

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE YELLOW  
MEDICINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA  
September 3, 2003**

A continuation of the meeting held by the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners from August 26 at 7:00 am on Wednesday, September 3, 2003. Present were Commissioners Lynn Anderson, Ron Antony, Jane Remiger, Louie Sherlin and Chairperson Gary Johnson. Also present were County Attorney Thomas Kramer, County Auditor Carolyn Sherlin, P&Z Officer Jeff Van De Wiele, news reporters Bethany Norgaard, and Tom Cherveney, Sharri Vandewiele, and Attorney Kevin Stroup. The chairperson called the meeting to order.

The purpose of the meeting was to continue discussion on the discipline of the Jeff Van De Wiele, Planning and Zoning Officer. The County Attorney reviewed the data practices act as it pertains to the purpose of the meeting. The data gained in the investigation is not open to the public. When the discipline is completed, the results are public. The charge against Mr. Van De Wiele is inappropriate use of the county computer as it pertains to internet usage especially during work hours. Internet visits were to a site that is definitely considered non-county business. Van De Wiele is considered a public official. The meeting was closed to allow board members discuss discipline procedures. Dave Rupp was available to provide technical assistance in order to view the material found on Van de Wiele's computer. The county attorney discussed the proposal made to Van de Wiele for termination of his position. If he submits his resignation, he will sign a separation agreement and a release agreement. Terms of separation include two months salary with all insurance benefits. Any unused vacation and sick pay will be paid out at the end of this time period.

If board chooses to handle on basis of resignation from Jeff, the data that would be investigation materials would be non-public data, complaint was received, investigation proceeded,

Sherlin moved to accept the resignation of Jeff Van De Wiele subject to the terms and conditions of the termination agreement. Anderson seconded motion, all voted in favor.

Sherlin moved to adjourn the meeting, Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

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Chairperson, Yellow Medicine  
County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Carolyn Sherlin, County Auditor  
and Clerk to the County Board