

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 9, 2016**

Chairman John Berends called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Greg Renneke, Gary Johnson, and John Berends present. Absent were Commissioners Ron Antony and Louis Sherlin. Also present were County Administrator Peg Heglund, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Finance and Temporary Administration Assistant, Barb Bresson, Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick and Jody Isaacson of the Marshall Independent.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Agenda 08-09-16-01** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the agenda with the following changes: add hiring for a maintenance position and remove the presentation from the Chemical Health Coalition. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 08-09-16-02** Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the consent agenda items as follows: The approval of the July 26, 2016 Board meeting minutes; Resolution for Veteran's Services Office to request the Operational Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$7,500; Approve a Budget Amendment for Planning and Zoning for Ag BMP Loans and LQP CWP Loans for a total of \$24,000. Approve Letter to Governor Dayton declaring Yellow Medicine County as disaster area due to the July 16, 2016 storm; Request to extend the employment of Joe Schmit through August 19, 2016; Accept the resignation of Sara Birk, Dispatch/Jailer effective September 1, 2016; Accept the resignation of Adam Reath, Dispatch/Jailer effective August 1, 2016; Hiring of Jennifer Bartunek as Dispatch/Jailer, her salary will be Grade 12, Step 3 her start date is August 10, 2016; Hiring of Zachary Juarez as Dispatch/Jailer, his salary will be Grade 12, Step 1 his start date is August 10, 2016.

**Citizen Comments** None

**Commissioners' Report** Commissioner Johnson reported on UMVRDC, Broadband meeting, Prairie Lakes Youth Programs, 6WCC, Prairie Waters, Revolving Loan Fund, solar activities in Chippewa County, a Personnel Committee and an Extension meeting. Commissioner Berends on Broadband Meeting, Nurse Family Partnership and Labor Management meeting. Commissioner Renneke reported on Farm Fest and mowing county ditches. Administrator Heglund's report is included in the Board packet.

**Regular Agenda**

Jason Overby, General Manager of Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water, along with Randy Kraus and Mitch Kling made the presentation.

The Board recessed for break at 10:30 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

Midge Christianson, 6WCC Director presented concerns regarding the Sentence to Serve program.

**Continuation of Sentence to Serve Program 08-09-16-03** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to continue to operate the program until further notice. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Hiring of Temporary Administrative Assistant 08-9-16-04** Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded

by Commissioner Johnson to approve the hiring of Barb Bresson as Administrative Assistant for up to 60 hours at \$21.71/hour for a total of \$1,306. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Agreement for Physical Therapy Back Screenings. 08-9-16-05 Motion** by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve an agreement with the Granite Falls Hospital to perform back screenings of dispatch/jailers at the cost of \$75 per half hour screen. Effective dates are July 26, 2016 to December 31, 2016. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Approval of advance financing for County Highway Projects 08-09-16-06** Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the advance financing for State Aid Highway Project(s) in Yellow Medicine County in an amount up to \$1,400,000: Project SAP 087-602-025 at \$1,059,425 State-Aid Portion and Project SAP 087-634-002 at \$993,590 State-Aid Portion. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Peter Lindstrom of the Clean Energy Resource Team of Minnesota presented information on the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program. Administrator Heglund to draft a Joint Powers Agreement for consideration at the next meeting.

**Hiring for Maintenance Department 08-09-16-07** Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve hiring of two housekeeping staff; one full time at 40 hours a week with benefits and one part-time at 19 hours per week. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Department/Program Updates**

Keith Helgeson, County Attorney gave an update.

**Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor’s Warrants 08-09-16-08** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$208,918.07 General Fund, \$10,130.34 Ditch Fund, \$29,977.53 Road and Bridge Fund, and \$91,589.26 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.

**Other Business** None

**Informational** July Vendor Payments

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

**Adjourn 05-24-16-18** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:

  
John Berends, Chair

  
Peggy Heglund, County Administrator