

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes  
March 13, 2012**

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

**Approve Agenda 03-13-12-01** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the agenda with the following changes: add Canby Inn & Suites tax abatement public hearing date to the regular agenda; add Step III grievance-AFSCME to the regular agenda; add Board of Water & Soil Resources fiscal year 2012 grant to the consent agenda; add Boat & Water Safety Grant to the consent agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 03-13-12-02** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the February 28, 2012 County Board meeting; amend Policy 407 - Comprehensive Fund Balance; agreement with Pact for Families to provide Drug Free Community Services; Greendoor Steakhouse & Sports Bar tobacco license - March-June 2012; Board of Water & Soil Resources fiscal year 2012 grant; Boat & Water Safety Grant. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments** None

**Commissioners' Report** Commissioner Sherlin reported on Area II and the Western Minnesota Revolving Loan Fund. Commissioner Johnson reported on Region 6W Community Corrections, Water Plan Task Force and Clarkfield Fire Department meeting. Commissioner Renneke reported on the Southern Prairie Healthcare Purchasing Alliance and the Echo rural recycling container.

**Department Reports/ Program Updates**

County Parks Director Myron Hagelstrom discussed the improvements that will be made to Timm Park and Oraas Park and showed the Board the new signs for both parks.

**Regular Agenda**

**Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Tax Forfeited Land 03-13-12-03** Property & Public Services Director Janel Timm presented a list of tax forfeited properties and requested that the date, time and location of the auction to sell the properties be set. Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve Resolution # 13-2012 authorizing the listed properties, as presented, to be sold at a public auction pursuant to M.S. 282.01 with said auction held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at the Yellow Medicine County Courthouse Board Room, 415 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., Granite Falls, MN, for not less than the basic sale price; and that all sales shall be in full payment by cash or check. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board recessed for break at 10:00 a.m.

The board reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

**ARMER Expansion Project 03-13-12-04** County Sheriff Bill Flaten discussed the ARMER expansion project contract with Motorola. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by commissioner Renneke to approve the ARMER expansion project contract with Motorola as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**County Ditch #9 Branch M Tile Line 03-13-12-05** County Ditch Inspector Chris Balfany requested approval

to get quotes for a tile line repair on Branch M of County Ditch #9. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve getting quotes for the tile line repair project. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Friendship Township Sect. 34 Drainage Dispute** Ditch Inspector Balfany updated the Board on a drainage dispute in section 34 of Friendship Township. The Board asked Ditch Inspector Balfany to send a certified letter to the land owner about the unauthorized drainage into County Ditch #9.

**Ditch Viewing and Redetermination of Benefits** Ditch Inspector Balfany introduced Jim Weidemann. Mr. Weidemann does ditch viewing for redetermination of ditch benefits. Mr. Weidemann explained the ditch viewing process. The Board discussed the possibility of redetermining benefits for County Ditches # 31 and #56. Both of these ditches connect to County Ditch #10 which is being redetermined. The Board asked that the redetermination of benefits for these ditches be brought back to a future Board meeting for discussion.

**Tandem Truck Replacement 03-13-12-06** County Engineer Andy Sander and Highway Maintenance Supervisor Larry Stoks discussed the replacement of a tandem truck. Bids for the tandem truck were received from the Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Venture. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the purchase of a 7600 International 6x4 tandem truck, plow equipment and box at a cost of \$143,519.69 including tax and trade. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Backhoe Replacement 03-13-12-07** County Engineer Sander and Highway Maintenance Supervisor Stoks also discussed the replacement of a backhoe. Bids for the backhoe were received from the Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Venture. Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the purchase of a CAT 430E backhoe loader at a cost of \$89,704.44 including tax and trade. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Canby Hotel & Suites, LLC Tax Abatement Hearing 03-13-12-08** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to schedule a public hearing on April 24, 2012, to hear comments regarding a tax abatement request for the Canby Inn & Suites, LLC. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**AFCSME Step III Grievance 03-13-12-09** AFCSME Staff Representative Paul Schwartz was present to discuss a Step III Grievance for the Courthouse Union. The grievance requests that employees placed on probation under the Courthouse Departments Reorganization Plan effective November 1, 2011, be taken off probation status. Administrator Krosch asked Mr. Schwarz several questions regarding the grievance. After Mr. Schwartz provided his responses Administrator Krosch recommend that the Board deny the grievance on the basis set forth in the Step I and Step II responses, that the grievance is untimely and that the employees were reclassified and transferred to new position classifications and the union contract states that after this occurs employees serve a probationary period in the new position. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to have County Administrator Krosch prepare a Step III response on behalf of the Board denying the grievance. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Other Business** None

#### **Informational**

The Board reviewed a Canby HRA proposed Tax Increment Financing District 1-3 Plan and the February 2012 jail report.

**Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 03-13-12-10** Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the Commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$25,397.12 Road & Bridge Fund, \$601.61 Ditch Fund, \$48,068.94 Revenue Fund, \$90,337.70 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 03-13-12-11** Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to adjourn at 11:20 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

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Gary Johnson, Chair

  
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Ryan Krosch, County Administrator