

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
May 8, 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 05-08-12-01 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the agenda with the following changes: add Absentee Ballot Board Resolution, reclassification of Amy Redepenning to a Deputy level position and a budget amendment to the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 05-08-12-02 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the consent agenda items as follows: April 24, 2012 County Board meeting minutes; reclassification of Amy Redepenning to a Property & Administration Deputy level position; Absentee Ballot Board Resolution #18-2012; Human Services Fund budget amendment totaling \$50,000.00 in expenditures. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Commissioners' Report Commissioner Sherlin reported on Area II and Countryside Public Health. Commissioner Johnson reported on a meeting with the State Auditor, RDC, Region 6W Community Corrections and Transportation Advisory Meeting. Commissioner Renneke reported on the Housing Redevelopment Authority and Minnesota Machinery Museum. Commissioner Antony reported on Region 6W Community Corrections and the Radio Board.

Department/Program Updates

County Assessor Connie Erickson was present to give the 2012 assessment summary.

Porter Elevator 05-08-12-03 County Assessor Erickson recommended an abatement for the Porter Elevator because of a fire to the structure in March 2011. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the payable 2012 tax abatement for the Porter Elevator, Parcel 37-033-3030, in an amount of \$464. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board recessed for break at 9:49 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Regular Agenda

County Ditch #9 Outlet Petition Hearing 05-08-12-04 Commissioner Johnson opened the County Ditch #9 outlet petition hearing at 10:00 am. County Ditch Inspector Chris Balfany discussed the petition for an outlet into Ditch #9 submitted by Viola Haaland for land in Section 34 of Friendship Township. Doug Albin was present to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Albin rents the affected land from Ms. Haaland. Several neighboring landowners were also present to speak against the outlet petition. State Statute requires the Board to consider the capacity of the outlet drainage system before granting an outlet. The hearing was closed at 10:42 a.m. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to complete an engineer's study on the impact of the proposed outlet on the capacity of County Ditch #9. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Rescind Motion 04-24-12-05 County Ditch #9 Tile Quotes 05-08-12-05 Ditch Inspector Balfany requested the motion at the April 24, 2012 meeting to approve the quote for the County Ditch #9 tile project be rescinded because State Statute requires advertised bids for projects over \$100,000. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to rescind motion 04-24-12-05 approving the County Ditch #9 Branch M tile quote from K & K Tiling, Inc. at a cost of \$130,645.50 and have Ditch Inspector Balfany advertise for County Ditch #9 Branch M Tile bids. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Canby Inn & Suites, LLC 05-08-12-06 Commissioner Johnson opened the Canby Inn & Suites, LLC tax abatement public hearing at 10:45 a.m. Dick Birk, Louis Miller and Jon Meyer were present to represent the Canby Inn & Suites. Mr. Birk and Mr. Miller explained how they experienced unexpected costs with the construction of the hotel and that an abatement was needed to help offset those costs. There was also discussion that any abatement agreement approved needed to have benefits to the County that at least equaled the costs to the County of the abatement and that it was in the public interest to grant the abatement to increase tax base, provide employment opportunities and provide access to service. The public hearing was closed at 11:05 a.m. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve Resolution #21-2012 authorizing the abatement of taxes pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1812-469.1815 for the Canby Inn & Suites, LLC on parcels #31-300-0302, 31-300-0323, 31-411-0301 and 31-411-0302 with the abatement duration being a maximum of 10 years commencing in 2012 (taxes payable 2013) with the total aggregate abatement amount not to exceed \$130,790. Motion carried with Commissioners Sherlin, Antony and Renneke voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

Yellow Medicine River Watershed District Annual Update Cindy Potz and Mike Weckwerth were present to discuss the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District annual report and the 2011 auditor's report.

MCIT Annual Update Jane Hennagir from MCIT presented the MCIT Annual Report.

Minnesota Clean Water Partnership Project 05-08-12-07 Water Plan Coordinator Jolene Johnson and SWCD District Manager Lou Ann Nagel discussed the Minnesota Clean Water Partnership Project. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the Resolution #19-2012 which designates Jolene Johnson, Water Plan Coordinator as Project Representative for the implementation of the Protecting North and South Fork Yellow Bank River Clean Water Partnership Project for Yellow Medicine County; as Loan Sponsor, the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners enters into the attached Minnesota Clean Water Partnership Project Implementation Loan Agreement along with the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District, as Project Sponsor, and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to conduct the implementation of the Protecting North and South Fork Yellow Bank River Clean Water Partnership Project; the County Board Chair, Gary Johnson, be authorized to execute the attached Minnesota Clean Water Partnership Project Implementation Loan Agreement; that the County Finance Manager, Michelle May, be authorized to execute loan disbursement requests for the above referenced project to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency on behalf of the Board. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Ag BMP Loan Program 05-08-12-08 Water Plan Coordinator Johnson and SWCD Director Nagel informed the Board that the AgBMP Loan Program can now be used for well sealing and drill if certain guidelines are met. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to include well sealing and drilling as eligible Ag BMP Loan Program projects. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

2011 Fund Balances 05-08-12-09 County Finance Manager Michelle May discussed the fund balance designations as of December 2011. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the 2011 fund balance designations. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Roadway Signing and Pavement Marking Policy 05-08-12-10 County Engineer Andy Sander discussed the

Roadway Signing and Pavement Marking Policy. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the Roadway Signing and Pavement Marking Policy. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Advance of State Aid Funds 05-08-12-11 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve Resolution #20-2012 approving an advance for financing approved County State Aid Highway Projects of the County of Yellow Medicine in an amount of \$251,790.14 in accordance with the Minnesota Rules 8820.1500, Subp. 9. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Other Business None

Informational None

Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 05-08-12-12 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the Commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$48,600.54 Road & Bridge Fund, \$13,789.78 Ditch Fund, \$50,703.36 Revenue Fund, \$96,032.74 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 05-08-12-13 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



Gary Johnson, Board Chair



Ryan Krosch, County Administrator