

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2015**

Chairman Greg Renneke called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Ron Antony, Greg Renneke, Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin and John Berends present. Also present were County Administrator Peggy Heglund, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Finance and Administration Deputy Ashley Soine, Advocate Tribune reported Scott Tedrick and Marshall Independent reporter Anna Haecherl-Smith.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda 02-24-15-01 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the agenda with the following change: table request from Chief Deputy until a future meeting. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 02-24-15-02 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the consent agenda items as follows: February 10, 2015 County Board meeting minutes; 2015 State of MN Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement in the amount of \$3,577; final approval and payment for project SAP 087-636-010 to R & G Construction Company in the amount of \$36,804.08 and resolution #05-2015. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Liquor License Renewals 02-24-15-03 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the following liquor licenses: Goodfellows, Bootleggers Supper Club and The Crossing & Johnny on the Tee. Motion carried with Commissioner Sherlin, Antony, Renneke and Johnson voting in favor. Commissioner Berends abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Citizen Comments None

Commissioners' Report Commissioner Johnson reported on Valley View Estates, Solar Panel meeting, Extension, Prairie Five Community Action, Prairie Lakes Youth Program, Personnel Committee meeting, looked at tax forfeited property and looked at roads. Commissioner Berends reported on Historical Society, Labor Management meeting and Safe Communities. Commissioner Sherlin reported on Western Mental Health Center and Countryside Public Health. Commissioner Renneke reported on demolitions in Echo and Wood Lake. Commissioner Antony reported on Pioneerland and Railroad Authority.

Administrator Heglund reported on City of Granite Falls approved zoning request, sales tax exemption for building materials, opening on HRA board from District 3, results of Social Security/PERA referendum for Correctional Officers, progress edition in paper, County Recognition Event on April 10th and Clark Gustafson retirement party on March 6th.

Regular Agenda

STS Contract 02-24-15-04 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the two-year contract for the Sentence to Serve (STS) program between the State of Minnesota and 6W Community Corrections. The contract will be effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. There will be a 3% increase for 2016 and no increase for 2017. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Brad Cobb, Program Manager for Green Corridor, Inc., and Skip Wright, DNR, presented on possible acquisition of land to create a new Scientific and Natural Area (SNA) of 160 acres called Antelope Valley SNA.

Resolution #06-2015 02-24-15-05 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve resolution #06-2015 to approve the following piece of land to be acquired and designated by the State of Minnesota as a Scientific and Natural Area: Yellow Medicine County, Twp. 114, RNG. 44, Sec. 14 for 160 acres called Antelope Valley SNA #160083. Motion carried with Commissioner Antony, Berends, Sherlin and Renneke voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against

The Board recessed for break at 10:24 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Department/Program Updates

Jennifer Johnson, Administrative Secretary, presented on Warm the Children and Santa Sleigh program in the Family Service Center.

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

InformaCast 02-24-15-06 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the implementation of InformaCast in Family Services from MN.IT Services in the amount of \$1,632. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Regular Agenda (continued)

Public Hearing

Open Public Hearing 02-24-15-07 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to open the public hearing at 11:00 a.m. for the 5-year Highway Construction Plan. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Close Public Hearing 02-24-15-08 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Berends to close the public hearing at 11:24 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

5-year Construction Plan 02-24-15-09 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the 5-year Highway Construction Plan as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Liz Auch and Katrina Henry, Countryside Public Health and Erin Simmons, American Lung Association, presented to the Board.

Tax Forfeited Parcels Resolution #07-2015 02-24-15-10 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve resolution #07-2015, including the attached list of the parcel, to certify that certain tax forfeited parcel offered for sale by auction do not need to be withheld from sale. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:25 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Chris Balfany, Planning & Zoning/Ditch Administrator, discussed requests for County Ditch 4 and County Ditch 2.

County Ditch 4 02-24-15-11 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to accept the petition for County Ditch 4. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Appoint Engineer 02-24-15-12 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to appoint Duane Hansel with Bolten & Menk, Inc. as the Engineer for County Ditch 4. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Chair Renneke opened the public hearing at 1:08 p.m. for County Ditch 2 redetermination of benefits.

Redetermination of Benefits for County Ditch 2 02-24-15-13 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the redetermination of benefits for County Ditch 2. Motion carried with Commissioner Sherlin, Antony, Renneke and Johnson voting in favor. Commissioner Berends abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Appoint Engineer 02-24-15-14 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to appoint Duane Hansel with Bolten & Menk, Inc. as the Engineer for County Ditch 2. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Appoint Viewers 02-24-15-15 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Berends to appoint Aaron Thompson, Steve Johnson and Todd Balfany as viewers for County Ditch 2 redetermination. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Close Public Hearing 02-24-15-16 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to close the public hearing at 1:18 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Department/Program Updates (continued)

Chris Balfany, Jolene Johnson and Cindy Anderson updated on the Ditch and Planning & Zoning Department.

Feedlot Report 02-24-15-17 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the 2014 Annual County Feedlot Officer Annual Report and Performance Credit Report. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Other Business None

Informational None

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 02-24-15-18 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$91,368.34 Ditch Fund, \$62,343.10 Revenue Fund, \$28,174.57 Road & Bridge Fund, \$68,583.12 Human Services Fund; and acknowledged review of the Auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

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

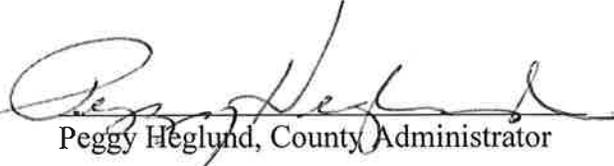
Adjourn 02-24-15-19 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to adjourn at 2:10 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



Greg Renneke, Chair



Peggy Heglund, County Administrator