

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes  
March 24, 2015**

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 Peggy Heglund, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Finance and Administration Deputy Ashley Soine, West Central Tribune reporter Tom Cherveney and Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Agenda 03-24-15-01** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 03-24-15-02** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the consent agenda items as follows: March 10, 2015 County Board meeting minutes; hiring of Steve Johnson as Equipment Operator in the Highway Department, his salary will be grade 12a, step 4 at \$15.83 per hour, he will start on March 30, 2015. Motion carried with Commissioner Berends, Sherlin, Renneke and Johnson voting in favor. Commissioner Antony abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

**Citizen Comments** None

**Commissioners' Report** Commissioner Antony reported on Annual Township meeting, Pioneerland, Railroad Authority, Design Team and One Watershed One Plan. Commissioner Renneke reported on Design Team, Minnesota Machinery Museum and citizen concern. Commissioner Sherlin reported on Countryside Public Health and Western Mental Health Center. Commissioner Berends reported on dilapidated structures forum, task force meeting, Labor Management meeting and EDA Futures Workshop planning meeting. Commissioner Johnson reported on task force meeting, Circle Sentencing, Annual Township meeting, One Watershed One Plan, Prairie Lakes Youth Program and Prairie Five Community Action.

Administrator Heglund reported on donation of leave, filling up County vehicles at Highway shop, EDA Futures Workshop planning meeting, County Program Aid and legislation, and County Recognition Event on April 10th.

County Attorney Keith Helgeson reported on updates to the department.

**Regular Agenda**

The discussion for shelter houses at the County parks was tabled until a future meeting.

**Reclassification of Chief Deputy 03-24-15-03** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the reclassification of Chief Deputy from grade 23 to grade 24. Effective January 1, 2015, the Chief Deputy will be at grade 24, step 11. Motion carried with Commissioner Johnson, Antony, Berends and Renneke voting in favor and Commissioner Sherlin voting against.

**HRA Appointment 03-24-15-04** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to appoint Jim Lynner to the HRA board for District 3. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Broadband Study Request 03-24-15-05** Dennis Pederson, IT Coordinator, presented a request regarding a Letter of Support for Broadband Feasibility Study Funds. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the Letter of Support for the Broadband Feasibility Study and a commitment

of \$5,000 to serve as Yellow Medicine County's share of the required match to the grant. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board recessed for break at 10:35 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

Joel Dunning, Wold Architects and Earl Fuechtmann, Contegrity Group, Inc. presented the final draft of the Justice Center.

**Justice Center Approval 03-24-15-06** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to accept the drawings as presented and authorize going forward with bids. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Tax Forfeited Parcels Resolution #08-2015 03-24-15-07** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve resolution #08-2015, including the attached list of the parcel, to certify that certain tax forfeited parcel offered for sale by auction do not need to be withheld from sale. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

#### **Department/Program Updates**

Introduction of Clarissa Dolven, Social Worker.

Rae Ann Keeler-Aus, Family Service Center Director, gave a department update. There was an extensive discussion regarding the future of the Food Shelf.

**DHS Agreement 03-24-15-08** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the Business Associate Agreement and Privacy and Security Agreement with the Department of Human Services. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Child Abuse Awareness Month 03-24-15-09** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to proclaim April 2015 as Child Abuse Awareness Month. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Adult Mental Health Grant 03-24-15-10** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the Adult Mental Health grant for 2015 from the Department of Human Services. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:11 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

**Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 03-24-15-11** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$12,398.65 Ditch Fund, \$84,908.96 Revenue Fund, \$50,364.54 Road & Bridge Fund, \$62,122.67 Human Services Fund; and acknowledged review of the Auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Don Mock, Parks Department, gave an update.

**Regular Agenda (continued)**

**Bids and Contract for S.A.P. 87-636-12 and C.P. 15-73 03-24-15-12** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to award the bid and contract for S.A.P. 87-636-12 and C.P. 15-73 to McLaughlin & Schultz, Inc. in the amount of \$3,569,407.72. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Advance of State Aid Funds 03-24-15-13** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the advance of State Aid Funds to cover the contract costs for S.A.P. 87-636-012 and S.A.P. 87-602-020. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Final Payment 03-24-15-14** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the final payment to R & G Construction Company for S.A.P. 87-636-011 in the amount of \$66,861.72 and Resolution #09-2015. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Other Business** None

**Informational** February Jail Report and February Payments

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

Commissioners Berends, Antony, Renneke and Johnson and Administrator Heglund joined Highway Department's Engineer Andy Sander and Maintenance Supervisor Larry Stoks for a tour of locations in the County that have received or will receive attention from that department. The group traveled to the landfill, the site of the recent demolition of a flooded business and a trailer court that is being monitored. They viewed a railroad intersection near Hazel Run. Demolitions in the communities of Hazel Run, Wood Lake and Echo were viewed along with properties owned by the County. Road projects that are due in addition to some recently completed were included along the way. The trip lasted from 1:30-3:30 pm.

**Adjourn 03-24-15-15** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to adjourn at 3:35 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:

  
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Greg Renneke, Chair

  
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Peggy Heglund, County Administrator