

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2013**

Chairman Ron Antony called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Ron Antony, Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin, Greg Renneke and John Berends present. Also present were County Administrator Peggy Heglund, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Administrative Secretary Ashley Soine, Marshall Independent reporter Steve Browne and Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick.

Approve Agenda 05-28-13-01 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the agenda with the following changes: add Pictometry Contract to Consent agenda; add Budget Change of \$16,000 (Springsted) to Consent agenda; add New Building Update to Other Business. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 05-28-13-02 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the consent agenda items as follows: May 14, 2013 County Board meeting minutes; Yellow Medicine County Fund Balances: Annual review/approval; Approval of a temporary 3.2 liquor license for the Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce for Western Fest weekend; Approval of 3.2 liquor license for Canby Golf Course (renewal); Pictometry Contract; Budget Change of \$16,000 (Springsted). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments

Introduction of Ryan Meehan, Parks Director/Equipment Operator

Commissioners' Report Commissioner Berends reported on Prairie Lakes Advisory Board, Restorative Justice, YMC Historical Society, 6W Reorganization, and Southern Prairie Community Care. Commissioner Renneke reported on Soil and Water, Potential efficiencies for Highway Department, Ditch Meeting. Commissioner Johnson reported on Prairie Lakes, Nutrition Task Force- Prairie Five, and Hiring Committee. Commissioner Sherlin reported on Western Mental Health (annual meeting). Commissioner Antony reported on DAC, Railroad Authority, Chemical Health Coalition, Regional Radio Board, State Radio Board, and Grant Money.

Discussed jail report with Sheriff Flaten.

Department/Program Updates

County Assessor Update County Assessor, Connie Erickson summarized the 2013 assessment year. The agricultural classification increased in market value by +33%, residential increased by +2.68% while commercial/industrial remained stable. The agricultural tax base covers 89% of the \$3.2 billion overall tax base of Yellow Medicine County. The 2013 new construction was \$11.5 million, down \$4.2 million from 2012. The current legislation affecting conservation easements and assessor licensing was discussed.

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

The Board reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

Family Service Center Update

Request to Hire Additional Social Worker 05-28-13-03

Mary Potter, Social Service Supervisor, discussed the need for an additional Social Worker. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the hiring of an additional Social Worker. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Request to Terminate UCare Contract for MSHO 05-28-13-04

Rae Ann Keeler-Aus, Social Service Supervisor, discussed terminating the UCare contract for MSHO. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Berends to terminate contract. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Request for Additional Document Imaging Licenses 05-28-13-05

Gretchen Eliason, Financial Supervisor, discussed the need to purchase additional Document Imaging licenses. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Berends to purchase five additional licenses. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Regular Agenda

Southwest MN Private Industry Council/Workforce Center

Juanita Lauritsen gave an update on Southwest MN Private Industry Council/Workforce Center.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority Appointments 05-28-13-06

Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to extend Commissioner Renneke's term as it expires on June 15, 2013. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Berends to advertise an open seat in District Four for the term expiring June 15, 2014. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Berends to appoint Commissioner Johnson as an alternate. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution Scheduling a Public Hearing on the Abatement of Taxes 05-28-13-07

County Attorney Helgeson presented a resolution outlining the procedure for setting a hearing, including the date and time, in response to a request for abatement from the Canby Subway restaurant. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve Resolution #10-2013 authorizing a tax abatement hearing pursuant to M.S. 469 to be held on July 9, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Yellow Medicine County Courthouse Board Room, 415 9th Ave., Granite Falls, MN. Motion carried with Commissioners Sherlin, Renneke and Antony voting in favor with Commissioners Johnson and Berends voting against.

Contract Renewal for Sentence to Serve (STS) Program 05-28-13-08

Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve contract renewal. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

County Ditch 9 Engineering Study Request 05-28-13-09

Ditch Inspector Chris Balfany discussed the County Ditch 9 Engineering Study Request. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the request with expenses itemized. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Chris Balfany discussed a teleconference with Redwood County on June 4 at 8:15 a.m. regarding JD 91 to approve the order of redetermination of benefits.

Chris Balfany discussed County Ditch 26 in regards to Randy Westphal requesting an outlet.

Approve Hiring of Ryan Meehan for Parks Director/Equipment Operator

Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the hiring of Ryan Meehan. He will obtain his CDL within 6 months. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Commissioner Johnson discussed the road closure of Main Street in Granite Falls with County Engineer Andy Sander on May 18.

Other Business

Legislation Regarding Campaign Financing for Commissioners

County Attorney Helgeson will research the requirements and inform the Commissioners on their obligations.

Date for Commissioner Picture

Gene Stukel will take a picture on June 11 at 8:30 a.m. with all elected officials.

New Building Update

Administrator Heglund updated the board regarding costs of the remodeling at the new F&A/PPSD building; specifically the cost of the Board table.

Informational

Update on Strategic Planning Meeting: July 9

Administrator Heglund informed the board that there will be a fee as they were originally told it would be free of cost. It will cost \$400 plus mileage.

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 05-28-13-10 Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$1,136.02 Ditch Fund, \$33,203.78 Revenue Fund, \$3,734.13 Road & Bridge Fund, \$49,543.12 Human Services Fund; and acknowledged 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.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Family Service Center Director Interviews

The Commissioners, along with the County Administrator, interviewed two candidates for the Director position; Mary Potter and Rae Ann Keeler-Aus. Motion by Commissioner Renneke to appoint Keeler-Aus as the Director with a salary of \$75,759.77 (Grade 27, Step 7 of the County Salary Schedule). Ms. Keeler-Aus will be on probation for one year following her start date of June 1, 2013. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Berends. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson to authorize the replacement of Ms. Keeler-Aus' Social Service Supervisor position. Motion seconded by Commissioner Berends. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Adjourn 05-28-13-11 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Berends to adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



Ron Antony, Board Chair



Peggy Heglund, County Administrator