

Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2012

Chairman Gary Johnson called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin, Greg Renneke and Ron Antony present. Also present were County Attorney Keith Helgeson, County Administrator Ryan Krosch, Finance & Administration Deputy Tegan Laleman, Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Kathy Velde and Marshall Independent reporter Steve Browne.

Approve Agenda 08-14-12-01 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda with the following changes: add phone system discussion to Other Business; add discussion of mowers and road signage to the Regular Agenda; add Shandee's C-Store 3.2 beer license and tobacco license and 2012 MN Federal Boating Safety Grant agreement to the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 08-14-12-02 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the consent agenda items as follows: July 24, 2012, County Board Meeting Minutes; Revenue Fund budget amendments for sewer loans totaling \$57,052.65 in revenues and expenditures; Shandee's C-Store 3.2 beer license (contingent on Wood Lake Township Board approval and meeting all application requirements) and tobacco license; 2012 MN Federal Boating Safety Grant agreement. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Commissioners' Report Commissioner Sherlin reported on Area II and Countryside Public Health. Commissioner Johnson reported on the RDC, CPH Safe Communities Committee, Prairie Waters, SWCD Drainage Conference and Prairie 5 Community Action. Commissioner Antony reported on the Radio Board. Commissioner Renneke reported on the County Road #2 project.

Regular Agenda

Association of Minnesota Counties AMC Executive Director Jeff Spartz was present to give the Board an update on the AMC.

County Ditch #9 Branch M Tile Line Repairs 08-14-12-03 County Ditch Inspector Christopher Balfany and Stan Kaatz from K&K Tiling presented the Board with an alternate option for the County Ditch #9, Branch M tile line repairs. Under the approved repair plan the new outlet would be under the water line level of the ditch. To correct this, the recommendation is to start at a .05 grade instead of a .10 grade and to increase the tile size from 18" to 21" and from 15" to 18". According to Attorney Kurt Deter the approved tile sizes can be changed in a repair as long as the hydraulic capacity is maintained. Information provided by Engineer Duane Hansel showed that the proposed changes would not increase flow rates and thus the project changes can occur as a repair. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the Branch M County Ditch #9 tile line repairs as presented at a final cost of \$147,496.50. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

5-Year Road & Bridge Construction Plan 08-14-12-04 Chairman Johnson opened the public hearing at 10:00 a.m. to take comments on the 5-year Road & Bridge Construction plan. County Engineer Andy Sander, Assistant Engineer Steve Schaub, Maintenance Supervisor Larry Stoks and Engineering Technician Mike Schaffran presented the Plan to the Board and answered questions. Chuck Cole from Hazel Run Township was present to ask a question regarding road improvements to County Road B4. Chairman Johnson closed the hearing at 10:26 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the 2012-2016 Road & Bridge Construction Plan as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Engineer Sander and Maintenance Supervisor Stoks also answered questions about signage near Spring Creek, flashing stop lights on highway 68 and County Road 11 and the status of repairs to the county mowers.

The board recessed for break at 10:40 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

Take It To The Box County Sheriff Bill Flaten and Chemical Health Coalition Coordinator Ann Orren discussed the Prescription Drug Drop Off Box Program.

County Wellness Committee 08-14-12-05 Administrator Krosch and the County Creative Solutions Committee recommended forming a County Wellness Committee to, among other things, promote healthier lifestyles for employees which could help to reduce health insurance costs, sick leave usage and workers compensation costs. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve creating a County Wellness Committee. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

ProWest & Associates Jennifer Ward from ProWest & Associates discussed the County GIS web mapping program and showed the Board how the program works.

Other Business

County Phone System 08-14-12-06 Commissioner Sherlin discussed the new County phone system and that he felt County Departments that directly work with the public should have a County employee answering the phone instead of an automated system. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to require a County employee to answer the phone instead of an automated system for any County Department that provides services directly to the public. Motion carried with Commissioners Sherlin, Johnson and Renneke voting in favor and Commissioner Antony voting against.

Closed Session 08-14-12-07 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to close the meeting at 11:58 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor. The meeting was closed under Minnesota Statute 13D.05 to discuss an offer on property located at 180 and 230 8th Avenue in Granite Falls. Those present were the County Board members, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, County Administrator Ryan Krosch, County Finance and Administrative Deputy Tegan Laleman and County Property and Public Services Director Janel Timm.

The regular meeting was reopened at 12:24 p.m.

Informational The Board discussed an email from Pioneerland Library regarding the replacement of the Head Librarian at the Granite Falls Library.

The Board reviewed the July 2012 investment report.

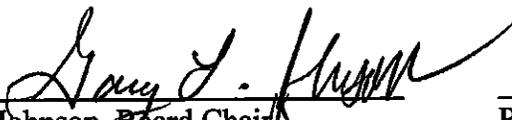
Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 08-14-12-08 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the Commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$20,387.90 Ditch Fund, \$105,085.89 Revenue Fund, \$60,086.20 Road & Bridge Fund, \$81,065.75 Human Services 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 08-14-12-09 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to adjourn at 12:26 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



Gary Johnson, Board Chair



Ryan Krosch, County Administrator