moved to adopt the above resolution, Antony seconded motion, all voted in favor.

A resolution regarding deficient bridges on the CSAH County Road and Township systems was introduced.

WHEREAS, Yellow Medicine County has determined that the following deficient bridges on the CSAH, County Road, and Township systems are a high priority and require replacement or rehabilitation within the next five years, and (Bridge Nos. 902254, 90259, L7947, 5121, 2965, 90300, L7968, L8999, & 567)  
WHEREAS, local roads play an essential role in the overall state transportation network and local bridges are the critical component of the local road systems,  
WHEREAS, State support for the replacement or rehabilitation of local bridges continues to be crucial to maintaining the integrity of the local road systems and is necessary for the County and Townships to proceed with the replacement or rehabilitation of the high priority deficient bridges described above,  
WHEREAS, Yellow Medicine County intends to proceed with replacement or rehabilitation of these bridges as soon as possible when state Transportation Bond Funds are available,  
BE IT RESOLVED, that Yellow Medicine County commits that it will proceed with the design and contract documents for these bridges immediately after being notified that funds are available in order to permit construction to take place within one year of notification.

Remiger moved to approve the above resolution, Anderson seconded motion, all voted in favor.

The highway staff reported that the Highway Accountant will be working the same schedule as the remainder of the highway crew, which means that she will work four 10-hour days during the summer schedule. The highway office will be closed on Fridays. The answering machine service will answer and record all phone calls. The new County Engineer agreed with the new schedule.

L. Anderson moved to ratify the minutes and actions of the Welfare Meeting held on April 15. Remiger seconded, motion carried.

A request was made from the Auditor's Office for a specific designation of Revenue funds for the fiscal year ending on December 31, 2002. This is necessary for the financial report. Anderson moved to designate \$113,375.16 for specific department purposes and \$2,440,000 as the fund balance needed for operation expenses until the next tax settlement is made. Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

The following resolution was introduced:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPONSORSHIP OF TRAILS  
Yellow Medicine County  
Resolution No. 03-

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Yellow Medicine County act as the legal sponsor for an application for funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Snowdrifters of Montevideo, Inc.;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of its application by the state, Yellow Medicine County may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the agreement;  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Board Chairperson Gary Johnson is authorized to sign such an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT County Auditor Carolyn Sherlin is hereby authorized to serve as the fiscal agent for the above referenced project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Yellow Medicine County act as legal sponsor for snowmobile trails in Yellow Medicine County  
Remiger moved to approve the above resolution, Antony seconded motion, all voted in favor.

Remiger moved to appoint Catherine Thomas to serve on the Welfare Board for a term of three years beginning on July 5, 2003. Antony seconded motion, all voted in favor.

Anderson reported on the problems with the boiler situation in the new building, which occurred when we switched to LP gas during one of the cold spells last winter at the request of the gas company. The boiler was not geared to using LP gas at that time, therefore the boilers shut down and damage occurred to the systems. A proposal was received from the Ryan Company, St. Louis Park, to correct the situation and perform an annual maintenance service at a cost of \$900. An electrical interlock relay would be installed for an additional \$225. Anderson moved to accept the Ryan proposal, Remiger seconded, motion carried.

The sheriff requested permission to repair the Canby tower. Remiger moved for approval, Antony seconded, all voted in favor.

The chairperson discussed the public budget meeting scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> and requested a preview of the material to be presented from each department. Tammie Bremseth will facilitate the session and she reviewed the ground rules to be used. Gary Johnson will give the welcome and department presentations will be given by Carolyn Sherlin, Peggy Heglund, Rich Rollins and Steve Schaub. They will present information on the effect the state tax cuts will affect their budgets. Each person reviewed the content of their talks for the meeting. Representatives from the cities and schools will also speak at this meeting.

Discussion was held on the request for tax information from the Bureau of Indian Affairs on property recently purchased by the Upper Sioux Agency, parcel # 09-016-1030. Remiger moved to direct the auditor to respond to the letter with the required information, Anderson seconded motion, all voted in favor. It was noted that the property tax loss for 2003 would be \$1096.

The following claims were presented for payment:

REVENUE FUND

Advocate-Tribune	157.05
Affiliated Community Medical C	1,936.02
Airgas Safety	345.41
Aramark Correctional Services	5,908.08
Arrowwood-Radisson	117.16
Kathy Busack	104.31
C.L. Benson Co. Inc	125.24
Michele Caveney	204.84
Cenex Convenience Card	1,750.64
Country Inn & Suites	267.20
CPS Technology Solutions Inc	338.50
Farmers Coop Association	139.61
Fromm Snyder Drug	970.29
G & K Service Inc	110.73
General Security Services Corp	139.89
Grinnell Fire Protection	1,595.64
H & H Construction Inc	187.50
Heiman Fire Equip Inc	2,914.29
Keith Helgeson	225.04
Hillyard	453.68
Jim Horgan M.A.,L.P.	412.50
The Ink Spot	922.82
K.E.E.P.R.S	184.64
Kandiyohi County Sheriff	4,161.16
Keefe Supply Co	563.15
Thomas Kramer	1,766.74
Lab Safety Supply Inc	391.05

Lac Qui Parle Co Extension Ser	153.52
Le Manor	184.11
John Meyer	5,910.70
Minnesota's Bookstore	200.00
MN Assn Of Assessing Officers	118.00
MN Dept Of Economic Security	2,988.00
MN Dept Of Public Safety	390.00
MN State Auditor	3,874.60
Mobile Vision	213.00
Norment Security Group Inc	775.00
Olson Dray Service	9,168.28
Pitney Bowes	424.00
Post Board	360.00
Streichers	1,956.27
Tri-County Coop Oil Company	126.65
Uniforms Unlimited	403.49
West Central Communications, Inc	772.99
Western Central Communication	629.00
Willmar Overhead Door	103.92
YMC Highway Department	325.94
Payments less than \$100	839.39
TOTAL	\$56,310.04

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Best Business Products	225.92
Cintas First Aid & Safety	162.27
Farmers Coop Association	803.99
Hayes Instrument Co	316.35
IT Solution Group Inc	135.00
L.N. Sickles	5,866.02
Lawson Products Inc	107.26
Marshall Independent	102.00
Martin Marietta Aggregates	18,978.34
Monson Motors Inc	229.01
Quality Glass	226.33
Renville County Highway Dept	178.41
South Central Tech College	1,023.62
Toshiba America Info-Sys Inc	236.13
Payments less than \$100	632.65
TOTAL	\$29,223.30

DITCH FUND

Payments less than \$100	<u>96.13</u>
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**FINAL TOTAL**

**\$85,629.47**

Meals for Road & Bridge in the amount of \$24.14 were also presented. Antony moved to approve payment on the above claims with the stipulation that we request further documentation from one claimant on the number of hours worked for the county. Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor. As all business for the day was completed, the meeting was on motion, adjourned.

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Chairperson, Yellow Medicine  
County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Carolyn Sherlin, County Auditor  
and Clerk to the County Board