

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2011**

Chairman Dick Wambeke called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Gary Johnson, Dick Wambeke and Ron Antony present. Commissioner Greg Renneke joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Also present were County Administrator Ryan Krosch, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Kathy Velde and Marshall Independent reporter Steve Browne.

Approve Agenda 7-12-11-01 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the agenda with the following changes: add a joint powers agreement with the State of Minnesota for e-citations to the consent agenda; add an out-of-state travel request to the regular agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 7-12-11-02 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the June 28, 2011, County Board meeting; MPCA 2010 County Feedlot Performance Grant; joint powers agreement with the State of Minnesota for e-citations. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Sherlin reported on the RDC Revolving Loan Fund and Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership. Commissioner Johnson reported on the RDC, Area Transportation Partnership and 6W Corrections. Commissioner Renneke reported on damage caused by the July 1 storm. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the 5 County Adult Mental Health Advisory Committee. Commissioner Antony reported on 6W Corrections.

Department Reports/Updates None

Regular Agenda

Local Option Tax Abatements for July 1 Storm Damage County Assessor Connie Erickson informed the Board that a re-assessment of the structures damaged by the July 1 storm would need to occur and that some property owners may be eligible for a property tax abatement due to the storm damage. It is the County Board's decision if they want to provide a local option tax abatement for the storm damaged structures. The County's current abatement policy from 1993 states that an abatement request of \$50 or less will be denied because the administrative costs required to provide the abatement exceed \$50. County Assessor Erickson recommended that the Board change this policy to \$100 or less since the cost of administering an abatement is more than it was in 1993.

7-12-11-03 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve a budget amendment of \$1,500 to pay for the cost of re-assessing storm damaged areas from the July 1, 2011 storm. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

7-12-11-04 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve Resolution #20-2011 establishing the following policies: that all abatement requests for amounts of \$100.00 or less shall be denied unless the abatement request is made to correct a clerical error made by the County; all abatement requests based upon an application for Homestead Classification that have been filed with the Assessor after December 15th of the assessment year shall be denied; the County will only consider current year abatements. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

7-12-11-05 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve taxes payable 2011 and 2012 local option tax abatements for structures damaged by the July 1, 2011 storm and meeting all local option tax abatement eligibility requirements. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Disaster Declaration 7-12-11-06 County Emergency Manager Michelle Gatz requested approval of a disaster declaration for the July 1, 2011 storm. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve Resolution #21-2011 requesting a presidential declaration of a major disaster for the July 1, 2011 storm in Yellow Medicine County. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Update on the State Government Shutdown Family Services Director Peg Heglund, County Engineer Andy Sander and Highway Maintenance Supervisor Larry Stoks were present for a discussion on the State Government shutdown and its impact on the County. No action was taken by the Board. Staff will continue to monitor what happens with the shutdown and report back to the Board at the next regular meeting.

Out-of-State Travel Request 7-12-11-07 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve an out-of-state travel request and expenditure of \$700 for two Family Service employees. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Wambeke, Renneke and Johnson voting in favor and Commissioner Sherlin voting against.

MN Falls Dam Environmental Assessment Administrator Krosch informed the Board that due to the State Government shutdown the comment period on the environmental assessment for the proposed MN Falls Dam removal has been delayed until the shutdown is over.

SW MN EMS Representative 7-12-11-08 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to appoint Commissioner Antony to the SW MN EMS Board. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Courthouse Roof Repairs No action was taken on the Courthouse roof repairs as quotes are still being obtained.

Other Business None

Informational Information on Canby Tax Increment Finance District 1-2 was reviewed.

Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 7-12-11-09 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the Commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$24,452.85 Revenue Fund, \$66,547.44 Road and Bridge Fund, \$1,713.25 Ditch Fund, \$66,213.87 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 7-12-11-10 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to adjourn at 10:52 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:

Dick Wambeke 7-26-11
Dick Wambeke, Chair

Lois M. Bonde
Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer