

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 27, 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, Ron Antony 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.

**Approve Agenda 03-27-12-01** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the agenda with the following changes: add 2012/2013 contract for MFIP and DWP to the consent agenda; add burning permit discussion to commissioner reports; add Pictometry to informational. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 03-27-12-02** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the March 13, 2012 County Board meeting; Canby Golf Course consumption and display permit; MGW Services Family Based Services contract addendum; Hiring of Jessica Grabow as a part-time, temporary Restorative Justice Program Assistant; 2012/2013 contract for MFIP and DWP. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments** None

**Commissioners' Report** Commissioner Sherlin reported on Countryside Public Health, Highway 68 Coalition, Canby DAC, Western Mental Health, Extension Committee and burning permits. Commissioner Johnson reported on the Extension Committee, Noxious Weeds Annual Meeting, Restorative Justice Advisory Committee, MN Falls Dam, Prairie Five Community Action, Prairie Lakes Detention Center Board, AMC, RDC and the Area Transportation Partnership. Commissioner Renneke reported on the MN Falls Dam, Posen Township meeting and City of Echo meeting. Commissioner Antony reported on AMC, SW Workforce Council and Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority.

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**Human Services**

Kim Douglass presented on the Mental Health Discretionary Funds. Juanita Lauritsen and Julie Dammann from the SW MN Private Industry Council presented the PIC annual update. Julie Dammann also discussed the MFIP/DWP/FSS report for 2011. Gretchen Eliason discussed the DWP and MFIP programs and caseloads. Commissioner Antony discussed the involvement of Yellow Medicine County with the PIC Youth Program. Human Services Director Peggy Heglund reviewed the February cash flow analysis and ApplyMN. Director Heglund also presented bids for a new vehicle for the Human Services Department. The Board asked Director Heglund to get an additional quote for a used car also and bring it back to the next meeting.

**Food Shelf Volunteer Recognition Event 03-27-12-03** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to allocate \$500 from the Human Services volunteer budget for a County Food Shelf volunteer recognition event. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Renneke and Sherlin voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

**Office Support Position 03-27-12-04** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to hire a part-time, permanent Office Support Specialist to work in the Human Services Department 20 hours/week and in the Courthouse 5 hours/week. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:55 a.m.

The board reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

### **Department/Program Updates**

Virginia Wilson and Amelia Ryan from the University of Minnesota Extension were present to discuss the Simply Good Eating Nutrition Program and 4-H.

### **Regular Agenda**

**State of MN Land Purchase 03-27-12-05** Brad Bolduan and Bill Schuna from the Minnesota DNR were present to request approval for the State of Minnesota to purchase property for a Scientific and Natural Area. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve Resolution #14-2012 approving the State's acquisition and designation of the following lands as a Scientific and Natural Area: the NE ¼ of Section 29, T115N, R46W (Florida Township). Motion carried with Commissioners Sherlin, Antony and Renneke voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

**Conditional Use Permit Request YM 523-12, Luke and Jarett Berg 03-27-12-06** County Planning & Zoning Director Randy Jacobson presented a recommendation to deny conditional use permit YM 523-12 for Luke and Jarett Berg to construct a hog finishing barn in Section 14 of Omro Township. In order to request a conditional use permit a variance needs to be obtained first. Zoning Director Jacobson informed the Board that Luke and Jarett Berg had withdrawn their variance request in order to consider an alternative site for the project. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to deny conditional use permit YM 523-12. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Canby Fairground Office 03-27-12-07** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to allow Hammer and Florida Townships to use the Canby Fairgrounds Office with the condition that they will pay the heat bill. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Resolution Reducing County Ditch #9's Payable 2012 Ditch Levy 13-27-12-08** Ditch Inspector Chris Balfany and Property and Public Services Director Janel Timm discussed reducing the 2012 County Ditch #9 levy. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and Seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve Resolution #15-2012 approving a reduction of the payable 2012 ditch levy for County Ditch #9 to 2% of the benefits of the drainage system with a total payable 2012 levy raised of \$150,623.00. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Seasonal Bids 03-27-12-09** County Engineer Andy Sander presented the 2012 seasonal bid results for bituminous, steel culverts, cutting edges, road salt, pavement striping, gravel materials, equipment rental, weed spraying and calcium chloride dust control. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the 2012 seasonal bids as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Bids are on file at the County Highway Department office in Granite Falls.

**2012 Calcium Chloride Rate 03-27-12-10** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to set the 2012 calcium chloride rate at \$0.62/linear foot for dust control. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Lac qui Parle- Yellow Bank Watershed District Manager Position 03-27-12-11** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to appoint Willis Beecher to a Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District Manager position for a three-year term starting April 1, 2012. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**County Attorney's Office Security Concerns** County Attorney Keith Helgeson discussed security concerns with the County Attorney's offices. The Board asked Administrator Krosch to schedule a meeting of the County Facility Planning Committee to start looking at options for addressing the security concerns with the County

Attorney's offices.

**Other Business** None

**Informational**

The Board reviewed the February 2012 investment report and the 2001-2011 tax levy collection report. Administrator Krosch updated the board on Pictometry.

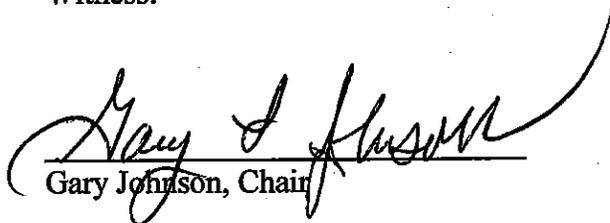
**Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 03-27-12-12** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the Commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$5,739.19 Road & Bridge Fund, \$2,812.00 Ditch Fund, \$23,857.12 Revenue Fund, \$48,457.87 Human 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 03-27-12-13** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to adjourn at 12:33 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

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Gary Johnson, Chair

  
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Ryan Krosch, County Administrator