

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2016**

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 Peg Heglund, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Finance and Administration Deputy Ashley Soine and Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick.

Pledge of Allegiance

Election of Chair 01-05-16-01 Commissioner Renneke called for nominations for the 2016 County Board Chair. Commissioner Antony nominated Commissioner Berends. Commissioner Renneke called for additional nominations three times and heard none. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Berends for 2016 County Board Chair. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Election of Vice-Chair 01-05-16-02 Chairman Berends called for nominations for 2016 County Vice-Chair. Commissioner Antony nominated Commissioner Johnson. Commissioner Berends called for additional nominations three times and heard none. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Johnson for 2016 County Board Vice-Chair. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Approve Agenda 01-05-16-03 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the agenda with the following correction: contract with Brandon Preuss for CD 54 maintenance is \$2500/year (Consent Agenda). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Introduction of Rick Wandersee, Head Maintenance Engineer.

2016 Organizational Business

Committee/Board/Task Force/Delegate Appointments 01-05-16-04 The Board reviewed the list of committee, task force and board assignments. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the list of committee, board, task force and delegate appointments for 2016. Motion carried with all voting in favor. A complete list of appointments is on file with the Finance & Administration Department.

Organizational Business

Meeting Dates and Times 01-05-16-05 Motion by Commissioner Johnson 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 Board Room. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Official Newspaper 01-05-16-06 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to designate the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune as the official 2016 County newspaper. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Gopher and Coyote Bounty 01-05-16-07 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to set the gopher bounty at \$2 per gopher and \$10 per coyote with a \$2500 maximum for 2016 (coyote bounties are accepted year-long). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board will continue to follow the IRS rate which is \$0.54/mile for 2016.

Meal Reimbursement 01-05-16-08 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to set the meal reimbursement amount at \$35 per day for 2016. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Fairgrounds Storage Rate 01-05-16-09 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to set the 2016 Fairgrounds storage rate at \$4.00 per linear foot for all items inside except \$35 for a car, \$25 for a motorcycle and \$15 for a golf cart and ½ price for open wall storage. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Tax Forfeit Fees 01-05-16-10 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve Resolution #01-2016 as presented authorizing 20% of the tax-forfeit proceeds remaining after the appointments required under M.S. 282.08, Subdivisions 1 through 3, be used for the acquisition and maintenance of county parks and recreational areas. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Charging Attorney Costs to Human Services 01-05-16-11 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke 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 01-05-16-12 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the consent agenda items as follows: December 22, 2015 County Board meeting minutes; engagement letter with the Office of the State Auditor; renew contract with Brandon Preuss for maintenance on CD 54 in the amount of \$2500/year; consideration of permanent status; consideration of probation of employee. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Commissioners' Report Commissioner Johnson reported on Prairie Five, Mary Potter's retirement party and Highway Department meeting. Commissioner Sherlin had no reports. Commissioner Berends had no reports. Commissioner Renneke discussed the wheelage tax, a gravel tax, tour of Justice Center and Highway Department meeting. Commissioner Antony reported on Mary Potter's retirement party and Emergency Communication Board.

Administrator Heglund reported on Broadband Project, EDA Project, trees at landfill, Senator Dahms meeting, Advocate Tribune printing project with local phone numbers, Affordable Care Act updates, vault doors and tribal tax information.

Regular Agenda

Open Public Hearing 01-05-16-13 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to open the public hearing at 10:01 a.m. for the preliminary hearing of County Ditch 4. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Kurt Deter from Rinke & Noonan Law Firm explained the purpose of the hearing being a preliminary hearing for CD 4.

Chris Balfany, Yellow Medicine County Planning & Zoning/Ditch Administrator, provided information regarding notice requirements in compliance with the applicable statute.

Bill Helget from Bolton & Menk gave the Preliminary Engineer's Report.

Kurt Deter read the DNR Advisory Report.

Chairperson Berends asked for any comments or questions from the public.

Close Hearing 01-05-16-14 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to close the preliminary hearing at 10:51 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Preliminary Engineer's Report 01-05-16-15 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the Preliminary Engineer's Report and to direct the Engineer to meet with the DNR for further discussion regarding the DNR Advisory Report. Motion carried with all voting in favor,

Final Engineer's Report and Appoint Viewers 01-05-16-16 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to conduct a Final Engineer's Report and to appoint the following viewers: Aaron Thompson, Steve Johnson and Robert Balfany (Todd Balfany is alternate). Chris Balfany will instruct the viewers when to start the process. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board recessed for break at 10:56 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 11:06 a.m.

01-05-16-17 Michelle May, Finance Manager, gave an update on the new federal uniform guidance procurement policy. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to delay the implementation until 2017. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

01-05-16-18 Janel Timm, Property & Public Services Director, discussed subordination of lien for AGBMP loan. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to subordinate the lien for AGBMP loan to Amy and Gregory Manning. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

PACT for Families Contract 01-05-16-19 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the contract with PACT for Families for Chemical Health Coalition evaluation services. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water JPA and Resolution #02-2016 01-05-16-20 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water Joint Powers Agreement and resolution #02-2016. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Department/Program Updates

Chris Balfany and Jolene Johnson, Planning & Zoning, gave an update.

Dennis Pederson, IT Coordinator, gave an update.

Other Business None

Informational None

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 01-05-16-21 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$1,994.25 Ditch Fund, \$73,430.15 Revenue Fund, \$19,164.34 Road & Bridge Fund, \$40,386.02 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.

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

Adjourn 01-05-16-22 Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Antony to adjourn at 12:16 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



John Berends, Chair



Peggy Heglund, County Administrator