

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
September 11, 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, Greg Renneke and Ron Antony present. Also present were County Attorney Keith Helgeson, County Administrator Ryan Krosch, Finance & Administration Deputy Tegan Laleman, Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick and Marshall Independent reporter Steve Browne.

Approve Agenda 09-11-12-01 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda with the following changes: Add Wood Lake and Tyson Lake aeration permits and Resolution #29-2012 appointing commissioners to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board to the Consent Agenda; add Canby TIF District 1-4 to Informational; add valuation of the YME School Building in Clarkfield to Other Business. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 09-11-12-02 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the consent agenda items as follows: August 28, 2012 County Board Meeting minutes; amend January 24, 2012 County Board minutes (correct a legal description for an approved private cemetery conditional use permit); amend Conditional Use Permit YM-519-12 (correct a legal description for an approved private cemetery conditional use permit); FY 2013 MN Board of Soil and Water Resources Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement; Wood Lake and Tyson Lake aeration permit applications; Resolution #29-2012 appointing commissioners to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Commissioners' Report Commissioner Sherlin reported on the Ag Museum Smithsonian event, Area II and the Fair Board. Commissioner Johnson reported on Region 6W Community Corrections, Board of Equalization training and the RDC. Commissioner Antony reported on Board of Equalization training, Region 6W Community Corrections, and the Ag Museum Smithsonian event. Commissioner Renneke reported on the Ag Museum Smithsonian event, the County Shop in Wood Lake and the MN Falls Dam.

Historical Society Appointment 09-11-12-03 Commissioner Renneke requested to have another commissioner take his place on the County Historical Society Board. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to appoint Commissioner Johnson to the Historical Society Board. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

JD 24 Joint Drainage Meeting The County Board recessed at 9:30 a.m. and convened the JD #24 Joint Drainage Authority meeting.

The regular County Board Meeting was reconvened at 10:02 a.m.

Department Reports/Program Updates

Parks Update Parks Director Myron Hagelstrom updated the Board on the county parks.

Regular Agenda

09-11-12-04 Purchase Agreement Administrator Krosch discussed a purchase agreement for property located at 180 8th Avenue and 230 8th Avenue in Granite Falls currently occupied by Fagen Engineering. It was the recommendation of the County Facility Committee to purchase this building and relocate the Finance & Administration Department, Property & Public Services Department and County Board Room to this facility and then relocate the County Attorney's Office to the Courthouse. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and

seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the purchase agreement between Yellow Medicine County and Fagen Carolina Buildings, LLC as presented with the closing to occur on or before November 26, 2012, and the County obtaining a title opinion on the property before making the purchase. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Administrator Krosch also discussed the hiring of an architect to prepare designs for the newly acquired building and remodeling of the Courthouse.

The Board recesses for break at 10:26 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:37 a.m.

2013 Proposed Budget and Tax Levy Administrator Krosch reviewed the proposed 2013 budget and levy with the Board. The 2013 proposed budget includes a 6.25% net tax levy increase. The Board had a lengthy discussion on how much of a tax levy increase should be approved and how many reserve funds should be used to balance the budget. Most of the proposed levy increase was needed to pay for a large increase in health insurance premiums and decreases to County Program Aid revenue and interest income from investments. Commissioner Sherlin spoke in favor of a 5.90% tax levy increase. Commissioners Antony, Johnson and Renneke spoke in favor of the 6.25% tax levy increase.

09-11-12-05 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to increase the 2013 net tax levy by 6.25% for a total preliminary 2013 net levy of \$8,673,231 and a gross levy of \$8,848,336. Motion carried with Commissioners Johnson, Antony and Renneke voting in favor and Commissioner Sherlin voting against.

2013 Budget and Levy Meeting and Public Comment 09-11-12-06 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to set Tuesday, December 11, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at the County Board Room of the Yellow Medicine County Courthouse as the regularly scheduled meeting of the County Board at which the 2013 budget and levy will be discussed and the meeting at which the public will be allowed to speak on the budget and levy. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

2013 County HRA Tax Levy 09-11-12-07 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve Resolution #30-2012 consenting to a special benefit tax levy of \$50,000 for the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Yellow Medicine County pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 469.033, subd. 6, for taxes payable in 2013 contingent on Chippewa County approving their levy request also. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Other Business County Assessor Connie Erickson discussed with the Board the process for determining a taxable market value for the YME School Building in Clarkfield that was recently sold to a private individual.

Informational The Board reviewed information on the proposed Canby TIF District 1-4.

Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 09-11-12-08 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the Commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$63,528.95 Ditch Fund, \$79,873.20 Revenue Fund, \$192,809.65 Road & Bridge Fund, \$47,139.35 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 09-11-12-09 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to adjourn at 11:37 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:



Gary Johnson, Board Chair

Attest:



Ryan Krosch, County Administrator