

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2015**

Chairman Greg Renneke called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Gary Johnson, Greg Renneke, Ron Antony, Louis Sherlin and John Berends present. Also present were County Administrator Peg Heglund, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Finance and Administration Deputy Ashley Soine and Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Agenda 10-13-15-01** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda with the following changes: recess at 12:15 p.m. instead of adjourning the meeting and rescind the resignation of Mary Christianson, Legal Assistant. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 10-13-15-02** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the consent agenda items as follows: approval of the September 22, 2015 County Board meeting minutes; approval of Natural Resources Block grant Agreement for 2016 and 2017 in the amount of \$65,013; hiring of Chuck Lecy as part-time, non-scheduled Corrections Officer/Dispatcher, his salary will be grade 12, step 4 at \$16.35 per hour, his start date is September 9, 2015; retirement of Curt Johnson, Head Maintenance Engineer; replacement of Head Maintenance Engineer; 2015 State of MN Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Equipment Grant Agreement in the amount of \$8,612; resolution #27-2015 for final payment for Project Number S.P. 087-070-006 and S.P. 087-070-007. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Rescind Resignation of Legal Assistant 10-13-15-03** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to rescind the resignation of Mary Christianson, Legal Assistant. Motion carried with Commissioner Antony, Berends, Johnson and Renneke voting in favor and Commissioner Sherlin voting against.

**Citizen Comments** None

**Commissioners' Report**

Commissioner Johnson reported on RDC, 6W Community Corrections, Clarkfield City Council, Personnel Committee, Highway Committee, Prairie Five, discussion on length of board meetings, discussion on Valley View Estates and discussion on Out of Home Placement Task Force. Commissioner Berends reported on Prairie Waters, Southern Prairie Community Care, Southern Prairie Community Care Finance Committee and Safe Communities Coalition. Commissioner Sherlin reported on RCRC, Area II and Western Mental Health Center. Commissioner Renneke reported on Highway Committee, Personnel Committee and updates on County Road 81 and Highway 274. Commissioner Antony reported on Emergency Communication Board, 6W Community Corrections and Workforce Regional Planning meeting.

Administrator Heglund reported on Justice Center roof, bond payments, Valley View Estates, opening on SW/WC Service Cooperative Board of Directors, bid process, Milan bridge and levy increases for area counties.

**Regular Agenda**

Introduction of Peter Ekadu, Snap Education and presentation on the program.

**Personnel Policy 10-13-15-04** Administrator Heglund and Human Resources Coordinator Ashley Soine discussed proposed changes to the Personnel Policy. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the Personnel Policy changes as presented. Motion carried with Commissioner Sherlin, Berends, Renneke and Antony voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting

against.

The Board recessed for break at 10:45 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

**Clarkfield School 10-13-15-05** Administrator Heglund and Neil Linscheid, Clarkfield City Council member, discussed the Clarkfield School. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to support the resolution presented by the Clarkfield City Council outlining the process to expedite the tax forfeiture of the building with a Court Order as opposed to waiting for three years. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

### **Department/Program Updates**

Liz Auch, Countryside Public Health, was tabled to a future Board meeting.

### **Regular Agenda (continued)**

**MCIT Membership for Historical Society 10-13-15-06** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to support the letter sponsoring the Historical Society for MCIT membership. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board discussed the former Pioneerland Library Director.

**Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 10-13-15-07** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$15,410.38 Ditch Fund, \$91,199.81 Revenue Fund, \$112,192.00 Road & Bridge Fund, \$119,118.79 Human Services Fund; and acknowledged review of the Auditor's warrants. An itemized listing of all warrants over \$2,000 and an aggregate total for warrants under \$2,000 are published on the County website under the Finance & Administration Department. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Chemical Health Coalition Specialist position 10-13-15-08** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the grant-funded Chemical Health Coalition Specialist position (approx. 1 year with current grant). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Leave of Absence Replacement 10-13-15-09** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the temporary leave of absence replacement in the Restorative Justice Department. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Chemical Health Coalition Contract 10-13-15-10** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the Chemical Health Coalition contract for evaluation services with PACT for Families. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**911 Upgrade Funding 10-13-15-11** Sheriff Bill Flaten gave an update on the 911 system upgrade. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to authorize the Sheriff's Office to borrow \$100,000 from the general fund with a payback of \$25,000 per year for the next four years. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Chris Balfany and Jolene Johnson, Planning & Zoning, discussed a conditional use permit issue.

**Other Business** None

**Informational** September Jail Report and September Vendor Payments

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

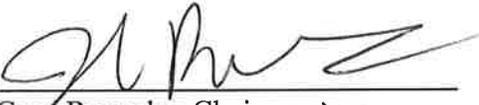
The Board recessed at 12:02 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 12:55 p.m. (Joint Training in the LEC) Those in attendance were: Commissioner Antony, Commissioner Berends, Commissioner Renneke, Commissioner Johnson, Rae Ann Keeler-Aus, Bill Flaten, Lou Ann Nagel, Keith Helgeson, Sharon Hendrichs, Dennis Pederson, Peg Heglund, Curt Johnson, Michelle Gatz, Andy Sander, Janel Timm and Chris Balfany.

**Adjourn 10-13-15-12** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to adjourn at 2:15 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:

  
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Greg Renneke, Chair - vice  
John Berends

  
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Peg Heglund, Administrator