

Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2016

Chairman John Berends called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Ron Antony, Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin, Greg Renneke and John Berends present. Also present were County Administrator Peg Heglund, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Finance Manager Michelle May, Marshall Independent reporter Jody Isaackson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda and the Consent Agenda 07-12-16-01 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda with the addition of the authorization to advertise for the Victim Witness Program position to the Consent agenda and a discussion of the Fairgrounds policy to the Regular Agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Commissioners' Report Commissioner Antony reported on Yellow Medicine River Watershed, Railroad Authority, 6W Community Corrections, the Emergency Communications Board, Personnel Committee and Interviews for Pioneerland Library. Commissioner Johnson reported on Prairie Waters event, Clarkfield EDA, Personnel Committee, Prairie Five, Restorative Justice, Prairie Lakes Youth Program, Water Task Force, and the Canvassing Board. Commissioner Sherlin reported on Western Mental Health Center. Commissioner Renneke reported on a Ditch concern. Commissioner Berends reported on the Canvassing Board, Southern Prairie Community Care, Labor/Management, Southern Prairie CC Finance Board, a budget meeting and Prairie Waters event.

Administrator Heglund's report included meetings attended, update on the Justice Center, the restoration of flags, the Housing Survey, and Broadband. Administrator Heglund's report is included in the Board packet.

Regular Agenda

Open Public Hearing on Consolidation of CD 9 08-23-16-02 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to open the Public Hearing at 10:00a.m.. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Maury Noonan from Rinke & Noonan Law Firm explained the purpose of the hearing being a hearing for the consolidation of laterals A,B, D and Branch R into CD 9.

Chris Balfany, Yellow Medicine County Planning & Zoning/Ditch Administrator, provided information regarding notice requirements in compliance with the applicable statute, the presentation of the request for consolidation and the possible action by the Drainage Authority.

Chairperson Berends asked for any comments or questions from the public.

Close Hearing 08-23-16-03 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to close the hearing at 10:20 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consolidation of CD9 08-23-16-04 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the consolidation of CD9, the financing formula as recommended and maintain the individual lateral /branch balances until the funds are depleted. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Re-name County Building 08-23-16-05 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to following the recommendation of the building committee. The LEC Training Room will now be known as the County Training Room. Voting yes; Sherlin and Renneke. Voting no; Johnson, Berends and Antony. Motion failed.

Re-name County Building 08-23-16-06 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to change the name of the current Law Enforcement Center to the Health and Human Services Center and to remove the signage from the building. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Life Insurance 08-23-16-07 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to accept the new rate for the Minnesota Life Insurance 2017 policy. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Fairgrounds Policy 08-23-16-08 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to table the discussion to further research the concern regarding insurance. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

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

The Board reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

Michelle May, Finance Manager presented the first draft of the 2017 budget. No action required.

Peg Heglund, County Administrator presented an alternative health insurance policy to the Board for consideration. No action taken.

Request to abate late tax payment 08-23-16-09 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to abate the penalty for the late tax payment. Voting yes; Sherlin, Antony, Berends. Voting no; Johnson and Renneke

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 08-23-16-10 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$3,224.30 Ditch Fund, \$313,205.30 Revenue Fund, \$188,357.93 Road & Bridge Fund, \$131,806.16 Human Services Fund; and acknowledged review of the Auditor's warrants. An itemized listing of all warrants over \$2,000 and an aggregate total for warrants under \$2,000 are published on the County website under the Finance & Administration Department Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:20 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Sherlin was absent for the afternoon.

Department/Program Updates

Rae Ann Keeler-Aus, Family Service Center Director provided an update.

Contract with Project Turnabout for Chemical Use Assessments 08-23-16-11 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Antony to approve the agreement with Project Turnabout for the completion of chemical use assessments at a cost of \$75/assessment. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Stacey Steinbach, Social Service Supervisor presented information on the Department of Human Services Children and Family Services Review.

Janel Timm, Property and Public Services Director provided an update.

Contract for Assessor Services 08-23-16-12 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the contract with Dave Parsons for Assessor services in the amount of \$2,000. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Contract for Consultation Services 08-23-16-13 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the contract with the Upper MN River Regional Development Center for consultation services to promote Broadband services in Yellow Medicine County. Cost of the agreement is \$5,000.

Earl Fuechtmann, Contegrity Group Inc. provided an update on the Justice Center building project.

Other Business None

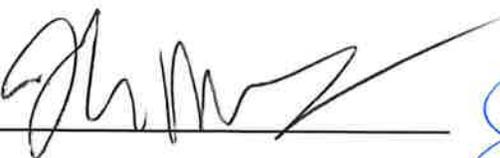
Informational July Budget Report and July Investment Report

Review of Upcoming Meetings and Events The Board reviewed upcoming meetings and events.

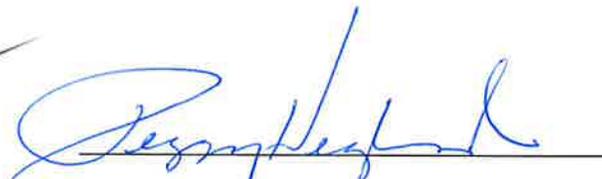
Adjourn 07-12-16-07 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to adjourn at 2:50 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



John Berends, Chair



Peggy Heglund, County Administrator