

Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2016

Chairman John Berends 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 Peg Heglund, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Finance Manager Michelle May, Marshall Independent reporter Jody Isaackson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda 09-13-16-01 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda with the deletion of the presentation by the Yellow Medicine County Fair Board. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Approval of Consent Agenda 09-13-16-02 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows: August 23, 2016 County Board Minutes; Termination of probationary employee; hiring of Zach Chapman as Dispatch/Jailer, salary will be grade 12, Step 2, his start date is September 14, 2016; agreement with SWCD for the AIS grant program, grant amount is \$41,115; approve snow mobile grant for the Snow-Drifters for 2017, grant amount is \$47,018.40.

Citizen Comments None

Commissioners' Report Commissioner Antony reported on Radio Board, Buffer workshop, Chemical Health Coalition, LQP Watershed Board, Union meeting, HRA, Community Corrections and a citizen concern. Commissioner Renneke reported on SWCD, HRA, and two citizen's comments--one regarding solar power and one regarding a private ditch. Commissioner Berends reported on Prairie Waters Tourism, Southern Prairie Community Care, the Technology Committee, and the EDA Housing Surveys. Commissioner Sherlin reported on the RCRCA-Area II meeting. Commissioner Johnson reported on the inspection of the Clarkfield School, RDC, Union meeting, Clarkfield's Small Cities Development grant, the Clarkfield EDA/City Council, Community Corrections, EDA Housing Survey, MN Regional Extension, letter from Alicia Webb of the 4-H program regarding the request for an Intern, the upcoming Landfill tour and a citizen comment regarding a Ditch.

Administrator Heglund's report included meetings attended, update on the Justice Center, the restoration of flags, the Housing Survey, and Broadband. Administrator Heglund's report is included in the Board packet.

Regular Agenda

Open Public Hearing 09-13-16-03 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to open the Public Hearing at 10:20a.m to set the 2017 ditch levy. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Chris Balfany, Yellow Medicine County Planning & Zoning/Ditch Administrator, provided information regarding the proposed levy amounts by Ditch. A spreadsheet of the amounts is available from Mr. Balfany.

Chairperson Berends asked for any comments or questions from the public.

Close Public Hearing 09-13-16-04 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to close the hearing at 10:50 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Ditch Levy 09-13-16-05 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the 2017 ditch levy as presented with the exception of CD 9. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

CD9 09-13-16-06 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve a \$20,000 one-time special assessment on CD9. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

CD9 09-13-16-07 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin to approve a 3-year term at 4% for repayment of CD9 redetermination costs after collection of any prepayments. . At this time Commissioner Berends passed the gavel to Vice Chair Johnson and then made the second to the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

Commissioner Johnson passed the gavel back to Chairperson Berends.

Chemical Health Coalition 09-13-16-08 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve funding for the Chemical Health Coalition in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for expenses through December 31, 2016. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board recessed for break at 11:05 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

Soil & Water Conservation District 09-13-16-09 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve an additional appropriation in an amount of \$18,000 for the SWCD to allow for the receipt of State of MN matching funds. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Tax Forfeited Property Janel Timm, PPSD along with Adam Isaacs, Clarkfield EDA, Becca Schrupp, Clarkfield City Administrator and Teather Lacy, City Admin Assistant, discussed the condition of the Clarkfield School Building. A Task Force will be formed with members from the County, the city of Clarkfield and the Clarkfield EDA to determine possible uses and funding resources for the building. The Task Force will be making recommendations in the future.

Playground Equipment on Tax Forfeited Property 09-13-16-10 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to donate the playground equipment currently located at the Clarkfield School to the city of Clarkfield in order that they can have it removed and placed at a city park. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:33 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Department/Program Updates There were no department updates.

Michelle May, Finance Manager and Peg Heglund, County Administrator presented the 2017 draft budget and levy.

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 09-13-16-11 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$16,348.72 Ditch Fund, \$149,022.71 Revenue Fund, \$45,333.54 Road & Bridge Fund, \$101,964.34 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.

Earl Fuechtmann, Contegrity Group Inc. provided an update on the Justice Center building project.

Parking Lot Surfacing 09-13-16-12 Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the cost of paving two county parking lots at a cost not to exceed \$27,500. Motion carried with Commissioners Renneke, Berends, Sherlin and Johnson voting in favor. Commissioner Antony voting against.

Agreement for Assessor Services 09-13-16-13 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve agreements with the Townships of Fortier, Norman and Oshkosh for Yellow Medicine County to provide Assessment Services at a rate of \$12/parcel. The agreement is in effect for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Property Tax Abatement on Private Residence 09-13-16-14 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve a tax abatement on the Bradley Snyder property in an amount of \$168. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution 21-2016 09-13-16-15 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the Special Benefit Tax Levy for the Chippewa and Yellow Medicine County Housing and Redevelopment Authority in the amount of \$57,500. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Agreement with Southern Prairie Community Care 09-13-16-16 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the agreement with SPCC to allow the Family Service Center to access data through the SPCLink Health Information Exchange. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Other Business None

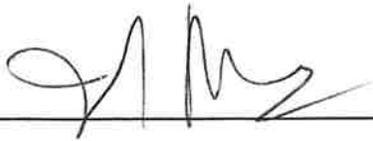
Informational Vendor Report and July Jail Report

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

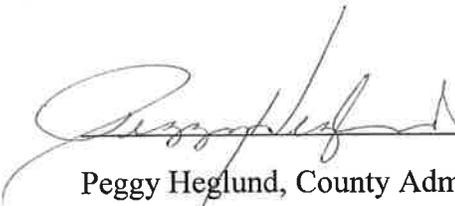
Adjourn 09-13-16-17 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to adjourn at 2:35 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



John Berends, Chair



Peggy Heglund, County Administrator