

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 28, 2007**

Chairman Ron Antony called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 12:30 p.m. with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger, Dick Wambeke and Ron Antony present. Also present were County Administrator Ryan Krosch, Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick and Marshall Independent reporter Robert Wolfington.

**Approve Agenda 08-28-07-01** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the agenda with the following changes: add ISTS loans to the consent agenda, add Enterprise Network, USDA disaster declaration and Timm Park to the regular agenda. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda 08-28-07-02** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the August 14, 2007, County Board meeting, administrative secretary job description for the Auditor-Treasurer and Administrator Departments, three additional appropriation requests totaling \$29,615 in expenditures and \$29,305 in revenues. Motion carried.

**Citizen Comments** There were no citizens present to be heard.

**Commissioners Reports** Commissioner Antony reported on the Ditch #8 hearing, zoning ordinance update and the Yellow Medicine Watershed. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the Safety Committee, Courthouse Campus Committee and HRA. Commissioner Remiger reported on the MVRRA, County Museum, AMC Transportation Committee and Courthouse Campus Committee. Commissioner Johnson reported on the Ditch #8 hearing, Prairie Lakes and Prairie 5. Commissioner Sherlin reported on the Enterprise Network.

**Department Reports 08-28-07-03** Jail Administrator Kathy Busack updated the Board on the jail. Jail revenues and a proposal from Vetter Johnson Architects to look at options for remodeling the huber and adding office space for the county attorney's office were discussed. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve an additional appropriation of \$3,800 plus reimbursable expenses to hire Vetter Johnson Architects to complete preliminary architectural services that explore options for the huber and county attorney's office. Motion carried.

**Regular Agenda:**

**WMA Resolution 08-28-07-04** Bill Schuna from the DNR presented a resolution requesting the sale of 320 acres in Fortier Township that Herbert Tatley would like to sell to the DNR. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 97A.145 Subd. 2, the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources on August 14, 2007 provided the county board and the appropriate town officers with a description of lands to be acquired by the State of Minnesota for water and wildlife conservation purposes.

WHEREAS, lands to be acquired are described as follows: Northeast Quarter (NE1/4), Section Thirty-one (31), and Northwest Quarter (NW1/4), Section 32 (32), Township One Hundred Fourteen (114), Range Forty-six (46).

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Yellow Medicine County on August 28, 2007, that the State's proposed acquisition of the above described property be approved. Motion carried with Commissioner Johnson voting opposed to the motion.

**SBDC** Liz Struve and Ruth Ann Karty reviewed the services of the SBDC and presented a funding request for 2008.

**Conditional Use Permit 08-28-07-05** County Zoning Administrator Randy Jacobson presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission for approval of conditional use permit request YM-469-07 for Noreen Blanchette to place a 16' x 56' Type I Mobile Home as a non-farm dwelling in the northeast one-quarter (NE ¼) of Section 32 in Wergeland Township T-114-N R-44-W. Two conditions were also recommended. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Sherlin to approve conditional use permit YM-469-07 for Noreen Blanchette with the following conditions:

1. If and when Loretta Buysse no longer occupies the Type I mobile home, it shall be removed from the premises.
2. The Type I mobile home shall be anchored according to the State Building Code.

Motion carried.

**Final Payment Request 08-28-07-06** County Engineer Andy Sander presented a resolution for final payment for State Aid Project 87-598-08. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, State Aid Project 87-598-08 have in all things been completed and the County Board being fully advised in the premise.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Yellow Medicine hereby accepts said completed project for and in behalf of the County of Yellow Medicine and authorizes final payment to Structural Specialties, Inc. in the amount of \$10,440.15 for the final contract amount totaling \$208,803.09. Motion carried.

**ATV Park Discussion** Zoning Administrator Jacobson, Engineer Sander, Highway Foreman Larry Stoks, Parks Director Myron Hagelstrom and Canby Mayor Richard Blackwelder were present to discuss the possibility of using the Canby Gravel Pit for an ATV park. The Highway Department stated there was still more gravel to mine from the pit and that they needed the land for stockpiling and other uses. The Board tabled the ATV park discussion to revisit at a future date.

**Timm Park** The Board reviewed the improvements to Timm Park with Parks Director Hagelstrom and also requested a park sign be put on Highway 274.

**USDA Disaster Declaration 08-28-07-07** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Remiger to send a letter to Congressman Collin Peterson requesting that Yellow Medicine County be included in the recent USDA drought disaster area designation and to review the criteria for designating counties as drought disasters. Motion carried.

The Board invited retiring Auditor-Treasurer Carolyn Sherlin to attend the meeting. Chairman Antony thanked Auditor-Treasurer Sherlin for her years of service to the County.

**2008 Budget and Levy Discussion** The Board reviewed the County's investments, levy history and proposed 2008 levy. The Board requested that the Enterprise Network funding request be removed from the 2008 draft budget and to add the SBDC's funding request to the draft budget.

**Thoma Property Update 08-28-07-08** Administrator Krosch informed the Board that the former Thoma house would not be removed from its site by the previously required September 1 deadline. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to amend the Bill of Sale and Hold Harmless Agreement and Removal Agreement with Gary Monson to state that the property shall be removed on or before October 15, 2007. Motion carried.

**Other Business:** None

**Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 08-28-07-09** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the Commissioner's Warrants as presented for the following amounts: \$59,160.82 Revenue Fund, \$32,814.62 Road and Bridge Fund and \$5,395.00 Ditch Fund; and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$95,632.67. Motion carried.

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

**Informational** The Board reviewed the July 2007 financial reports.

**Adjourn 08-28-07-10** Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 3:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Witness:

Attest:

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Ron Antony, Chair

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Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer