

## Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

July 12, 2005

Chairman Lynn Anderson called this regular meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. with Commissioners Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin, Jane Remiger, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin and Dick Jepson of the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune were also present. Robert Wolfington of the Marshall Independent arrived shortly after the meeting started.

**07-12-05-01** Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to approve the agenda with the addition of a discussion on the fairgrounds. Carried.

**07-12-05-02** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve the consent agenda consisting of: the June 28, 2005 regular meeting minutes; an additional appropriation request; establishment of a USB investment account; set the bid letting for Memorial Park Trail – Phase 2; and approve a liquor license for Johnny’s on the Tee in Montevideo. Carried.

Under reports, Mr. Sherlin covered Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects, Lazarus Creek, and an airport meeting. Mr. Johnson also attended the Lazarus Creek meeting along with a HAVA meeting and the Hanley Falls Museum 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Ms. Remiger also attended the museum celebration and a Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Antony discussed meetings at the airport, Adult Mental Health Consortium, and Creative Solutions. There was also considerable discussion on Prairie Waters and the need for more participation in its funding.

Michelle Gatz, VSO/Emergency Management, presented an overview of Homeland Security goals and how the two requested resolutions help to fulfill those goals.

**07-12-05-03** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 to enhance the ability of the United State to manage domestic incidents by establishing a single, comprehensive national incident management system; and

WHEREAS, the President, in Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5, tasked the secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System; and

WHEREAS, the secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security developed and administered the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to provide for interoperability and compatibility among federal, state, and local capabilities, the NIMS will include: a core set of concepts, principals, terminology, and technologies covering the incident command system; multi-agency coordination systems; unified command; training; identification and management of resources (including systems for classifying types of resources); qualifications and certification; and the collection, tracking, and reporting of incident information and incident resources; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty issued Executive Order 05-02: DESIGNATION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) AS THE BASIS FOR ALL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA; and

WHEREAS, the collective input and guidance from all federal, state, local, and

tribal homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation, and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all Yellow Medicine County agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest level of incident management; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities, and resources will improve the ability of Yellow Medicine to utilize federal funding to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of the NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout Yellow Medicine County, including current emergency management training programs; and

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System.

NOW, THEREFORE, we do hereby establish the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the Yellow Medicine County standard for incident management.

Carried.

**07-12-05-04** Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Chapter 12, Section 12.331 allows for Intrastate Mutual Aid, and direct, timely assistance between jurisdictions is critical; and

WHEREAS, the possibility of the occurrence of natural and other disasters of major size and destructiveness exists and is increasing; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure that preparations of Yellow Medicine County will be adequate to deal with disasters; generally protect the public peace, health, and safety; and preserve the lives and property of the people of the state; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide for the rendering of mutual aid among the political subdivisions of the state and to cooperate with the federal government with respect to carrying out emergency management functions: and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Minnesota that all emergency response functions of this state be coordinated to the maximum extent with the comparable functions of the state government, including its various departments and agencies, of other states and localities, and of private agencies of every type, to the end that the most effective preparations and uses may be made of the state's labor supply, resources, and facilities for dealing with any disaster that may occur; and

WHEREAS, the director of each local organization for emergency management may, in collaboration with other public and private agencies within this state, develop or cause to be developed mutual-aid arrangements for reciprocal emergency management aid and assistance in an emergency or disaster too great to be dealt with unassisted. These arrangements must be consistent with the local emergency operations plan and, in time of emergency, each local organization for emergency management and its members shall render assistance in accordance with the provisions of the mutual-aid arrangements.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Yellow Medicine County promotes the efficiency and effectiveness of intrastate mutual aid by designating a Yellow Medicine County administrator, manager, public safety director, sheriff, public works director, or other officer who, exercising discretion and considering the needs of the political subdivision and its inhabitants, to dispatch equipment and personnel as considered

necessary if a danger of fire, hazard, casualty, or another similar occurrence exists outside the political subdivision and by its suddenness it would be impractical for the governing body of Yellow Medicine County itself to authorize the dispatch of equipment and personnel to combat that emergency or disaster.

Carried.

Lois Bonde, Fiscal Officer, explained how the Board could add comments to the audit Management Discussion and Analysis letter. Many economic factors affecting the County were discussed.

Sheriff Rich Rollins updated the Board on his department's activities. There have been several bad accidents recently and some burglaries. The jail continues to be full and generate revenues.

Budget guidelines, as recommended by the Finance Committee were discussed.

**07-12-05-05** Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to adopt the 2006 budget guidelines as presented. Carried.

**07-12-05-06** Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to approve Commissioner's Warrants, as presented, totaling \$76,603.01 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$373,121.21. Carried.

Mr. Sherlin reported on efforts at the fairgrounds to accommodate campers. It has been a difficult process.

Several upcoming meetings were reviewed.

**07-12-05-07** Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 a.m. Carried.

Witness:

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Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

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Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer