

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2012**

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

Election of Chair 01-03-12-01 Commissioner Antony asked for nominations for 2012 County Board Chair. Commissioner Sherlin nominated Commissioner Johnson. Commissioner Antony asked for additional nominations three times and heard none. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to close nominations and cast a ballot for Commissioner Johnson for 2012 County Board Chair. Motion carried with Commissioners Sherlin, Johnson and Renneke voting in favor and Commissioner Antony voting against.

Election of Vice-Chair 01-03-12-02 Chairman Johnson asked for nominations for 2012 County Board Vice-Chair. Commissioner Antony nominated Commissioner Wambeke. Commissioner Johnson asked for additional nominations three times and heard none. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Wambeke for 2012 County Board Vice-Chair. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Approve Agenda 01-03-12-03 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the agenda with the following changes: add payroll policy changes and the tobacco compliance agreement to the consent agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

2012 Organizational Business:

Committee/Board/Task Force/Delegate Appointments 01-03-12-04 The board reviewed the list of committee, task force and board assignments. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the list of committee, board, task force and delegate appointments for 2012. Motion carried with all voting in favor. A complete list of appointments is on file with the County Administrator.

Meeting Dates and Times 01-03-12-05 Motion by Commissioner Antony and Seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to set regular County Board meetings for the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 9:00 a.m. at the Yellow Medicine County Courthouse Board Room. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Official Newspaper 01-03-12-06 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to designate The Canby News as the official county newspaper for 2012. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Gopher Bounty 01-03-12-07 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to set the gopher bounty at \$2 per gopher for 2012. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Mileage Reimbursement 01-03-12-08 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to set the 2012 County mileage reimbursement rate at the IRS mileage rate. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Meal Reimbursement 01-03-12-09 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to set the 2012 meal and tip reimbursement amount at \$33 per day. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Fairgrounds Storage Rate 01-03-12-10 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner

Antony to set storage rates at \$4.00 per linear foot for all items except \$35 for a car, and half price for open wall storage.

Tax Forfeit Fees 01-03-12-11 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve Resolution 01-2012 as presented authorizing 20% of the tax-forfeit fees remaining after the apportionments required under M.S. 282.05, subdivisions 1 through 4 to be used for the acquisition and maintenance of county parks or recreational areas. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Charging Attorney Costs to Human Services 01-03-12-12 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve charging the actual costs of the County Attorney's Office services provided to Human Services to the Human Services Fund. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 01-03-12-13 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the December 27, 2011, County Board meeting; Resolution 02-2012 establishing ditch mailing fees in the amount of \$1 per mailing for ditch related business to cover administrative expenses associated with mailing; Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing agreement; Sheriff's Office fee changes; County Personnel Policy changes to Policy 201.413 – Pay Periods and Policy 201.414 – Paydays; tobacco compliance agreement with Countryside Public Health. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Regular Agenda

Planning and Zoning 01-03-11-14 Planning & Zoning Director Randy Jacobson was present to give an update on the Planning & Zoning Department and present the applicants for the Board of Adjustment vacancies. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to appoint Stanley Homan and Loren Hacker to three-year terms on the Board of Adjustment with the terms ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

County Ditch #9 01-03-12-15 County Drainage Inspector Chris Balfany and Attorney Kurt Deter were present to review the County Ditch #9 Branch R drainage improvement petition. Also present were landowners Grant Velde, Loren Norgaard and Paul Thompson. County Attorney Helgeson stated he had reviewed the petition and that it meets legal requirements. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to appoint engineer Duane Hansel of Bolten & Menk, Inc. to examine the drainage system and to complete an improvement report. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

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

The Board reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

Restorative Justice Coordinator Administrator Krosch introduced new Restorative Justice Coordinator Sharon Hendrichs.

Emergency Management 01-03-12-16 Veteran Service Officer (VSO) Michelle Gatz and County Sheriff Bill Flaten were present to discuss emergency management staff reorganization options. The Hiring Committee recommendation was to move emergency management services to the Sheriff's Office by reducing the vacant VSO Secretary position to part-time, reducing part-time deputy hours and adding a full-time Deputy/Emergency Manager. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve hiring a part-time, 19 hour a week VSO Secretary and a full-time Deputy/Emergency Manager. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Minnesota Falls Dam 01-03-12-17 The Board reviewed a joint powers economic development agreement

between Yellow Medicine County, Chippewa County, City of Granite Falls, Granite Falls Energy, LLC and Minnesota Valley Coop Light & Power Association that explores ownership options of a dam owned by Xcel Energy, Inc. that is located in the Minnesota River south of Granite Falls. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the joint powers economic development agreement as presented to explore the possibility of acquiring the above said dam owned by Excel Energy, Inc. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Sherlin reported on the Shared County Engineer meeting. Commissioner Johnson reported on a tax forfeited property in Clarkfield. Commissioner Renneke reported on the Minnesota Falls Dam meeting and the Shared County Engineer meeting. Commissioner Antony reported on the Radio Board.

Other Business None

Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 01-03-12-18 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the Commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$3,696.20 Ditch Fund, \$115,370.41 Revenue Fund, \$112,284.96 Road and Bridge Fund; and acknowledgement of the Auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Informational Administrator Krosch discussed the letter from the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners regarding Prairie County R C & D.

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

Adjourn 01-03-12-19 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



Gary Johnson, Chair



Ryan Krosch, County Administrator