

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE YELLOW
MEDICINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA
December 12, 2006**

The Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 am on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, with the following members present: Ron Antony, Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger, Louis Sherlin, and Chair Lynn Anderson. Also present were County Auditor-Treasurer Carolyn Sherlin, County Engineer Andy Sander, news reporters Scott Tedrick, & Dick Wambeke. The Chairperson called the meeting to order. The following items were added to the agenda: safety budget, foreman, Highway 59, county museum. On motion by Sherlin, seconded by Remiger, the agenda for the day and the minutes for November 28 were approved.

12/12/06-1 Antony moved to grant authority to the auditor to pay out the \$10,000 Wetlands Grant to SWCD each year when the money comes to the county. Sherlin seconded motion, all voted in favor.

12/12/06-2 Antony moved to adopt the 2007 non-union salary schedule as presented and to grant a 2% salary increase to non-union employees for 2007. Salary schedule reflects either the 1957 or 2080 hours per year. Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

12/12/06-3 Discussion was held on the 6W Community Corrections joint powers agreement concerning the purchase of a building to house this organization. Johnson moved to adopt the following motion: "The four counties will share in all liabilities and assets pertaining to the building at a rate equivalent to the percentage of each county's portion of the aggregate county annual contribution to 6W Community Corrections at such time that an issue arises." Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

John Kolhei discussed various concerns of the agriculture building located in Clarkfield. The heating and cooling problems are being corrected and the bad floor tile is being replaced in the bathrooms. He mentioned that several chairs in the conference room are causing problems. Johnson stated that John has control of the building and if there are any defective chairs, they need to be replaced as soon as possible. The front sidewalk is also cracked and needs replacement and the handicap ramp was not put in to the correct specifications. These problems will be taken care of in the spring. Inside wall painting issues were also discussed. It was suggested that each office solicit quotes for their own painting.

Kolhei also discussed cleaning of County Ditch 31 and 39 and will be setting up a meeting for ditch holders to consider this task.

Myron Hagelstrom discussed the progress at the county parks. New signs are now in place, some trees have been removed, and he is still searching for grants to help with the cost. He will be looking for someone to help draw up the specs for the next phase of the project.

Hire someone for specs

12/12/06-4 Johnson moved to approve the hiring of Jason Groen as a corrections officer, Sherlin seconded motion, all voted in favor.

Johnson mentioned that he took offence at the newspaper article in last week's newspaper where it stated that the museum discussion was "pitting community against community" in regards to the re-

location of museum building. There has not been any decision made regarding the move of the building and the board will be looking at all options.

Johnson next discussed a portion of Highway 59, the stretch between Clarkfield and Marshall. This portion is in poor condition with extremely narrow shoulders. This presents safety issues and as a result, many trucks are avoiding the use of this highway. He will be working through RDC to gain support for putting this highway repair on the 5 year plan for MNDot.

12/12/06-5 Mike Martin introduced himself as the new Sentence-to-Serve Coordinator for this area. He requested permission to the use of the Thoma garage for a shop area. This would be useful for making cabinets etc. and other projects. He also requested insulation materials for the walls to make it comfortable this winter. After discussion, Sherlin moved to grant his request for use of the garage, and to authorize up to \$1500 for insulation supplies. Johnson seconded motion, all voted in favor. Martin will coordinate this space with the custodian.

Sherlin reported on the Prairie Waters meeting. Johnson reported on the RDC Transportation Advisory Committee, SWCD, Community Corrections, the MCIT annual meeting, AMC annual conference, the local public transit plan, and a highway department budget meeting. Remiger reported on Area II, and the RDC Regional Task Force meetings.

12/12/06-6 The county attorney requested clarification of his pay status for 2007. Sherlin moved to award him a 2% increase, the same as all other non-union employees, Antony seconded motion, all voted in favor.

The 2007 Budget was discussed further with no decisions made. Antony moved to add \$3000 as a line item for Safety materials and training in the 2007 Budget. Sherlin seconded motion, all voted in favor.

12/12/06-7 Sherlin moved to approve payment of the claims in the amount of \$66,187.35 for the Revenue Fund; \$85,482.55 from Road & Bridge Fund; and \$33,952 from the Ditch Fund. Johnson seconded motion, all voted in favor.

Witness:

Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer