

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2008**

Chairman Louis Sherlin called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 12:30 p.m. with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger, Dick Wambeke and Ron Antony present. Also present were County Administrator Ryan Krosch, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick and Marshall Independent reporter Robert Wolfington.

Approve Agenda 1-22-08-01 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda with the following changes: add Highway 59 under Commissioner's Reports. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 1-22-08-02 Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the January 8, 2008, County Board meeting; minutes of the January 9, 2008, special board meeting; Southern Prairie Health Purchasing Alliance agreement; 2006 audit opinion letter; additional appropriation requests totaling \$4,600 in expenditures in the Family Service Fund and \$1,193 in expenditures in the Revenue Fund; 2008 county non-union pay scale with a 3% increase. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments Citizen comments are under regular agenda item #5.

Commissioners Reports 1-22-08-03 Commissioner Sherlin reported on a newsletter from the Entrepreneur Network. Commissioner Johnson reported on the RDC and discussed improvements to US Highway 59. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Wambeke to submit a federal funding appropriations request for improvements to US Highway 59 from Clarkfield to Marshall. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Commissioner Remiger reported on the Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad, CAPX 2020 transmission line project and the Courthouse Campus Committee. Commissioner Wambeke reported on county based healthcare purchasing and the Courthouse Campus Committee. Commissioner Antony reported on Area II, Pioneerland Regional Library and document imaging presentations.

Department Reports

Resignation of Chief Deputy 1-22-08-04 County Sheriff Bill Flaten presented Chief Deputy Sheriff Richard Blackwelder's resignation letter to the Board. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Antony to accept the resignation of Chief Deputy Sheriff Richard Blackwelder. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Replace Chief Deputy 1-22-08-05 Sheriff Flaten requested to replace the chief deputy sheriff position by internal recruitment of qualified county employees only. Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Antony to fill the chief deputy sheriff position through internal recruitment. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Advertise for Deputy Sheriff 1-22-08-06 Sheriff Flaten also requested to advertise for a deputy sheriff position should one of the current deputies be appointed chief deputy. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Antony to authorize the external recruitment of a deputy sheriff in the event a current deputy sheriff is appointed to the chief deputy position. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Sheriff Flaten and Jail Administrator Kathy Busack updated the Board on the sheriff's department and jail. Commissioner Antony agreed to serve on a regional radio communications board for southwest Minnesota.

Regular Agenda:

Business Retention Program 1-22-08-07 David Nelson with the UM Extension presented the Board with an overview of Extension's business retention program. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Wambeke to submit an application to Extension requesting a countywide business retention and expansion program be completed for Yellow Medicine County. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water (LPRW) Bond Sale 1-22-08-08 Myron Knutson with PFM Group presented information regarding refinancing LPRW bond debt currently backed by the county. Mr. Knutson informed the Board that only one bid was received to purchase the refunding bonds and recommended requesting new bids. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to reject the one bid that was submitted and to authorize requesting new bids for the bond sale. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board recessed for a break at 1:52 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 2:05 p.m.

Dispatch of County Equipment 1-22-08-09 Emergency Manager Michelle Gatz presented a resolution authorizing the dispatch of county equipment and staff in an emergency. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Antony to approve Resolution 03-2008 authorizing, in instances where it would be impossible or impractical for the County Board to meet and authorize the dispatch and use of county equipment and personnel, the Board Chair or County Administrator, upon recommendation of the County Emergency Management Director, to dispatch County equipment and personnel as deemed necessary to combat such fire, hazard, casualty, or other similar occurrence whether it takes place within or without the County boundaries. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Update Emergency Operations Plan 1-22-08-10 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Johnson to approve the updated county emergency operations plan. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 1-22-08-11 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Remiger to authorize an additional appropriation of \$390 to enter into a technical assistance agreement with the RDC to prepare a grant application for funds to update the county's hazard mitigation plan and to authorize the expenditure of up to \$5,000 to complete a hazard mitigation plan update. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Pollock Conditional Use Permit 1-22-08-12 County Zoning Administrator Randy Jacobson presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission for approval of conditional use permit request YM-474-07 for Robert & Nancy Pollock to place a 14' x 70' Type I Mobile Home in the southeast one-quarter of the southeast one-quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$) in Section 34 of Fortier Township T-114-N R-46-W. Three conditions were also presented. Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve conditional use permit YM-474-07 for Robert and Nancy Pollock with the following conditions:

1. At such time as a permanent dwelling is constructed on this building site, the Type I Mobile Home shall be removed from the premises within 12 months of completion of the permanent dwelling.
2. The Type I Mobile Home shall be installed and maintained in such a manner as to comply with all requirements of the Minnesota State Building Code.
3. Because this building site is located in the Rural Preservation Management District of Yellow Medicine County, the owner of this building site will at all times be tolerant of agricultural activities in the surrounding area.

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments Doug and Kathy Sik, owners of D&K RV Sales near Canby, presented concerns to the Board about dust and noise from a neighboring feedlot, dust created from truck traffic on the gravel road adjacent to their place and a letter they received regarding their failing septic system. The Board asked Zoning Administrator Jacobson to contact the neighboring feedlot about the dust and noise concerns.

Seasonal Bids 1-22-08-13 Assistant County Engineer Steve Schaub presented the 2008 seasonal bids. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the 2008 seasonal bid results as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor. A copy of the seasonal bids are on file with the County Engineer.

MnDOT Detour Agreement 1-22-08-14 Assistant Engineer Schaub presented a detour agreement with MnDOT. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve Resolution 04-2008 authorizing the county to enter into MnDOT agreement #92181 with MnDOT to provide for payment by the state to the county for the use and maintenance of County State Aid Highway 18 as a detour route during construction performed along Trunk Highway 23. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

1-22-08-15 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Antony to have the highway department spray chloride at the intersection of County Road D9 and US Highway 75. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

PT Park Assistant Salary 1-22-08-16 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Johnson to set part-time park assistant Gerhardt Hartke's 2008 hourly wage at \$7.80/hr. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Other Business: None

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 1-22-08-17 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the Commissioner's Warrants for the following amounts: \$31,888.70 Revenue Fund, \$90,684.17 Road and Bridge Fund and \$1,633.94 Ditch 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.

Informational The Board reviewed the December 2007 jail and revenue fund financial reports.

Adjourn 1-22-08-18 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Remiger to adjourn at 3:08 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:

Louis Sherlin, Chair

Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer