

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2012**

Chairman Gary Johnson called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin, Ron Antony and Greg Renneke present. Also present were County Attorney Keith Helgeson, County Administrator Ryan Krosch, Finance & Administration Deputy Tegan Laleman, Marshall Independent reporter Steve Browne and Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick.

Approve Agenda 02-28-12-01 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda with the following changes: add liquor licenses, postage machine lease and PT VSO Administrative Secretary hiring to the consent agenda; add CSAH #6 railroad/highway crossing replacement agreement and board of equalization training to the regular agenda; remove County Ditch #9 tile line repair from the regular agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 02-28-12-02 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of February 14, 2012, County Board meeting; State of MN, CenturyLink, Quest and Yellow Medicine County 911 contract; County HRA Board Appointment Kelly Erp; on-sale, off-sale and Sunday liquor licenses as presented effective March 16, 2012 to March 15, 2013; hiring of Brenda Brusven as a part-time Veterans Service Office Administrative Secretary; postage machine lease with Claritus, Inc. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Commissioners' Report Commissioner Sherlin reported on Western Mental Health and the Highway 68 Coalition. Commissioner Johnson reported on the Prairie Lakes Detention Center Board and Advisory Committee, MN Falls Dam, Prairie 5 Community Action, Stony Run Township road improvement meeting and the Drainage Conference. Commissioner Renneke reported on the MN Falls Dam and Planning Commission. Commissioner Antony reported on the Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority, Drainage Conference and Pioneerland Library System Board.

Human Services

Human Service Director Peggy Heglund introduced new Child Protection Social Worker Amanda Pauling to the Board. She also reviewed the Human Service's financial and budget report and the 2011 Child Support Collection Report. Mary Potter reviewed the child maltreatment assessment reports. Gretchen Eliason reviewed the quality control at DHS.

Southern Prairie Health Purchasing Alliance 02-28-12-03 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve Resolution #11-2012 agreeing to participate as a member of the Southern Prairie Health Purchasing Alliance. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Western Mental Health Center Service Agreement 02-28-12-04 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and Seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the purchase of service agreement with Western Mental Health Center for the continuation of the Adult Mental Health Family/Support Groups in Granite Falls and Canby during the dates of January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board recessed for break at 10:50 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 11:08 a.m.

Regular Agenda

11th Avenue Improvements 02-28-12-05 Mitch Kling from the Stony Run Township Board was present to request assistance from the County for making improvements to 11th Avenue near Bootlegger's Supper Club. The road becomes covered with water during some spring flood events which forces Bootlegger's Supper Club to close during the flooding. Stony Run Township is proposing to install a larger culvert under the road to allow for more water flow during flood events. Mr. Kling stated the Township was not able to pay for the project on their own and was requesting assistance from Bootlegger's Supper Club, the County and City of Granite Falls. The Board discussed the economic impact and jobs created by Bootlegger's and that improvements to the road would help the business stay open and keep people employed. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve in-kind assistance from Yellow Medicine County for the 11th Avenue improvements near Bootlegger's Supper Club with the following conditions: Bootlegger's Super Club contributes \$2,500, the City of Granite Falls, Stony Run Township and Yellow Medicine County all contribute to the project, the County contribution not exceed \$7,500 of in-kind service, the County contribution not exceed the City contribution and the Township contribution be a minimum of \$6,000. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Renneke and Johnson voting in favor and Commissioner Sherlin voting against.

Wood Lake Land Purchase 02-28-12-06 County Engineer Andy Sander and Highway Maintenance Supervisor Larry Stoks were present to discuss the purchase of land adjacent to the Wood Lake Highway Department Shop. The land is needed for stock piling of sand, gravel and other material. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to purchase ½ acre of land adjacent to the Wood Lake Highway Department Shop for \$4,000. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

CSAH #6 Railroad Crossing Replacement 02-28-12-07 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve Resolution #12-2012 authorizing Yellow Medicine County to enter into agreement No. 2012-1 with Minnesota Prairie Lines Inc. to replace the railroad/highway grade crossing surface on CSAH 6 in the City of Wood Lake. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Extension Committee Regional Director Darrell Cox and Regional Director Holli Arp were present to discuss the Extension Committee vacancies and the process for scheduling and cancelling meetings.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:57 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Conditional Use Permit Request YM-519-12, Jeff Luepke 02-28-12-08 County Planning & Zoning Director Randy Jacobson presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve conditional use permit YM 519-12 for Jeff Luepke, Belview, MN; to construct a 102' x 200' confinement barn to house 2,400 head of swine (720 animal units). Manure storage will be a 102' x 200' x 8' reinforced concrete pit under the building. The site is located in the southwest one-quarter of the northwest one-quarter (SW ¼ NW ¼) of Section 23 in Echo Township T-113-N R-38-W in the Rural Preservation Management District. The Yellow Medicine County Land Use and Related Resource Management Ordinance requires a conditional use permit for an expansion of an existing feedlot over 500 animal units and because the site is located within one-half mile of a neighboring dwelling. The Planning Commission recommended three conditions to include with the permit. Mr. Jeff Luepke was also present to answer questions about the request. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve conditional use permit YM 519-12 for Jeff Luepke with the following conditions:

1. Plant and maintain two 120' long rows of willow trees on the east end of the building.
2. Plant and maintain two rows of willow trees starting at the northwest corner of the building extending a minimum of 120' west and from the ending point, a minimum of 120' south.

3. If odor emissions exceed permitted levels other than at pump out times as determined by the County Feedlot Officer, existing technology starting with the most cost effective, must be used to eliminate unacceptable emission levels.

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Conditional Use Permit Request YM-522-12, Andrew Frank 2-28-12-09 County Planning & Zoning Director Jacobson presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve conditional use permit YM-522-12 for Andrew Frank, Wood Lake, MN; to construct a 54' x 332' confinement barn to house 2,000 head of swine (600 animal units). Manure storage will be in a 54' x 332' x 8' reinforced concrete pit under the barn. The site is located in part of the south one-half of the north one-half of the northeast one-quarter (S ½ N ½ NE ¼) of Section 14 in Posen Township T-113-N R-39-W in the Rural Preservation Management District. The Yellow Medicine County Land Use and Related Resource Management Ordinance requires a conditional use permit for a new feedlot over 500 animal units. The Planning Commission recommended two conditions to include with the permit. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve conditional use permit YM-522-12 for Andrew Frank with the following conditions:

1. In addition to the existing 565' row of honeysuckle and the 565' row of white willow, another 565' row of white willow will be added on the north edge of the property. All trees will be maintained in a manner as to ensure their survival.
2. If odor emissions exceed permitted levels other than at pump out time as determined by the County Feedlot Officer, existing technology, starting with the most cost effective, must be used to eliminate the unacceptable emission levels.

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Tax Abatements 02-28-12-10 County Assessor Connie Erickson presented a tax abatement request for a bar and upstairs residence in Echo that suffered a fire on August 21, 2011. The abatement would be for the last four months of taxes for taxes payable in 2012. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the following taxes payable 2012 abatements for Lynae Engebretson Marotzke: \$286.00 abatement for Parcel Number 33-300-1803, \$428.00 abatement for Parcel Number 33-300-1804. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Board Of Equalization Training County Assessor Erickson also discussed the required training needed for the Board of Equalization. The Board made a recommendation to have Property and Public Services Director Janel Timm take the training.

Participation in R C & D County Administrator Krosch discussed the County's membership in the R C & D.

Other Business None

Informational

The board reviewed the January 2012 jail and investment reports, the proposed county commissioner redistricting plan and the new congressional and state legislative district maps.

Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 02-28-12-11 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the Commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$15,306.23 Road & Bridge Fund, \$10,367.13 Ditch Fund, \$75,395.71 Revenue Fund, \$27,681.09 Human Services Fund; and acknowledge 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 02-28-12-12 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to adjourn at 1:39 p.m.

Witness:

Attest:



Gary Johnson, Chair



Ryan Krosch, County Administrator