

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes  
December 9, 2015**

Chair Greg Renneke called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioners Ron Antony, Gary Johnson, Greg Renneke, Louis Sherlin, and John Berends present. Also present were County Administrator Peg Heglund, Finance and Administration Deputy Ashley Soine and Advocate Tribune reporter Caitlyn Mahlum.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Agenda 12-09-15-01** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda with the following addition: add One Watershed One Plan Memorandum of Agreement to Regular Agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 12-09-15-02** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the consent agenda items as follows: November 24, 2015 County Board meeting minutes; hiring of Megan Lynne as the temporary Restorative Justice Program Assistant, she will be at grade 19, step 1, her start date is TBD; hiring of Laura Jungers as a part-time, non-scheduled Corrections Officer/Dispatcher, she will be at grade 12, step 1, her start date is December 11, 2015; consideration of permanent status; Accounting Policy updates; Budget Change Request forms: Zoning and Road & Bridge; resolution #35-2015 to Commit Fund Balance; final payment for Project C.P. 15-47 to R & G Construction Company in the amount of \$20,410.35 and resolution #36-2015. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments** None

**Commissioners' Report** Commissioner Antony reported on One Watershed One Plan, Governor's Workforce Development Council/Workforce Council joint meeting, Emergency Communication Board, 6W Community Corrections and AMC conference. Commissioner Renneke reported on AMC conference. Commissioner Sherlin reported on Countryside Public Health. Commissioner Berends reported on Southern Prairie Community Care, Historical Society, Safe Communities Coalition and AMC conference. Commissioner Johnson reported on RDC, Out of Home Placement Task Force, One Watershed One Plan, 6W Community Corrections, AMC conference and Transportation Advisory Committee.

**Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 12-09-15-03** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$33,772.90 Ditch Fund, \$70,415.37 Revenue Fund, \$37,360.64 Road & Bridge Fund, \$107,009.02 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.

**Regular Agenda**

**Late Tax Payment Penalty 12-09-15-04** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Berends to deny the requests to waive penalty for late property tax payments for Richard and Judy Pesek and Jeffrey and Dawn Van Keulen. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Open 2016 Budget and Levy Hearing 12-09-15-05** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to open the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Chair Renneke took comments on the 2016 proposed tax levy and budget. Those in attendance for the hearing were County Assessor Connie Erickson, Leo Kuehl, Paul Anspach, Dean Preuss, Chris Long and Archie

Froland. All in attendance were given time to comment on the 2016 proposed levy and budget and also to comment on their 2016 property valuation.

**Close 2016 Budget and Levy Hearing 12-09-15-06** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Antony to close the public hearing at 7:24 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Payable 2016 Tax Levy 12-09-15-07** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve a 6.52% levy increase from 2015 to 2016 with the property tax levy for taxes payable in 2016 set as follows:

Revenue Fund	\$5,370,460
Road & Bridge Fund	\$2,272,026
Human Services Fund	\$2,184,755
Library	\$79,384
Tax Abatement	\$7,000
Water Plan	\$6,153
Justice Center Bond Principal and Interest	\$428,190
<b>Total Certified 2016 Gross Tax Levy</b>	<b>\$10,347,968</b>
Less 2016 Certified County program Aid	\$164,622
<b>Total Certified 2016 Net Tax Levy</b>	<b>\$10,183,346</b>

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Approval of the 2016 County budget was tabled until the December 22, 2015 Board meeting.

**Ditch Budget 12-09-15-08** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the 2016 ditch budget with expenditures of \$726,762. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**One Watershed One Plan MOA 12-09-15-09** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the One Watershed One Plan Memorandum of Agreement. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Administrator Heglund reported on AMC conference, Justice Center update and provided an update on the County's Agent of Record.

**Other Business** None

**Informational** November Vendor Payments

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

**Adjourn 12-09-15-10** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:

  
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Greg Renneke, Chair

  
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Peggy Heglund, County Administrator