

Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

August 23, 2005

Chair Lynn Anderson called this regular meeting to order at 11:23 p.m. with Commissioners Jane Remiger, Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin and Robert Wolfington of the Marshall Independent were also present. Matt Gilmore of the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune arrived after the recess for lunch.

08-23-05-01 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve the agenda with the addition of a Minnesota River mining discussion. Carried.

08-23-05-02 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to approve the consent agenda consisting of: August 9, 2005 regular meeting minutes; additional appropriation and reallocation requests; St. Leo American Legion Bingo License for September 25th; and accepting a DNR grant for the Snowdrifters. Carried.

Ms. Remiger reported on a solid waste management meeting, a railroad accident, and the Engineer hiring committee. There was a short discussion on County museums. The Board would like a museum report presented at a future meeting.

08-23-05-03 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve Commissioner's Warrants totaling \$95,620.86 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$99,710.44. Carried.

There were no citizens present to be heard.

Steve Severson, with Appletree Institute, presented the County with a premium refund check, from excess revenues, for \$24,311.93. He also reviewed some product enhancements they have recently made.

David Frank, from Southwest Insurance Services, was present to request that the County continue using Southwest Insurance Services as the County's agent of record. Mr. Chattin noted that Bill Chukuske was not present as agents were not asked to attend the meeting. It was also noted that the County's Labor Management Committee had unanimously recommended that Bill Chukuske Insurance Services be retained as agent of record. There was much discussion over using an agent residing in the County versus an agency located elsewhere.

08-23-05-04 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to continue using Southwest Insurance Services as the County's agent of record. Carried.

A letter from the UMVRDC offering to convene a meeting on Minnesota River mining was discussed. The Board felt that this was a County issue and was not interested in participating in a regional meeting.

Mr. Anderson recessed the meeting at 12:03 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

Lou Ann Nagel, Soil and Water Conservation District Director, and two board members presented their 2006 budget request of \$80,953. They received \$78,762 from the County in 2005. Their request will be considered in the context of the entire budget.

A letter drafted by the Brimeyer Group offering the Shared Engineer position to Andrew Sander was reviewed. Two minor edits were made.

08-23-05-05 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to approve the hiring of Andrew Sander as the Shared County Engineer with a starting annual salary of \$82,000 and other benefits as outlined in the letter. Carried.

Swift County will be voting on the appointment at their September 6th meeting

and Mr. Sander is expected to start employment on September 12th.

Liz Auch, Countryside Public Health Administrator, reviewed her agency's first quarter 2005 activities and their 2006 budget request. They are requesting the same subsidy received in 2004 and 2005.

Kay Zemple, County Recorder, reviewed her request to increase charges for mortgage/deed report listings.

08-23-05-06 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to charge \$1 per page for mortgage/deed report listings. Carried.

There was discussion about an upcoming document scanning project and whether or not documents should be sent off site for scanning at a savings of \$3,000 to \$5,000. Any loss of documents would result in delays and added costs.

08-23-05-07 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to approve sending documents off site for scanning. Carried.

08-23-05-08 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to establish a 5-year limit on courtesy verbal searches for professionals. Carried.

Ms. Zemple noted that recording fees have increased from \$19.50 per document to \$46.00. The distribution of these added revenues and other fees increases were also discussed.

08-23-05-09 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to accept the new LELS Local #70 agreement, as presented, covering 2005 through 2007. Carried.

There was some discussion on the budget process. Mr. Chattin noted that draft budgets should be out within a week.

Mr. Anderson reviewed some correspondence and a Prairie Lakes Youth Programs meeting.

08-23-05-10 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 pm.

Witness:

Lynn Anderson, Chair

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer